

## 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**.



## Healing Service – Wednesday, 11th September

Come and join us next Wednesday at the 10am service!

Prayer  
and Healing  
Service



## Working Bee this Week!

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 11th September** between 9am & 12 noon!!



## 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: 8 September 2019**

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

**THEME: “Creative Generosity - Part 2: Living Generosity”**

**SPEAKER:** Gray Paterson

**READINGS:** Jeremiah 29:11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Matthew 19:23:26

**VERSE OF THE DAY: Matthew 19:26** “Jesus looked at His disciples and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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

This week we're going to be watching together a BBC series that follows along the same lines of 'The Big Silence'. This week we look at the first part of the series called 'The Monastery', that follows the fortunes of five ordinary guys who join Worth Abbey to see as to whether Christian contemplation has any value for modern living.

We begin with tea and coffee and start promptly at 7.15pm.

Our time together finishes no later than 8.30pm.

**Everyone is welcome!**

## WEDNESDAY SERVICE 11 September

**10am Speaker:** Rev. Duncan Macdonald - *Healing Service*

## SUNDAY SERVICES, 15 September

7.45am - 9.00am - 10.45am

**Speaker:** Rev. Gareth Walters - *“Creative Generosity - Part 3: Sacrificial 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

On Sunday, we began our four-week sermon series '**Creative Generosity**', highlighting the truth that **all is gift** in our lives and our call is to live in response to God's unfailing generosity.

As Gareth reminded us, lavish generosity is the very character of who God is and in Jesus Christ (the author and perfecter of our faith) we see the generosity of God in the flesh. This spirit of generosity was also the hallmark of the early church.

Set firmly in the context of this Biblical imperative, we also gave a half yearly up-date, on our **Vision Sunday - Finance & Giving Appeal**.

**Wilson Chan, our Youth Minister and Lynette Eaton our Children and Families' facilitator**, spoke passionately of their hopes and aspirations along with the challenges we need to meet in both these crucial ministry areas. Their focus and the leadership focus, is on the invitation for all of us to invest in the dream we have here at St. George's and passionately believe in. We want to be a church community that makes a difference to our lives and to the community around us. We want to plant seeds in the hearts of our children and our youth, that will be watered by the Spirit to bear the good fruits of discipleship in their hearts and lives. **The spirit of investment is the fertile soil in which kingdom-fruit grows.**

Already this past week, we've been very heartened and encouraged by the positive responses to our appeal and we **thank you sincerely** for your trust and commitment to what we're aspiring to build here at St. George's. If you weren't at church last week, can we encourage you to take our **one-page summary from the back of the church** and prayerfully consider how you might be able to contribute and invest in the life of this community.

Today, we welcome a member of our 10.45am service, **Gray Paterson** to speak of how God's generosity has shaped and impacted his life. Seven years as the C.E.O of ATT (Apprentice Training Trust) is one of the many arenas of life that Gray has been privileged to see the power of generosity at work. His testimony is a powerful witness to the way the godly spirit of generosity can bear the abundant fruits of God's Kingdom in surprising and transforming ways.

Our prayers and good wishes are with **Josh, Kim and Myah** as Josh takes this weekend off for some personal development and refreshment, as he attends the **Under Rough Ridge Writer's Retreat** down in the Ida Valley just outside Queenstown. This week, **Gareth** also spent two and a half days at the second half of a **Master's Block Course at Carey Baptist College**, for Audit. The course, '*Reading Paul Missionally*' is designed to help us read Paul's letters in the context in which they were written, so that we might appreciate more deeply what they are saying to us about God's Mission in the world, and how we might, as the Church, be part of it.

Peace and grace,

**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
- 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.stgeorgespsom.org.nz](http://www.stgeorgespsom.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 to discuss as a family:

**Read the story of Deborah in Judges.**

**What is one standout moment from Deborah's story?**

**When have you turned away from God and what drew you back to him?**

**When has God been faithful in a time of need?**

**What reminds you to draw close to God when things are going well in your life?**

**Tuesday, 10 Sept** - Tom speaks on ecology.

**Friday, 13 Sept** - Reflection on Bad As Women.

**Sunday, 15 Sept** - Karen Spoelstra speaks.

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

**Wilson and the Youth Group team.**



Hi families,

Last week we had swords in KidsChurch!!

This week we are looking at some more examples of treasure in the scripture.

We are going to explore a parable to tell us a bit more about this.

**Looking forward to seeing you.**

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



**Miriam Tilman** is visiting Auckland the first week of October. She is available to speak at home groups and share about her work in **Togo**. Please contact Marianne on 027 436 8636 asap if you would like to have her visit your group.

The **Sanders family** return from **Nepal** at the end of this month. We would like to welcome them warmly back to NZ. If you are able to contribute to a **Welcome Home Hamper**, please bring non-perishable items and put them in a marked basket next **Sunday, 15 September**.



### 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, 22nd 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, 16th September**.

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

**Families welcome.**



### Abortion Legislation Bill Submissions

As many of you will be aware, the government is proposing significant changes to the current Abortion Law. If you would like to know more about what the proposed changes involve, there is a link in the E-news that explains what is and what isn't being proposed. The bill is now going to the Select Committee and the closing date for submissions is Thursday, 19th September. Information and advice on how to make a submission is available at [www.chooselife.org.nz/lovethemboth](http://www.chooselife.org.nz/lovethemboth)

As a leadership we are well aware of the pastoral implications of this topic and we know people who have had to deal with the distress and trauma from all aspects of this issue.

If you or anyone you know is struggling with this issue, we are always here to sensitively support and help in any way we can. Please contact a member of the Clergy team, Josh, Gareth and Kate.