

## 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.



## 7pm Service - Sunday, 10th Nov

At next week's 7pm service, the music duet of Aro - Charles and Emily Looker, will be sharing their story and songs as part of our 7pm service. This will be a significant night and something to bring your friends to. Aro were announced as finalists for the 2019 APRA Maioha Award for their song 'Korimako'. As their audience reports: "Blending Emily's honey voiced jazz with Charles' full throated percussive sound with shades of haka, Aro's story telling performance adds up to a warmth of experience, wholly original, anchored in Aotearoa, that leave all who are present with the feeling of having been let in on a special secret." The event will be held in the hall, tea and coffee will be served and a koha will be offered, if you would like to contribute.

## Ambae - Vanuatu

Rod and Penny Kestle have recently returned from the island of Ambae to check the damage following the volcanic eruption and compulsory evacuation in June 2018. Since March people have begun trickling back to Ambae, cleaning up, planting gardens and starting to rebuild their lives. Schools are due to re-open in 2020 but to our great joy the hospital is fully operational again.

Lack of water is the big issue. Damaged roofs and broken spouting mean rainwater can't be collected, and many tanks are full of volcanic ash. Despite the day to day challenges it was wonderful to be back. Last week a follow-up team went to Vanuatu intending to complete the hospital. Sadly, the flight to Ambae was repeatedly cancelled while the small plane was being serviced so after a week's futile wait the team returned home.

## 9am Congregation Morning Tea Today!

You are warmly invited to morning tea after 9am service at Rod and Penny Kestle's home, 30 St. Andrews Rd Epsom  
All welcome!



## Working Bee this Week!

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 6th November** between 9am & 12 noon!!



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



# Plan Your Marriage

not just your wedding

## 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

**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: 3 November 2019**

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

**THEME: "Mission Sunday"**

**SPEAKER:** Mike & Bex Sanders with Sean Marsden from INF

**READINGS:** Psalm 107:13-16; Jeremiah 17:7-14; Mark 7:31-37

**VERSE OF THE DAY: Colossians 3:17** "And *whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*"

## Sunday 7pm Service

This week, John and Jeanette Maclean from the 10.45am community, share with us about their journey of life and faith.

It will be a privilege to have them with us and to hear something of their story.

We begin with tea and coffee at 7pm, share with John and Jeanette and join in Holy Communion to close.

**Everyone is welcome!**

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE 6 November**

**10am Speaker: Rev. Stan Thorburn**

**SUNDAY SERVICES, 10 November**

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

**Speaker: Rev. Gareth Walters - "Faith in Culture"**

**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

As we continue our Sermon Series, **'Faith in Culture'**, we explore this challenge through another perspective today. It is with huge pleasure that we welcome back **Mike and Bex Sanders**, along with children Matthew and Maia, from their time in Nepal. For those who may not know them, the Sanders family have been part of St. George's for many years and left just over two years ago for their mission work in Nepal. Today, we will hear from both Mike and Bex along with Sean Marsden - Director of the **International Nepal Fellowship (INF)**. Each year we commit four Sundays to hear from mission partners and connections, to highlight their inspirational Kingdom endeavours and fruits, and we look forward greatly to hearing what they will bring to us today.

As we have mentioned in the first two weeks of this series, we now *'live and move and have our being'* in a rapidly evolving cultural landscape, in which the internet and all things social media influence and affect every single aspect of our lives. As Kate pointed out last week, there are both positives and negatives to this cultural reality and Christianity has to discern how we best communicate the gospel and God in these times. As many will know, we have made this one of our main ongoing priorities with the launch of our new **St. George's website and Facebook page**. The aspiration behind this, is to show the full depth and breadth of our St. George's community life and to inspire and encourage all who tune into these media mediums.

This past week has been another reminder that all of us, as members of our church family community, from time to time suffer the loss of loved ones and find themselves on the journey of grief. It is at these times that we are keenly aware of the gift that a supportive community can be. People always comment on how the care, kindness and prayers they receive is of immense comfort and solace. As Co-Vicars we are very appreciative of how people express and take time to look after each other in these difficult times. At the end of the year we have our **Blue Christmas Service**, which is a time when we invite all who have suffered loss this past year and beyond to come together to remember. Christmas is often a poignant time that evokes memories of those we have loved deeply and shared life with. This service gives us an opportunity to reflect and light candles of remembrance for those who are now resting with God in Christ. If you or someone you know is facing loss of one kind or another, our Blue Christmas service will be held at **5pm, Sunday, 8th of December 2019**. It may be something that you wish to come along to or invite someone to.

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](http://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.

Friday, 8th November - Master Chef - Breakfast Edition.

Bring \$5 for ingredients.

Sunday, 10th November - Oscar speaks.

**Things to do as a family:**

**Read up on Melchizedek, Gen.14:18-23, Psalm 110, Hebrews 7**

**Tell a story of who, in your life, have been the strangers, the ones who you did not expect, the Melchizedeks that have blessed you?**

**What does Melchizedek tell us about the way God works?**

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

**Wilson and the Youth Group team.**



Hi families,

Welcome to the beginning of **Christmas** in KidsChurch!!

I know it seems really early, but in order to fit everything in we have to start now!

Today Maree will be sharing with us what **Advent** is all about. If you're good at waiting, or maybe especially if you're not, this is a good one for you!

**See you soon.**

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



We warmly welcome back the **Sanders family after two years in Nepal**. They are currently looking for work in Auckland. If you know of any audiologist or structural engineering vacancies, please be in touch with them, via church office.

Let's give thanks for their time away and ask that the presence of He whose hand holds **'the heights of the mountains'** would be closely felt at this time (Psalm 95).  
**Arohanui.**



### **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!**



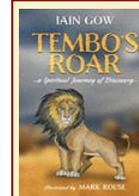
### **Baby Shower for Sarah Stanger**

St. George's Women's Ministry invites all ladies young and old to a café style **Baby Shower** in the church hall for **Sarah** on **Wednesday, 13th November from 7 - 9pm.**

Come together as a faith community to bless Sarah and Jade, to celebrate life, connection and community as we also pray for the safe delivery of their baby due in January 2020.

Bring some advice or encouragement, a verse, a song, or a prayer to share or write on the bunting.

RSVP to Lisa in the office, [lisad@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz](mailto:lisad@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz) or ph: 520 5652.



### **Ian 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](mailto: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.