

## 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](mailto: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.



## City Mission Needs Our Help!!

On Sunday, if you are able, please bring a can of spaghetti, tomatoes, vegetables, soup, fruit, meat, fish, sauces, creamed rice.....  
to help the **City Mission help Aucklanders in desperate need!**  
A huge thank you to all who support this wonderful cause.



## Don't Forget the St. George's AGM

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

Please take an **AGM Annual Report** booklet from the back of the church, if you did not receive one via email last week.



## GUMBOOT FRIDAY TRACTOR TREK

**Bluff to Cape Reinga 5-26 March**

The Trek is a fun way for Kiwis, especially in rural communities, to join in the mental health conversation while raising awareness and money to provide free counselling for any young person in need. [www.gumbootfridaytractortrek.org](http://www.gumbootfridaytractortrek.org)

The team would value your prayers for health and safety. Rod and Penny Kestle



## Mainly Music

School Term: Every Friday from 9.30am in the Church Hall

Enquiries: please contact Hayley Lewis on [stgeorges.mainlymusic@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorges.mainlymusic@gmail.com)



## St. George's E-News

We send out a weekly **E-News** which provides info on up-coming events, community life and ways to get involved at St. George's.

If you haven't received it in your in-box, check your spam / junk mail.

If you are not receiving it at all and would like to, please sign up on our website.

[www.stgeorgesepsom.org.nz](http://www.stgeorgesepsom.org.nz)

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



# Exile

## Lent Series

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

**SUNDAY SERVICES, 15 March**  
7.45am - 9.00am - 10.45am

**THEME: “Exile - “THE HUMAN CONDITION”**

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Josh Jones

**READINGS:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-20; Luke 6:27-42

**VERSE OF THE DAY: 2 Corinthians 5:16** *“So, we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone belongs to Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new life is here!”*

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

This week, we continue our focus at the 7pm service on the Lenten theme of **“Feeding, Fasting and Feasting”**.

This evening, we will explore the question of what we feed ourselves with spiritually. Paul, Gareth and Joce will lead our discussion and we will join together in Communion.

**Everyone is welcome.**

**WEDNESDAY SERVICES, 18 March**  
10.00am

**Speaker: Judy Carey - “God’s Perfect Timing”**

**SUNDAY SERVICES, 22 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

### March 15, 2019 – A Time to Remember and to Pray

"Sundays are a time when the local church gathers together to worship, to hear the Scriptures read, and to re-orient our lives around God - Our Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But it is also a time when we remember. This Sunday, we *especially* remember. March the 15th, 2019, will stick in the hearts and minds of all New Zealanders, as a day that we will collectively never forget and pray that the likes of which, we will never see again. Sir Thomas Bracken, in 1876, the writer of our national anthem, wrote these words for the second verse, "[Men] of every creed and race, Gather here before Thy face, Asking Thee to bless this place, God defend our free land. From dissension, envy, hate..." These words are at the heart of what we desire as a church as we today remember with great sadness the fifty-one lives that were lost so terribly as Muslims gathered together for Friday prayers, a year ago. Today in our services, we will be praying for the family and friends left behind and for the hope of the Gospel that is so needed in our country, especially for those who carry 'dissension, envy, hate' in their hearts. Gareth will lead us in prayer at each of our services, while Josh will honour the victims' memory in his sermon, as we continue our journey through Lent and what it means for us to be in exile.

### March 18, 2020 – St. George's AGM

With this aspiration in our hearts, this week, we also wish to remind you that we will be holding our **AGM on Wednesday, 18th of March 2020, at 7.30pm**. It would be great to see you there. It is good to report that this year, we have been environmentally-friendly and sent out **the AGM booklet via e-mail for the first time**. As Anglicans who 'care for God's good creation', we think that this is an important thing. Thanks so much to Lisa in the office for doing such a fantastic job of compiling it all and for those who submitted reports. **We encourage you to read them!** We will have some paper copies available for you to read along with some further printed booklets that add detail to the financial report and budget for the coming year. We can also report that we have had good nominations come through and that we are well-placed for another strong Vestry. If you would like to be able to vote, just a **wee reminder that you do need to be on the Parish Roll and this needs to be done by filling out a Parish Roll form which you will find at the back of church today**.

### ESOL-2020

We would also like you to continue to hold the ESOL community in your prayers. The ESOL Tuesday morning classes got underway, with smaller numbers this week, with some of our overseas folk still waiting for clearance to return to New Zealand. Please pray for the teachers and the students as they negotiate, what is obviously a very difficult time for this kind of ministry. Please pray that in the midst of this, they would know the real presence of God, Our Comforter and also the hope through suffering, that Christ offers us all.

### Removal of Carpet in the Hall Lounge

From a very practical perspective, please be aware that on Wednesday **the carpet in the café/hall lounge, was removed for the purpose of sanding and polishing the wooden floor underneath**. In the meantime, and until the flooring is sanded and polished during the Easter break, we have some temporary carpets that have been put in their place. Please be aware of the change in the flooring when using the space in this in-between time.

Peace and grace, **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.

Kia Ora E Te Whānau,

This **Sunday, 15 March**, we will be continuing our series on the **Book of Genesis**, talking about the story of Joseph.

**Friday, 10 April – Monday, 13 April 2020 is E-Fest.**

This is **AYM's Easter camp**. This is a great opportunity to get away for a bit with a bunch of other youth. Oscar is one of the directors this year so it will definitely be a good time. Sign up at: <http://aym.org.nz/events/e-fest> it is not unusual for this to sell out!

**Friday, 3 April**, we will be going to see **Millie Eaton's** school production of **Chicago!** Tickets will either be \$20 or \$30. Please RSVP so we can book tickets collectively as it is assigned seating, talk to one of the leaders or text Callum on 022 072 3985.

**Youth Leadership Team - Oscar, Jess, Ajit and Callum**



Hi families,

This week we are taking a break from our detective theme and we start four weeks focusing on **Easter** and working on the installation.

Our theme is **"He is Risen"**.

We are excited to look forward to celebrating Easter together.

**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.**

### Weekend Retreat - Homecoming

**Being Present to yourself, your family and God**

Jesus' parable of *The Prodigal Son* (Lk 15) is one of the most profound insights to the nature of God's compassionate and unconditional love for us. We will explore the spiritual reflections by Henri Nouwen on Rembrandt's painting of the homecoming scene of the younger rebellious son. These valuable spiritual insights can serve to increase our hunger and thirst for a deeper union with God on our interior journey of transformation.

During this weekend retreat, there will be talks, sharing, small group discussion, and times for reflection through silence, prayer and meditation.

**Presenter:** EAMON BUTLER

**Date:** Friday, 27 March, 7.00-9.00pm  
Saturday, 28 March, 9.30am-8.30pm  
Sunday, 29 March, 9.30am-12.30pm

**Venue:** Mercy Spirituality Centre  
**Fee:** \$160 incl. meals on Saturday  
\$230 incl. accommodation Fri & Sat

Please see noticeboard for more details or contact [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) if you would like to register or feel free pass on to any interested parties.



### 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. Our first is on the

**28 March: Historic Church, Birkdale - 15 kilometres**

These events are not intended solely for the congregation. Please feel free to invite any friends.

For registration and enquiries phone Greg Smith 524 2926 or email [gregskelbrooke@gmail.com](mailto:gregskelbrooke@gmail.com)

