

## 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



## Women's Day Out 2019

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019 @ Vaughan Park, Long Bay  
HER STORY: Past, Present, Future

Shona Pink-Martin,

Assistant Priest at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, will base her input on "Her Story Past and Present"

Jeannie Martin Blaker, from St. George's, will lead us in reflections in the afternoon session. On HER STORY: Future as we have opportunity to consider God's continuing call on our lives individually and as a church community.

A bus will leave St. George's at 8.30am and return, leaving Vaughan Park at 3pm arriving back at 3.30pm.

Cost: \$50 per person.

Payment: Online into the church account 03 0104 0109844 00, ref: WDO and your "last name", eftpos or cash to the church office.

Please email the church office at office@stgeorgeseptom.org.nz with any food requirements; G/F, vegetarian etc., if you will be taking the bus and when your payment was made.

Thank you!



## Dinners in Homes

The parish Dinners in Homes in June and July have been very successful with 42 people participating in five or six homes each month. So far we have 49 wanting to participate in August. If you would like to join us in August, please email or ring Julie Macdonald before Monday, 12 August, duju@xtra.co.nz or phone 027 444 2577.

## 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@stgeorgeseptom.org.nz or call 520 5652.



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

After work Friday, 27 'till 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.

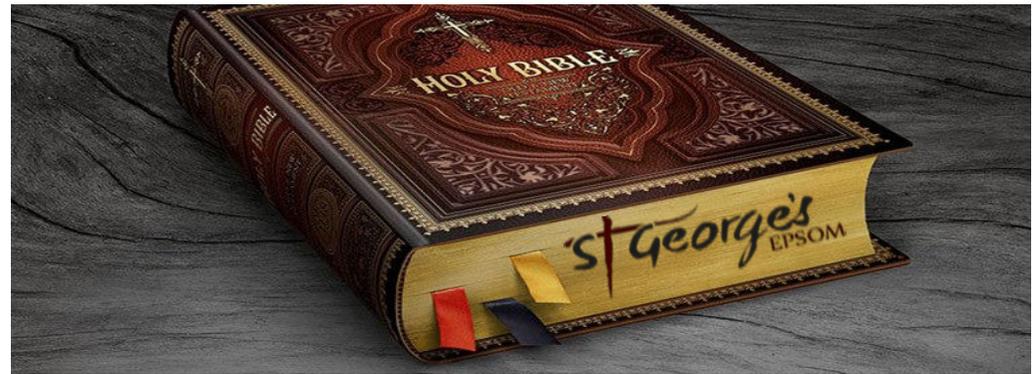
If you've not experienced a St George's Men's Spring Retreat at Flaxmill Bay, then ask a man who has, you've really missed a treat!



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: 4 August 2019

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

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

SPEAKER: Rev. Josh Jones

READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-7 & 18-20; Ephesians 2:8-10 & 16-22; Matthew 5:17-20

VERSE OF THE DAY: Matthew 5: 17 "Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose."

Sunday 7pm - *Hymn Service Tonight.*

A worship service of well-known hymns that declare who God is:

"Immortal Invisible", "Great is Thy Faithfulness", "Now Thank We all our God", "How Great Thou Art", "All My Hope on God is Founded" and more!

Our congregational worship will be assisted by choir and chamber orchestra.

Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7 August

10am Speaker: Judy Carey - "Samson's Hair"

SUNDAY SERVICES, 11 August

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

Speaker: Rev. Gareth Walters - "The Inspiration of Scriptures"

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

Last week, we were delighted to celebrate - as a whole church - **the Confirmation of Gary Bromley, Elena Edgar-Nemec, Sachini Gunasekera and Callum Hussey**. These kinds of occasions where people – young and old, stand up and profess their desire to follow Christ, should be an encouragement for us all. As was evident in the solemn words of Bishop Ross, the prayers that we all offered, and in the laying on of hands, it was clear that the Holy Spirit was present to empower and guide the candidates to live lives that 'remind us of all that Jesus has said to us.' (John 14:26) As we know in our own lives, the gift of the Spirit is not a 'once only' gift but is some One who desires to be relied upon continuously. Our prayers continue to be with the candidates and all our community that we be 'continuously filled and refreshed' by God's Spirit, so that we might live lives that reflect the glory and priorities of God.

We also wanted to make the whole community aware of the important announcement that was made last week by Josh at the end of each of our services, relating to the **'St. George's Church Re-Roofing Project'**.

