



“Empowering people to be Christ’s followers in the world.”

SUNDAY SERVICES, 19 January
8.30am - 10.00am

THEME: “Savouring the Sabbath - Engaging the Senses”

SPEAKER: Rev. Josh Jones

READINGS: Psalm 115:4-8; 1 John 1:1-4; Mark 8:22-25

VERSE OF THE DAY: Psalm 27:4 *“One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.”*

OUR FOUR CORE VALUES

‘He Tangata, He Tangata, He Tangata. It is the people, the people, the people.’

A Place of Grace – A community where everyone can come and be safe, loved and accepted. Everyone is valued and empowered to be the person God intended us to be.

Diversity is a Gift – A life-affirming, life-enhancing community, celebrating our God given differences and growing deeper in our relationship and formation in Jesus Christ.

Creativity and Justice – Encouraging and releasing our creative gifts and advocating the intrinsic value and dignity of all people, the land and all living creatures through the ethos of Kaitiakitanga (Guardianship).

Daring Greatly – Having the courage, trust and vision, to follow the Spirit’s leading. To see beyond what we already see, to become more than we already are. To be an outward-focused church, creating pathways into the community and people we are privileged to serve.

SUNDAY SERVICES, 26 January
8.30am - 10.00am

Speaker: Antony Horacek-Glading - “Savouring the Sabbath”

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.

REFLECTION

Aren’t holidays a great idea! Over the new year break, my family and I spent a few days staying with some friends just out of Paeroa, in Karangahake Gorge. It was a chance to unwind, switch off our phones and do life a bit more slowly. One of the most memorable experiences of that time was laying down a *hangi*. I watched as our friends from different cultures, Māori, Fijian, and Pākeha, sweated over fiery hot rocks, banana leaves and steaming wet coffee sacks, and then rested and waited for the food to be cooked in the ground. And what a banquet we enjoyed. To me this was a picture of celebrating and savouring God’s beautiful creation.

I love this quote from pastoral theologian, Lynne Baab, *“On the sabbath we are invited to notice what God has done and what God has already given us. Nothing we can do will make God love us more, so we can stop producing for one day, or even just for a few hours, and luxuriate in grace. Resting from work on the sabbath enables us to step aside from our culture’s cry of “More! More!” and respond with joy and thankfulness, experiencing for a few brief, holy moments the abundance we have been given.”*

I hope you have been able to take some time this summer to savour God’s creation and rest in God’s abundant love.

Please remember that the service times are 8.30am and 10am throughout January.

Peace and grace, [Rev. Kate Berkley](#)

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 Kate after one of the services if you are interested in finding out more about **Life Groups**.



ROSTERS

We would like to thank everyone who helps us every month on our rosters. If you are happy to continue that is wonderful, if you would like to come off, please let Leanne know at your earliest.

We always have spaces in our rosters, if you would like to serve once a month, also let Leanne know.

All training and support is provided and we greatly appreciate any assistance you can offer.

There is also a great **“Volunteer Thank You Night”** at the end of the year!

See the roster list at the back of church, contact one of the staff on Sunday’s or Leanne in the office via email, leannes@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz

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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: dandwood@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 are welcome to join us. Access is through the back entrance of the main church building, first door on the left.



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.