



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**.



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

WANTED - CLEAN FILL

Up to two trailer loads to back-fill the new retaining wall along the far boundary of the vicarage.

Assistance with removal possible.

Contact: church office on 520 5652,
email: office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz or call
Chris Fleming on 022 467 2895



St. George's Marriage Preparation Course

The next St. George's Marriage Preparation Course starts **Thursday, 7th November 2019**

The course covers 5 weeks and will be held at Duncan and Julie Macdonald's home. If you wish to take part in this excellent course or know of a couple who are getting married in the near future who would like to enrol, please contact

Julie Macdonald via email duju@xtra.co.nz for further details and to register your interest.

Plan Your Marriage
not just your wedding

NZCMS (New Zealand Church Missionary Society)

Next fellowship meeting

Date: Tuesday, 29th October 2019, **Time:** 10am, **Venue:** Selwyn Village, Point Chevalier, "Music Room",
Speaker: Kimberley Barry - Christians Against Poverty, **Contact:** Lea Tovey on 528 7773.

Ageing and Spirituality Conference

The Power of resilience in older people. This year's agenda will focus on the many aspects of resilience, with presenters sharing their stories and secrets of success.

Friday, 1st November, 8.30am to 4.30pm at Selwyn Village Theatre.
Price: \$200 (group - per person) and \$285 (single)

For more info see the church notice board or visit:

www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/the-selwyn-institute-2019-ageing-and-spirituality-conference-tickets-64709533958

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: 27 October 2019

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

THEME: “Faith In Culture - Would Jesus have a Facebook Profile?”

SPEAKER: Rev. Kate Berkley

READINGS: 1 Kings 19:11-13; Acts 17:22-31; Matthew 5:13-16

VERSE OF THE DAY: Matthew 5:14 “*You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.*”

Sunday 7pm Service

This Labour weekend, we are gathering at **Peter and Sarah Bowden’s** for a special shared meal, at **6pm**.

This is an opportunity for us to catch up with one another around the table, to share our lives and to bring 'a shared plate' (with food on it).

68, Esplanade Road, Mt Eden is our gathering place this week.

Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY SERVICE 30 October

10am Speaker: Rev. Stan Thorburn

SUNDAY SERVICES, 3 November

7.45am - 9.00am - 10.45am

Speaker: “Mission Sunday - Mike & Bex Sanders with Sean Marsden from INF ”

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

In the past week, we sent an email to those on our contact list informing everyone that **Wilson Chan**, our Youth Minister for the last two and a half years will be stepping down from his role here at St. George's at the end of the year. Along with his wife Esther, they will begin an exciting process of **preparation for Priestly Ordination, within the Tikanga Māori Church.**

We as the church leadership team, recognize that this is a wonderful opportunity for both Wilson and Esther, as they discern what the Lord is calling them to in their next phase of life and ministry. For those unfamiliar with Anglican structures, we are a Three Tikanga Church made up of Pākehā, Māori and Pasifika, all under the authority of their own individual Bishops. Wilson and Esther feel a deep calling to serve in the Māori Tikanga. We are obviously very sad to see them go but we also recognise that at this stage of their lives and ministry, this is a calling that will be of Kingdom-benefit to both parties.

We wish to publically thank Wilson, together with Esther, for their ministry amongst us over the last two and a half years and express our deep appreciation. They have done a wonderful job of creating a deep sense of belonging amongst our St. George's Youth, as well as innovating creative Kingdom-ministries.

The legacy that Wilson and Esther have helped build, provides a valuable basis to move forward. Our primary concern now is to look after and encourage our youth as we advertise for a new Youth Minister's role. The leadership and the youth leaders will be continuing on with the youth ministry, in a 'business as usual' way.

God is always planting kingdom seeds for growth and harvest, and it has been our privilege to be a part of Wilson and Esther's journey, as God prepares them for their new mission. We will be thanking and farewelling Wilson and Esther from their role on Sunday, 9th of December.

Christmas Song Project

Last Sunday, at St. George's we recorded the voices and the video for the song '*This is the Day - (Te Rangimarie)*' and it was a time of celebration and joy. In this past week, Josh has been over to **Te Papapa School, Onehunga**, to video two-hundred kids - all dressed in their national costumes for their part in the song. As well as this, there was opportunity on Tuesday to record the **St. George's Chinese ESOL community** all singing together. It's been incredibly rewarding to see how enthusiastically everyone has embraced and participated in the song. We look forward to sending this out to all the media outlets (both Christian and mainstream) in the coming weeks as we seek to bring the message of the Gospel and the birth of Christ into today's cultural landscape.

Sermon Series

Our Christmas song project is a timely contribution to the themes we are exploring in our new Sermon series '*Faith in Culture*', and today we look forward to Kate's contribution.

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.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.

Some questions to chat about as a family:

What does it look like to love God and love your neighbour?

When was a time you made a decision because of your Christian faith?

What do you need from yourself and others in order to finish the year strong?

What makes you think the Bible is relevant or not relevant?

Friday, 1st November – Dio "WhoDunIt?" Sunday, 3rd November - Matthew Speaks!

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

Wilson and the Youth Group team.



Hi families,

There is no KidsChurch today because of the long weekend. The creche is available for the little kids and for the older kids, please help yourself to the activity sheets in the creche room.

We will see you next week!!

Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch Team.



Sarah is in Namibia and South Africa for two weeks of training and connecting and would really value your prayer during this time. In Namibia they are doing several training sessions with different groups and spending time with their team there. They then fly to Johannesburg on Saturday to attend the **SIM Hope 4 Life Gathering.**

Hope 4 Life is SIM's HIV ministry and they are starting to look at what prevention of HIV might look like. This is the same space Sarah is exploring, so this is a great opportunity for collaboration. Karine and Sarah will be leading two sessions on Trauma- Informed Care, and a third session looking at links between HIV and trafficking.

She arrives home on November 3rd.



KidsChurch - Kid's Fun Arvo

Thursday, 31st October,
pop in any time from 3.30pm to 5pm,
In the St. George's church hall.

Bouncy Castle, Make Balloon Animals, Face Painting,
Disco Zone, Cupcake Decorating!

See the church noticeboard for more info.

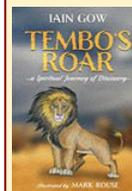


Advent Lunch on the Lawn

St. George's end of year **Lunch on the Lawn** to be held on **Sunday, 1st December**

after the 10.45am service. Pop the date in your diary now. Bring a salad or slice to share and a bottle of wine if you like. St. George's will provide meat, bread and juice.

Bring the family, invite your friends, everyone is welcome!



Iain Gow's Children's Book "Tembo's Roar" For Sale

Tembo's Roar is available from the church office.

Cost: \$15.

Email office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz or ph 520 5652

You can pay online: **03 0104 0109844** ref: "**Book**" and your "**Name**", cash to the office or eftpos at the back of the church.