

Opportunities for Prayer @ St George's

Prayer Chain: A small number of St George's members have pledged to pray regularly for those that seek support. Requests for prayer are strictly confidential & can be made to David & Lynette Wood. Email: dandlwood@gmail.com or Ph: 021 208 3561



Pre-Service Prayer: Held before the **9am and 10.45am** services in the Pastoral Care / Prayer Room. You're welcome to join us. Access is through the back entrance of the main church building, first door on the left.

Saturday Morning Prayers: A group of people get together to pray for all areas of church life. **8am-9am** in the Pastoral Care Room - Enquiries: Malcolm Taylor - 027 499 7749

ROSTERS

We still have some gaps in our rosters for 2019. Please consider if you could serve once a month.

9:00am:

Greeters

Elizabeth Knox Ministry
Communion Helpers

10:45am:

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PowerPoint & Sound

All training and support is provided and we greatly appreciate any assistance you can offer.

There is also a great **Volunteer Thank You Night** at the end of the year!

See the roster list at the back of church or contact Leanne in the office via email,
leannes@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz

St. George's Life Groups

St George's has a number of **Life Groups** that operate on a fortnightly basis. These groups focus on pastoral support, spiritual nourishment and getting to know one another better. We are keen for as many people as possible to be a part of a supportive **Life Group**.



Please contact office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz or speak to Stan after one of the services if you are interested in finding out more about **Life Groups**.



Calling all Painters!

If you have an inner painter trying to get out, a few spare days and would like a little project to get your teeth into, we'd love to hear from you.

All paint provided!

Contact Lisa in the office by email: office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz or call 520 5652.

St. George's Men's Spring Retreat - Save The Date!

After work **Friday, 27 'til after lunch Sunday, 29 September**,
for this year's **Men's Retreat at Flaxmill Bay**.

More details to follow as we firm up the programme. Cost will be similar to 2017, i.e. less than \$240 for 4-star luxury accommodation, plus food. Start saving!

Pass this invite to your mates.

We have beds for just 40 men in six houses and four cottages.

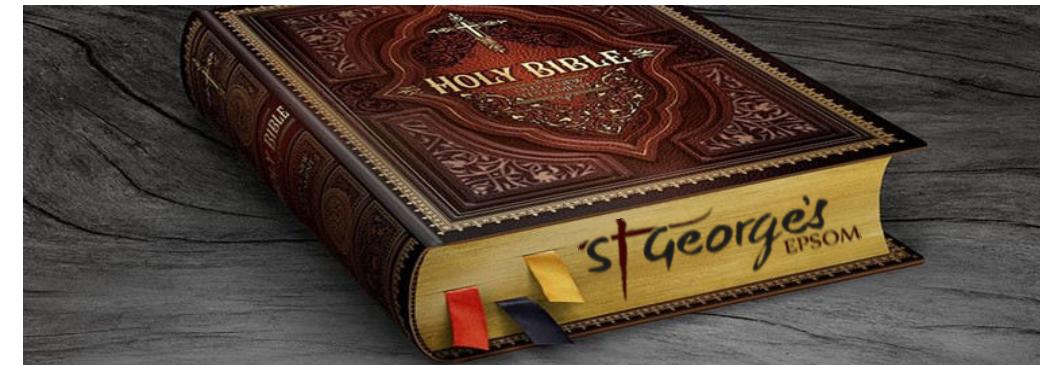
If you've not experienced a St. George's Men's Spring Retreat at Flaxmill Bay, then ask a man who has, you've really missed a treat!



Te aroha, te whakapono, me te rangimarie tatou, tatou e

Love, faith and peace to all!

Ma Io koutou e manaaki, e tiaki i nga wa katoa



"Empowering people to be Christ's followers in the world."

SUNDAY SERVICES: 18 August 2019

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

THEME: "The Treasure of the Scriptures - The Risk of Scripture"

SPEAKER: Rev. Josh Jones

READINGS: Exodus 21:20-21; Colossians 3:12-13; 1 John 4:7-19; Matthew 7:15-17

VERSE OF THE DAY: John 5:39 "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!"

Sunday 7pm Service - In the church hall.

This coming week, we anticipate a VERY interesting night exploring the question of **'Faith and the Next Generation: X, Y, Z and the Millennials...'**

Much has been written about these demographics and their approach to faith.

This being the case, Gareth will be interviewing Youth Minister, Wilson Chan, about what is important about faith for the younger generations.

Come and listen and be prepared to ask some questions.

Cake and coffee at 7pm, with the service starting proper at 7.15pm.

Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY SERVICE 21 August

10am Speaker: Rev. Stan Thorburn

SUNDAY SERVICES, 25 August

SPEAKER: Rev. Gareth Walters

7.45am: "The Gift of Scriptures"

9.00am: "The Gift of Scriptures" and "An Interview with Dallas Patten"

10.45am: "The Gift of Scriptures" and "Baptism Service"

VISITORS ... It's great to have you worshipping with us today.

Do pick up a 'Welcome Pack' on the table at the back of church.

