

## 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



## 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](mailto:office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz) or speak to Stan after one of the services if you are interested in finding out more about **Life Groups**.



## 9am Congregation Morning Tea Today!

You are warmly invited to morning tea at

**Rod and Penny Kestle's home, 30 St. Andrews Rd Epsom**

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



## Justice Conference Events Auckland 2019

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 | Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at **Crave Cafe, Morningside, Auckland.**

For event and ticket information.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/justice-conference-events-auckland-2019-tickets-59746930678>



## Lost Connections:

Exploring the future of mentorship, friendship, community

## St. George's Men's Spring Retreat

Flaxmill Bay, Whitianga

4\* accommodation, food included  
Fri pm, 27 Sept - Sun pm, 29 Sept

Limited to 40 men

Booking by paying essential

Email [steve.barnett.clear@gmail.com](mailto:steve.barnett.clear@gmail.com)

• Pay \$235 (unwaged \$170)  
• to 12-3011-0590994-01 ref: your name  
(Financial support available)



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

Love, faith and peace to all!

**Ma lo koutou e manaaki, e tiaki i nga wa katoa**  
The Lord bless you and keep you.



“Empowering people to be Christ’s followers in the world.”

**SUNDAY SERVICES: 1 September 2019**

**7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am**

**THEME: “Creative Generosity - Part 1: The Fruits of Generosity”**

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Josh Jones, Lynette Eaton and Wilson Chan

**READINGS:** Proverbs 11:25; Acts 2:42-47; Matthew 6:19-21

**VERSE OF THE DAY: Acts 2:42** “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

**Sunday 7pm Service - In the church hall.**

Paul Johnston is facilitating discussion and content on the ways we experience change and grow as individuals and communities.

We begin with tea and coffee at 7pm and commence our service at 7.15pm.

**Everyone is welcome!**

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE 4 September**

**10am Speaker: Judy Carey**

**SUNDAY SERVICES, 8 September**

**7.45am - 9.00am - 10.45am**

**Speaker: Gray Patterson - “Creative Generosity - Part 2: Living Generosity”**

**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 Sunday, was one of those remarkable weeks that remind us of how good it is to be part of the people of God. In the final installment of our sermon series, we were reminded of how significant the **gift** of Scripture is, in shaping and influencing our lives. We also witnessed a number of the kingdom fruits that are flourishing in this community, reminding us of how the Spirit of God is very much 'alive and active' here at St. George's.

One of those fruits was the opportunity to be part of the **baptism and baptismal re-affirmation** of three of our 10.45am congregation. **Christopher Wong, Felix Huang and Hope Zhu** are valued members of our church family, and it was a delight to see a number of the ESOL community there to support them. Many people commented on how deeply moving their individual testimonies were and we are so grateful that the international community is finding a place of welcome here at St. George's. On Tuesday we had a record number of 95 people attending the ESOL course, all of which sharpens our desire to help everyone become fully integrated into the life of the church.

We were delighted to hear from one of the people who have been an instrumental part of this ESOL ministry. **David Wood** was interviewed at the 10.45am service, as he turns eighty this week. One thing that was evident from David's interview is the way in which the Scriptures have shaped David and how his passion for serving the ESOL community is fueled by the message of Scripture.

Finally, we also had the opportunity to hear from **Dallas Patten** at the 9am service and 10.45am KidsChurch. This courageous young woman was at St. George's to thank us for our unstinting prayer and financial support as she concludes her time with MAF/NZCMS in the Southern Sudan. It was a privilege to hear how Dallas has been faithfully serving God in a country ravaged by war, but where she has been able to share the hope of Christ and as Operations Manager, to ensure the health of Mission Aviation Fellowship, going forward, as it serves mission in that region.

Finally, at the 7pm evening service, we were also privileged to hear from Peter, Sarah, Fiona, John and Mia about their very rewarding journey of learning another language, as followers of Jesus. Almost all of them are involved in learning Te Reo Maori, while Mia has been immersed in learning English in recent years. It is good to hear how the Spirit is at work in every aspect of our lives and helping us to deepen our appreciation of faith across culture.

### SERMON SERIES CREATIVE GENEROSITY

With all this in mind, we come to a new series that speaks to us about cultivating a '**generous spirit**' in response to God's generosity towards us. One of the hallmarks of being a follower of Jesus, is the idea of living generously towards the Lord and to others, in every facet of our lives, whether it be how we spend our time, our talents, our money. Over the next five weeks, we will explore what it means to live a Christ-centered, whole-hearted life and we begin by hearing from **Gareth and Josh, Lynette and Wilson** about what generosity looks like and the kind of fruits a generous approach can help grow.

Peace and grace,

**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
- DONATION BOX: At the back of the church.

If you would like to make regular donations or a one-off gift to the church, you can do this by completing one of our "Giving Forms".

These forms can be found on the table at the back of the church, from the office or downloaded from our website, [www.stgeorgesepson.org.nz](http://www.stgeorgesepson.org.nz)

Please complete this and either drop it into the Sunday Offertory Box at the back of church or post / drop into the office, 9am - 3pm weekdays

(St George's Anglican Church, 15 - 19, Ranfurly Road, Epsom, 1023).

At the end of every financial year a tax receipt is provided via email.

Some activities or questions to discuss as a family:  
**What are some qualities you admire about your youth leaders?**  
**What ways do they inspire your walk with Jesus?**  
**What is something they have taught you that you will always remember?**  
**What is one way you would like to show your appreciation?**



**Tuesday, 3rd September** - Youth Strategy.  
**Friday, 6th September** - Family Quiz Night! Bring \$10 per family - money goes towards Alongsiders.  
**Sunday, 8th September** - Karen shares.

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



Hi families,

This week we are continuing with our '**Treasure**' theme looking at what a sword might have to do with the Bible! We look forward to you coming and finding out with us!

Parents, please feel welcome to our '**Village Chats**' evening on the **11<sup>th</sup> September at Little Jimmy, 7:30pm.**

An email has been sent and will follow again with further details 😊 **See you soon.**

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



**Dee Jones** who is working in **Zambia** writes, "*This year Kasempa Foundations has four trainers who have their own groups that they are discipling. There are about 10 -15 people in each group.*

*I'm very excited for them as I feel that this is the start of real multiplication.*

*I haven't made much progress with hospital in terms of setting up a garden and making a cooking shelter. There is potentially a horticulturalist coming next year, so I'm praying that this is of the Lord and will eventuate."*

**See Dee's full newsletter on the notice board at the back of church.**



### Lunches in Homes

80 people took part in the dinners in 18 different homes during June, July and August.

We'd like to introduce "**Lunches in Homes**" on **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 1pm.**

Everyone will contribute either soup, rolls, fruit or slice.

If you would like to participate in this soup and rolls lunch, please contact Julie Macdonald on [duju@xtra.co.nz](mailto:duju@xtra.co.nz) or phone 630 3123 by **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

State your name, preference to be a guest or host and how many people you can host.

**Families welcome.**



### 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**