

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**.

WHAKANUIA (Celebration)



Join us as we acknowledge and celebrate achievement, diversity and the community over kai and entertainment. 18 October (6.30pm to 9.30pm)
Fergusson Hall- 5 Olea Rd, Oranga

Amazing performances from Te Papapa Preschool and other local performers with our headline act Joel Aмоса (winner of the Lexus Song Quest 2018)

Silent Auction: Fundraising to send 8 young people on a Barista Trainee Course, food handling certificate, drivers licence.

Tickets limited to 120: tessa.towahi@gmail.com or Jocelyn@thirdspace.org.nz Entry by koha (donation)
DD Third Space 12-3427-0037017-00 reference: you name and "celeb"

Sponsored by Third Space, Te Papapa Preschool, Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board



Tō Wāhi
Your Place



'The Way of the Raukura' - A Parihaka Musical.

Calling all actors, singers, dancers and stage crew.

Mt Albert Baptist Church has created a stage musical version of the powerful true story of Parihaka, with the approval of the Parihaka Trust. Auditions will be held on **Saturday 19th October** for anyone interested in being involved with rehearsals being held from February 2020 on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. The show is planned for end of June, beginning of July 2020.

Email: auditions@mabc.org.nz or talk to Gareth Walters for more information.



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



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, office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz

**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



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

SUNDAY SERVICES: 29 September 2019

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

THEME: "Creative Generosity - Part 5: The Challenge of Generosity"

SPEAKER: Rev. Gareth Walters

READINGS: 1 Kings 17:7-16; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 25:19-30

VERSE OF THE DAY: 2 Corinthians 9:6 *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."*

Sunday 7pm Service - In the church hall.

This week, Steve, Paul and Peter will be sharing their insights from the Men's Retreat and the theme, *"Lost Connections"*. This is a great opportunity to hear a distilled version of what was shared over the weekend. We begin at 7pm for tea and coffee and finish no later than 8.30pm.

Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY SERVICE 9 October
10am Speaker: Rev. Duncan Macdonald

SUNDAY SERVICES, 6 October
7.45am - 9.00am - 10.45am
Speaker: Eamon Butler- *"Philemon: A Story of Reconciliation"*

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

One of the common questions we often get asked is, "How does a Co-Vicars' model work?"

The simplest answer we give, is that we make sure we model two of our **Four Core Values**. We recognise that **'Diversity is a Gift'** and our relationship is based on trust, respect and a generous spirit of grace towards each other. From this foundation in Christ, we then delegate ministry areas of responsibility to make sure we're working and ministering as effectively as we can.

All major decisions affecting the life of this church are always collective decisions, but then we each take responsibility for that area to be worked out.

We both have our different core passions and God-given gifting, so it makes sense to focus our time and energy in these ministry areas. For instance, Gareth is mainly responsible for things that come under the umbrella of Pastoral Ministry, while Josh's focus is on the strategic 'Big Picture', Media Ministry and Worship. This doesn't mean that we aren't both actively involved in all these ministry areas! All decisions affecting these ministries are collectively discussed and jointly decided (often with invited input from others) but one of us will then take the main responsibility. It's important to communicate this, so that people understand why they sometimes only see one of us in attendance. What greatly encourages us, is to see that people appear to appreciate the differences we each bring to these ministry areas, and we certainly appreciate having each other.

Today, Gareth brings our sermon series on the **'Spirit of Generosity'** to a close. It's been another stimulating and enriching series, enabling us to go deeper on how we can cultivate this Godly quality in our hearts and lives. Gareth finishes by looking into the motivations of our hearts and the barriers we can all have, to a wholehearted extravagant generosity in all the areas of our lives.

Christmas Song Project:

Today, we will preview a very exciting project that reflects our desire and aspiration to express through the creative mediums of the Arts, the Christ's Spirit of peace and reconciliation into the public arena. The intention is to record a song and video capturing the true spirit of Christmas that Josh has self-composed called, *'This is the Day - Te Rangimarie'* ('peace' in Te Reo Maori). One of the most inspiring and hopeful aspects that emerged from the tragic Christchurch shootings, was the way the different communities of Aotearoa came together in solidarity to stand against the forces of violence, hatred and division. This is, of course, at the heart and meaning of Christmas Day and the birth of the Prince of Peace. Both the song and the video will reflect this Christ-like Spirit of coming together in the bonds of love. We want to have as many people from the congregation on the song and the video with the recording taking place during the **10.45am service on Sunday, October 20th**. In the meantime, could we ask that people listen on the website to the song, so that we learn it for the recording. Many thanks!

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

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.stgeorgesepsom.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.

Read Rizpah - 2 Samuel 21:1-14 as a family.

Who are the marginalised people (at the bottom) of society who get overlooked by those in power? What are some issues of injustice that you can name? What does God's vision for justice look like? What might making a stand for injustice look like? How might this week/month you take a risk like Rizpah no matter what the cost might be?



No youth this week! Enjoy your holidays!

We kick off:

Friday, 18 Oct - Boxes and Gadgets. **Sunday, 20 Oct** - Callum Shares

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

Wilson and the Youth Group team.



Hi families,

This week we have an informal week at kids church as it's the beginning of the holidays while our regular program is on pause.

Come and join us for some fun.

Please note there is no kids church next weekend

Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch Team.



A very warm welcome back to the Sanders who have been based in Pokhara, Nepal for the last couple of years. Thank you so much for those who contributed to the hamper passed on with your well wishes upon arrival. We look forward to meeting officially with the Sanders at church on 10 November.

Please continue to pray for the Sanders as they resettle here and our other overseas partners.

Continue to be informed via the church mission board.



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