

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.



World Day of Prayer

You are invited to join in worship and fellowship on **Friday, 6th March from 10am - 11am at Epsom Baptist Church, 4 Inverary Avenue, Epsom.**

With a shared lunch to follow.

For further information, contact Glenys Brookbanks on 624 0330 or email g_brookbanks@hotmail.com



Shrove Tuesday at St. George's

Family Pancake Fun

Tuesday, 25th February, 4pm - 6pm in the Youth Rooms
(under the hall)

For more info please contact Lynette or Hayley at stgeorges.kidschurch@gmail.com



ESOL Classes Cancelled

Due to the concern regarding the corona virus, at this stage we are postponing our ESOL classes (at least) until the beginning of **March 2020**.

This will also include our **Thursday morning Bible class**.

Should the virus continue to spread around the world it is likely there could be further delays, we will keep you posted.

From the ESOL Team, Rose, Tim and David



Mainly Music

School Term: Every Friday from 9.30am in the Church Hall
Enquiries: please contact Hayley Lewis on 525 2601

Working Bee this Week!

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 26th February** between 9am & 12 noon!



NZCMS (New Zealand Church Missionary Society)

Next fellowship meeting

Date: Tuesday, 25th February 2020 **Time:** 10am **Venue:** Selwyn Village, Point Chevalier, "Music Room"

Speaker: David Rutherford - Pakistan

Contact: Lea Tovey on 528 7773.

Women's Daytime Bible Study Group

Beginning **27 February** for the season of Lent.

Thursday afternoons 1:00pm. Venue TBA.

Contact **Kate** on kateb@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz if you are interested in participating.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH
WOMEN'S LENT BIBLE STUDY

Who Are You?



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

SUNDAY SERVICES, 23 February
7.45am - 9.00am - 10.45am

THEME: "Who Are You - Why Are You So Afraid?"

SPEAKER: Rev. Josh Jones

READINGS: Proverbs 4:23; Galatians 5:22-26; Matthew 7:12-20

VERSE OF THE DAY: Mark 4:40 "Then Jesus asked his disciples, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

Sunday 7pm Service - In the church hall

This week we are delighted to hear from **Peter and Sarah Bowden** about their recent pilgrimage to Waitangi as part of the Karu Wha Trust, that served the people of Waitangi in the week leading up to the 6th of February celebrations.

It promises to be a rich time.

We begin at 7pm with refreshments and start our service at 7.15pm.

Everyone is welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES, 26 February
10.00am - 7.30pm

Speaker: Judy Carey - "Job and Ash Wednesday"

SUNDAY SERVICES, 1 March
7.45am - 9.00am - 10.45am

Speaker: Rev. Gareth Walters

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

This week is the last in our current sermon series “Who are You?”, before the season of Lent begins. Today, Josh will reflect on the telling question Jesus asks of all His disciples, including all of us - “Why are you so afraid?”

LENT - EXILE

Next week, we begin the very important journey of Lent, which has been part of the church tradition for centuries. We are very excited that our theme for this spiritual journey of self-examination, will be exploring the biblical concept of **EXILE**, a theme that runs throughout the whole of Scripture.

2020 VISION

Over these next two weeks, we’re going to be weaving into these themes our hopes, aspirations and vision for 2020 and beyond. Last year, was a huge one for this community in Christ with many exciting fruits of the Kingdom being borne in all areas of ministry and mission. How we continue to build on this work will require a continued collaboration of all our time and talents under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

A coming together in collaboration was the hallmark of last week’s ‘Welcome Back Lunch on the Lawn’. A massive thank you to everyone for their part in making this time together as community, such a special celebration. It was a delight to see so many people from across our congregations gathering together to have lunch and to catch up with old friends and make new ones. As Co-Vicars, we want to say a special thank you to all those who helped, especially Lisa, Leanne and Olivia – our staff team who did an amazing job of overseeing the catering and the volunteers. We simply couldn’t have done it without you, so many thanks to you all.

We look forward to sharing more opportunities of coming together as a community, as we mark the Lent season and the 40 days of preparation (excluding Sundays) that lead us to Easter and the events of Christ’s death and Resurrection. These include:

- **Tuesday, 25th of Feb - A Families’ and Children’s Event – ‘Shrove Tuesday’ (Pancake Day) – Youth Rooms**
- **Ash Wednesday, 26th of Feb – ‘Imposition of Ashes’ – 10am and 7.30pm**
- **First Sunday in Lent, 1st of March, ‘Exile: Part 1: Far From Home’ – 7.45am, 9am and 10.45am with Gareth speaking.**

Spiritual Resources

To help us all engage with the season of Lent more fully, please can we encourage you to make use of the resources we share in our E-NEWS and WEBSITE. We particularly urge you to watch the excellent **Bible Project Video which gives an excellent** explanation of the crucial biblical theme of **EXILE**.

Peace and grace, **Rev. Gareth Walters and Rev. Josh Jones**

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.stgeorgeseepsom.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.

- 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.**

Kia Ora E Te Whānau,

This **Friday, 21st Feb**, we are catching up for a more relaxed hangout night, whether you have tons of energy left after the week or just a little, come along for some optional games and activities and a good chance to catch up with youth friends!

This **Sunday, 23rd Feb**, we will have an interactive look into the story of Noah’s ark, how this plays into the concept of a faithful, all loving God, and how we can use this concept in our own lives to know when God is speaking to us!

Youth Leadership Team - Oscar, Jess, Ajit and Callum



Hi families,

This week we carry on with our detective theme, looking at the **case for faith**.

We are looking forward to getting stuck into this topic, thinking about how we can find out answers to our tricky questions and what the Bible tells us about them.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch Team

Please pray for our partners working overseas.

Dee Jones, Zambia, Foundations for Farming - working with SIM
Miriam Tillman, Togo, Africa, Pharmacist, Hospital of Hope Pharmacy, working with CMS

Sarah Scott Webb - Human trafficking and exploitation prevention, SIM International / Communications NZ

Also supporting Alongsiders in Cambodia and Leagna a dental student in Cambodia.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



St. George’s AGM

Wednesday, 18th March at 7.30pm in the church.

You are invited to our annual **St. George’s AGM**.

If you are not and would like to be on our **Parish Roll**, please complete an application form and hand into the office so we can up-date the 2020 document.

You will also find nomination forms for our **People’s Warden, Vestry members and Synod reps**. Please note that we require all nomination forms, complete with nominees statement, into the office no later than **Wednesday, 11th March** so we can prepare the information. The forms can be emailed to office@stgeorgeseepsom.org.nz, but original forms must be handed in to the office before the AGM.

Thank you.

Kiwi Pilgrimages 2020

This autumn there will be four one day pilgrimages around the city. These are intended as a practical expression of St. George’s commitment to an outward focus with creative pathways into the community.

28 March: Historic Church, Birkdale - 15 kilometres

4 April: Wesleyan Mission Station at Ihumatao - 25 kilometres

25 April: Selwyn Monument, Bombay - 45 kilometres

1 May: St. Francis Chapel, Vaughan Park, Long Bay - 30 kilometres

All distances are approximate, and arrangements can be made to walk only portions of them. Walking notes will be distributed to participants nearer the dates. These events are not intended solely for the congregation. Please feel free to invite any friends.

For registration and enquiries phone Greg Smith 5242 926 or email gregskelbrooke@gmail.com

For further information check out the St. George’s website under **Kiwi Pilgrimages**.