We hope you feel at home here and we look forward to getting to know you.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CO-VICARS

This week, at our 10.45am service we are absolutely delighted to celebrate **fifteen years of Mainly Music, at St. George's**. This family-friendly ministry has reached out to hundreds of families throughout the years and has helped support families and their pre-school children in a warm, fun environment. For those of you unfamiliar with Mainly Music, preschoolers engage in lively music-based activities that express the wonder of God. It's an absolute delight to see the children all so full of enthusiasm as they sing, dance and shake their bells, and the mums and dads get a chance to connect with one another! But this kind of ministry, of course, wouldn't be possible without the **AMAZING team of volunteers**, who freely offer their time to the children and their families. Down through the years, the Mainly Music team made up of many people here today, have done an incredible job of coordinating the team, leading up the front, offering generous hospitality and helping set-up and pack-down. **You know who you are and all of you deserve a medal**. So, as our precious current coordinator, Hayley Lewis, leads us in giving thanks to God today for the past fifteen years, we all celebrate the way Mainly Music contributes to sharing the love of God in a positive, life-giving way.

Speaking of life-giving, we also anticipate another important milestone next week, as we gather at the 10.45am service to baptise two young people and re-affirm the baptismal vows of at least two more. Next week, **Christopher Wong and Felix Xiong** will be baptised as part of our service, and both will be sharing what baptism means for them. Christopher has been a part of St. George's for some years, while Felix has been attending our youth group, since the beginning of the year. As we continue to explore the "**Treasures of the Scriptures**", we will also be interviewing returning missionary from the Southern Sudan, Dallas Patten at 9am and also David Woods, who will be sharing at the 10.45am about '**The Gift of the Scriptures**'.

We also want to take the opportunity to give thanks for the **Youth Winter Camp** that was held at the Scripture Union Lodge, last week. Twenty young people and their leaders went down in pretty damp weather, but this couldn't dampen the spirit of their weekend. Some skiing was had in blizzard conditions at Happy Valley, Wilson and the team cooked up a storm and the youth enjoyed a feast of being with one another and worshipping God. Thanks to all the leaders who put in a massive amount of time and energy for the benefit of our young people.

Church Re-Roofing Project Update

As many of you will now be aware, we have the significant but privileged challenge of taking St. George's into the future with the need to re-roof the church.

On Thursday night, we had the first meeting to begin this journey. A number of people have come forward to express their desire to contribute in whatever way they can to ensure that we meet this challenge. The **three key areas** of expertise needed are in **Construction, Heritage and Fund Raising**. We're delighted and greatly encouraged by the input we received on the night, enabling us to paint the picture of what's required and begin forming a concrete strategy of how we move forward. Can we appeal to anyone who feels that they may be able to contribute to these **three key areas** to contact the Co-Vicars? We fully recognise that some people will have more time than others but any expertise you may have in these areas will be invaluable, even in an advisory capacity.

Momentum will be key to meeting this challenge and we enter into it with a prayerful spirit, and complete faith in God that this will be a galvanising experience for the whole community

In Christ's service,
Co-Vicars, Gareth and Josh

GIVING

- EFTPOS Terminal is available at the back of the church.
- INTERNET BANKING: Westpac Bank account # 03-0104-0109844-01

Friday, 23rd August and Sunday, 25th August there will be no youth as our leaders will be at the Abbey learning new tools for our kete.

Some activities or questions to discuss as a family:

What are some of the mountains you have faced and climbed?

What are some tools that helped you overcome your mountains?

Reflect and discuss the quote, "We didn't conquer the mountain, we conquered ourselves."

Tuesday, 20th August - Olivia Yates, Green Your Church.

Friday, 23rd August - No youth

Sunday, 25th August - No youth

Sign up for our weekly Mailchimp: <http://eepurl.com/cB7G7j>
Wilson and the Youth Group team.



Hi families,



Alongside celebrating 15 years of Mainly Music at our church this Sunday, we also carry on with our '**Treasure of the Scriptures**' theme.

This week we are doing the second week looking at the inspiration of the Scriptures and finding out a bit about letters and eyewitness accounts.

The kids are doing an amazing job with remembering some of the special little bits of God's word that we are trying to memorise. They are also doing great with learning to look things up in our Bibles!

The treasure boxes are getting full!

We look forward to seeing you all.

Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch Team.



The **Sanders whanau** have just had their two-year anniversary of working with **INF in Nepal**. Please pray for them as they finish up and return to NZ next month.

Please pray for:

Certainty over the new audiologist needed.

That they can leave well both at work and within our community.
The difficult visa situations facing expats in Nepal, especially Matthew's teacher and others within INF.

Also, **Dallas Patten** who has been working in **South Sudan** with St George's support has just arrived back in NZ. Please pray for her as she enters a new season. She is hoping to attend our 10.45am service next week, so do look out for her then if able.

Many thanks.

Choral Evensong at St. Mark's Anglican Church - Tonight!

You are warmly invited to the monthly Choral Evensong tonight from 5pm at St Mark's Anglican Church, 95 Remuera Rd.

Described as "**an hour's oasis of calm before the working week hits**".

A time of reflection and worship!

Kiwi Camino - Cultural Pilgrimage

Friday, 6th September 2019

This is an easy pilgrimage, we will walk into central Auckland from St. George's taking in a number of cultural sites along the way.

These will include **Te Unga Waka Marae, Symonds St. cemetery, St. Matthews in the City and others**.

The stops will be brief and we will only be looking at certain highlights.

Departure is 9am and we will return by bus at 4pm to finish with afternoon tea at the Halifax Institute.

Registration for this walk is essential as some of the stops need to know numbers attending.

To register your participation please phone Greg Smith on (09) 524 2926