**A full script of the announcement is available to anyone who wishes to pick-up a copy at the back of church or request via the office.**

The key points raised are:

- After careful investigation, guided by Vestry, the church's roof tiles which are over a hundred years' old, have begun to deteriorate
- These tiles are made of asbestos in a cement tile and while not urgent and no cause for alarm, will need replacing over the next few years
- While asbestos is a building material found in many homes and public buildings, the church leadership has committed to a programme of safely replacing them, which is necessary for the ongoing mission and ministry of St. George's
- Recent testing of the church interior has shown no evidence of contamination inside the church. This will of course be regularly monitored, and the church kept up to date.
- This project will involve a significant financial cost and planning, so our first step as a church leadership, will be to gather together a team from within the church to provide leadership in the area of building expertise and fund-raising. Anyone is welcome to approach Josh or Gareth to discuss this issue, or if you know of anyone who can help in any way.

The overwhelming message for us, as we face this kind of challenge, is to be encouraged that the ministry and mission of St. George's is a life-giving one. The Bishop wrote to us this week about the 'vibrant ministry' that was evident at St. George's, after his visit, and commended everyone for the hard work that has enabled this. We humbly give thanks for this fruit of the Spirit and God's good providence and we pray this will continue to grow.

Finally, we have the opportunity to celebrate God's goodness by reminding everyone of the **Sunday evening Hymns and Worship Night being held in the church tonight, at 7pm**. Ken Leech, from the 10.45am does a fabulous job of drawing together the Church's rich traditions of organ, choral and orchestral music to weave together a worship service that is musically and spiritually uplifting. Feel free to invite your friends to this service of celebration of God's character and nature, at 7pm tonight.

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

Some questions to discuss as a family:  
**Confirmation is seen as a rite of passage. What do you think are other rite of passages we have in society or church?**  
**Who are some bad-as women from the bible? What's their story and what makes them bad-as?**



**Tuesday, 6th August** - Mark Barnard - Why should Christians care about the environment?

**Friday, 9th August** - Snow camp, meet at church at 4pm.

**Sunday, 11th August** - Snow camp, arrive back at church at 7pmish (depends on traffic).

**Sign up for our weekly Mailchimp: <http://eepurl.com/cB7G7j>**

**Wilson and the Youth Group team.**



Hi families,

We have started our new theme of **'The Treasure of the Scriptures'**.

We are going to have an exciting time finding out lots of things about what makes Gods word to us so amazing and special.

This week there will be a **'Message in a Bottle'**.

**We look forward to you all joining us!**

Don't forget our movie night coming up – see the flyer on the church noticeboard.

It's a great time to bring family and friends along. **See you soon!**

**Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch Team.**



St George's is privileged to support the following work overseas:  
**Dee Jones - Zambia**, working for 'Foundations for farming' in community development.

**Sanders family - Pokhara, Nepal**. Working in audiology, engineering and missionary support roles.

**Dallas Patten** - relocating to NZ after finishing work as Operations Manager in South Sudan.

**Miriam Tilman** - on furlough in Christchurch, returning to pharmaceutical work in Togo later in the year.

**Sarah Scott-Webb** - working in the area of anti-trafficking.

### **9am Congregation Morning Tea Today!**

You are warmly invited to morning tea at

**Duncan and Julie Macdonald's home, 25a King George Ave, Epsom**

On the first Sunday of the month, the Pastoral Care team gather in a home for fellowship.

**All welcome!**



### **Hymn Service Tonight at 7pm!**

A worship service of well-known hymns that declare who God is  
**Immortal Invisible, Great is Thy Faithfulness, Now Thank We all our God, How Great Thou Art, All My Hope on God is Founded and more!**

Our congregational worship will be assisted by choir and chamber orchestra.

**All welcome.**

### **Next Camino Walk – Saturday, 10th August**

For our next walk we will meet again at **Manaia Baptist Camp, 16 McDonald Road, Whangarei Heads at 9.30am**. Allow 2.5 hours travel time. Morning tea will be there to greet you. The plan for most is to stay the night on Saturday 10th and travel back homeward at a more leisurely pace on Sunday.

See the link for Manaia camp: <http://www.regentcommunitytrust.org/manaia-camp.html>

Please RSVP to Sarah Bowden at [sarah.laurie56@icloud.com](mailto:sarah.laurie56@icloud.com) and indicate if you will be staying the night and taking a car or require transport.

For your planning, the dates of more up-coming Kiwi Camino are:

**Saturday, 10th – Sunday, 11th Aug**

**Saturday, 14th – Sunday, 15th Sept**

**Saturday, 9th – Sunday, 10th Nov**

In between these will be a local Auckland based Kiwi Camino led by Greg Smith on: **Friday, 6th Sept.**

**More information and photos coming soon.**

