

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.



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**.



Working Bee this Week!

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 25th September** between 9am & 12 noon!!



9am Congregation

Please join us after the 9am service every second and fourth Sunday of the month for morning tea in the hall.
Everyone welcome!



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



St George's E-News

We are now sending out **E-News** which provides info on up-coming events, community life and ways to get involved at St George's.

If you haven't received it in your in-box, check your spam / junk mail.

If you are not receiving it at all and would like to, please contact the office via email,

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: 22 September 2019

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

THEME: “Creative Generosity - Part 4: Extravagant Generosity”

SPEAKER: Chris Clarke

READINGS: Joshua 14:6-12; Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 9: 57-62

VERSE OF THE DAY: Ephesians 4:1 *“I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.”*

Sunday 7pm Service - In the church hall.

This week, we welcome Jax Clarke to come and speak to us as part of our series 'Sharing Our Story'. This week, we hear from Jax about her own story of hope in the face of broken dreams and suffering. We will also be sharing in Holy Communion. We begin at 7pm for tea and coffee and finish no later than 8.30pm.

Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY SERVICE 25 September
10am Speaker: Rev. Duncan Macdonald

SUNDAY SERVICES, 29 September
7.45am - 9.00am - 10.45am

Speaker: Rev Gareth Walters - *“Creative Generosity - Part 5: Surprising 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

This week, we want to give special thanks to God for our outgoing Verger (care-taking) team of Chris Chung and Syd Walker. Chris Chung was employed informally by Rev. Brian Jenkins, twenty-one years ago, with Syd joining the team back in February 2013. Chris (and Susan who are with us at the 9am and 10.45am services) are concluding their time with us, as Chris enters full retirement, while Syd (and Mary) continue to be part of the 9am worshipping community. What stands out to us, is the stable and faithful way in which the church's Vergering (care-taking) tasks have been taken care of. This has been in large part to the way in which Chris, who has lead this team, has gone about many thankless tasks with grace and humility. The way in which Jesus washed His disciples' feet comes to mind as an example he has set for us and is an apt description of how Chris has faithfully gone about his work. We will miss them both as they engage in a new phase in their journey and pray the Lord's blessing on them, and their families as they do so. We are thankful for Sarange Yande taking up this new fourteen-hour a week role, which complements the cleaning duties of Aun Gorven.

We also want to take the opportunity to farewell this week, Onne and Marion Hiemstra, who with their daughter Jo, will be moving to Cambridge. Onne and Marion arrived several years ago, but made an immediate impact by involving themselves in the ministry to the Elizabeth Knox residents. This was an extension of some of Onne's work with Elevate Ministry which has brought life and hope to people like Benny who was part of our community for only short time, but who experienced life-giving love as he joined our church. Marion and Onne also came to light last Christmas when they opened their home to people who were looking for a place to celebrate Christmas dinner... It is this kind of open-hearted generosity which will be missed at St. George's and it is something that we are sure will be a blessing to Cambridge and to the new role Marion will be stepping into. Onne will continue his work with Elevate from their new home in Cambridge. Our prayers go with them.

This week we continue our series, 'Creative Generosity', with Chris Clarke. It is deeply encouraging to have Chris back with us and we look forward to hearing from the Scriptures and from Chris as to how we are to cultivate a generous spirit, as followers of Jesus.

On another note, we also want you to know that we are circulating an up-to half-time position for our KidsChurch and Families' role. As Lynette mentioned several weeks ago, we are looking to add to the already strong team of volunteers that Lynette, with Hayley's help, has engendered. But there are more ways in which we would like to see this ministry grow as we continue to be an inter-generational and nurturing church of all ages. If you or someone you know would like to apply for the 'up to 20 hour a week role' then please let us know. The advert we have circulated elsewhere, is included here:

St. George's Children and Families' Role

- Are you looking for a life-giving opportunity to serve God with passion?
- Are you enthusiastic about working with children and their families to ignite and grow their faith?
- Are you a community-facing person that has the vision and ability to create links with children and families in the community?
- Are you the kind of leader who can raise, care for and equip a team to help them to realize their potential?
- Are you looking for an opportunity to stretch, deepen and grow in mission and ministry?
- Are there other passions/interests/skills in music, worship, or drama, for example, that could enrich our church life and give room for you to be at your best?

IF SO...

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

St George's, Epsom describes itself as a 'place of grace' – passionate about building God's Kingdom, nurturing and equipping God's people to be Christ's followers in the world. Do contact either Gareth Walters or Josh Jones if you would like to find out more about the role.

Peace and grace and encouragement be with us all.
Co-Vicars, Rev. Josh Jones and Rev. Gareth Walters

GIVING

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

Read the story of Rahab together as a family.

What ways did Rahab respond to her situation?

What risks did Rahab take?

What ways are you taking risks for Jesus?



Tuesday, 24 Sept - Youth strategy. **Friday, 27 Sept** - Night Markets. **Sunday, 29 Sept** - Callum running it.

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

Wilson and the Youth Group team.

Hi families,



This week we are looking at what God says we should wear to survive in the world. There may be another sword this week!! Looking forward to seeing you and finding out what this outfit looks like!

Looking forward to seeing you.

Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch Team.



Please remember to pray for our people overseas: **Sanders family**, returning home from Nepal at the end of this month. Thanks so much for contributors to the welcome hamper.

Dee Jones, community development in Zambia.

Miriam Tilman, in NZ on furlough visiting supporters.



NZCMS (New Zealand Church Missionary Society)

Next fellowship meeting

Date: Tuesday, 24th September 2019, **Time:** 10am, **Venue:** Selwyn Village, Point Chevalier, "Music Room", **Speaker:** Kirstin Cant - NZCMS Youth Mobiliser, **Contact:** Lea Tovey on 528 7773.



Like us on Facebook

St George's Anglican Church, Epsom has a new Facebook page. **Check it out!**



Launching Rockets Support young artists from St George's by purchasing cards from Launching Rockets! We are in the process of designing a new range of Christmas cards, but if you have some favourites from last year, we have limited stock available. Go to www.launchingrockets.co.nz to grab your favourites before they disappear, and to check out our other designs! When ordering online, use the code **STGSPICKUP** if you'd like to collect them from the 10.45am service. **Wilson and Esther Chan**



Indian Evangelical Mission

Founded in India 1965 supports

- 930 indigenous missionaries pioneering evangelism in the unreached villages of India
- Translation of the Bible into 59 local languages
- Literacy training
- Publishing Outreach magazine in ten languages (available online)
- Hostels for village children
- Training 25 new missionaries each year

Rev. Dr. Raja Singh

Will be speaking at St George's Church

Tuesday October 1st 7pm

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Rev. Dr. Raja Singh
General Secretary, IEM Bangalore