

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.



Working Bee this Week!



The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 11th March** between 9am & 12 noon!



9am Congregation - Today

Please join us after the 9am service every **second and fourth Sunday of the month** for morning tea in the hall.
Everyone welcome!



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

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



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

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 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, 8 March
7.45am - 9.00am - 10.45am

THEME: “Exile - “Jesus’ Example”

SPEAKER: Rev. Kate Berkley

READINGS: Isaiah 49:8-12; Philippians 2:6-8; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-21

VERSE OF THE DAY: Exodus 15:13 *“In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed; you guided them by your strength to your holy abode.”*

Sunday 7pm Service - In the church hall

‘Tables of Content...’

Entree: Jax Clark will be reporting back on Ihumātao

Mains: Dr. Simon Thornley, epidemiologist, speaks and leads discussion on God’s good food...

We meet at 7pm with tea and coffee and begin at 7.15pm.

Everyone is welcome.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES, 11 March
10.00am

Speaker: Judy Carey - “God’s Glory”

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

Speaker: Rev. Josh Jones

**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

To many followers of Jesus from a Protestant or Reformed tradition the idea of **'Lent'** can be regarded as a Catholic 'hand-me-down' that focuses on what we do for Christ, rather than what Christ has done for us. Our view here at St. George's, along with an increasing number of Protestant churches, is that each tradition can offer us a treasure trove of gifts that can positively affect our formation to become more like Jesus. We see Lent as a time when we slow down, and take time to sincerely and prayerfully search the Scriptures and consider those aspects in our lives, which in the light of Christ's grace on the Cross need the transforming work of the Spirit; places where we need in the true sense, **'Reformation'**. This week, we continue the journey with Kate Berkley into our Lenten theme of **'Exile'** and consider in what ways we find ourselves in 'exile'. This week, Kate will be exploring Jesus' own experience of being in exile and what that means for us. Our prayer is that as we dedicate ourselves to Christ in this series and over Lent, we will find new ways in which we are being called to a deeper walk with Him and His world. A reminder if you haven't yet seen, the excellent introductory video on **'Exile' by the Bible Project**, we encourage you to 'Google' it or find it in last week's E-news.

St. George's AGM - Wednesday, 18th March at 7.30pm in the church

This is a very important night in the life of this church community, so please can we encourage you to be there for this evening together. As always, we want to make this a time when we not only take care of the crucial governance side of our community life, but also celebrate the work of God among us. We have much to be grateful for at St. George's and this is an opportunity for us to come together across the congregations to share in our story as we begin to fully enter 2020.

If you are not on our **Parish Roll**, please complete an application form and hand it into the office or give it to a clergy on Sunday so we can up-date the 2020 document. This will give you the opportunity to have a voice on the night by voting in the various proposals and motions of the evening.

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 nominee's statements, into the office no later than **noon on Wednesday, 11th March**. The forms can be emailed to office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz, but original forms must be handed in to the office before the AGM. Thank you.

Tuesday ESOL Language Classes and Thursday Bible Study to resume this coming week

Just to remind you, that we are pleased to announce that the ESOL Language classes and Thursday Bible classes will be resuming this coming week. Please pray for Rose Cooper who is recovering from last week's appendectomy. Rose and her husband Tim, play a key role in helping to oversee St. George's ESOL ministry. We look forward to seeing people returning to this important ministry from our surrounding community and ask for your prayers for the teachers who staff it and their care for those that come. We are keen to continue to be a church that supports this vital ministry in every way we can.

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.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.

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 Oscar continues our series on the Book of Genesis, talking about Jacob and Esau.

This Easter we are back at E-Fest! Last year was a great chance to worship, explore our faith and grow in community so we encourage you to come along. Register by the **9th of March and you'll get \$20 off!** aym.org.nz/events/e-fest
Youth Leadership Team - Oscar, Jess, Ajit and Callum



Hi families,

This week we have a super special detective guest coming to join us. He will definitely be able to solve wink murder, but he also might just have some of the answers to the big mysteries and tricky questions we have been talking about!

Come and find out!!

Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch Team



Miriam Tillman - NZCMS

Miriam is the pharmacist working at the Hospital of Hope in Mango, Togo. The Hospital of Hope has 65 beds and serves the people of Togo, as well as neighbouring Benin, Burkina Faso, and Ghana. It is a medical, surgical, acute care and regional trauma centre facility. Miriam runs the hospital's pharmacy and also trains the local pharmacy technicians. Please pray Miriam would be blessed in her work in West Africa and in all aspects of her life there.

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 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.

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**.

