

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 8.30am and 10.00am 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.



Curious about the Alpha Course?

To find out more come along to the first session (and meal) on **Wednesday, 12 August at 6.30pm to 30 St Andrews Rd, Epsom**

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- ◆ People wanting to investigate Christianity
- ◆ Newcomers to the church
- ◆ Those who want to brush up on the basics

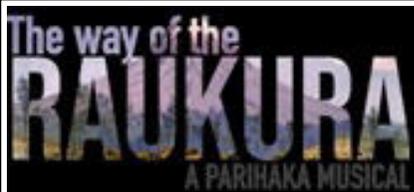
Please **RSVP by August 10th**, either email the church office: office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz or contact Rod & Penny Kestle, ph: 630 6531, mob: 027 257 5525, email: pmkestle@gmail.com



Kiwi Pilgrimage - 7 August

Destination: Waikumete Cemetery 1918 Pandemic Monument

See church notice board, e-news or website for further details
To register your interest, phone Greg Smith on 524 2925 or email: gregskelbrooke@gmail.com



The Way of the Raukura tells the story of a wanted murderer who flees to Parihaka, and his journey in the pacifist village until it is invaded by an army. A tale of resilience and heartbreak, courage and loss, the musical focuses on the inspiring response of the Parihaka village and the relationships between the lead characters as they bravely face an uncertain future.

Starring our very own Gareth Walters!

Performance dates: 11-19 September 2020.

For tickets, go to: <https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=RAUKURA20>

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 KidsChurch Mid-winter Christmas Party

**Saturday, 22nd August
5pm - 7pm**

Come dressed 'festive' and join us for a fun night of games and a yummy Christmas dinner.

\$5/person or \$20/family

Please RSVP for catering to Hayley at stgeorges.mainlymusic@gmail.com



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

SUNDAY SERVICES, 2 August

8.30am - 10.15am

THEME: "Love One Another"

SPEAKER: Josh Jones

READINGS: Proverbs 3:3-4; Colossians 3:12-17; John 13:31-38

VERSE OF THE DAY: John 13:34-35 "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

St G's @ 5pm (informal church).

"Just Imagine"

Our use of the imagination to foster a deeper relationship with God, prayer and living imaginatively.

Come and join us in St. George's hall @ 5pm for tea or coffee! See you there.

Everyone welcome.

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 5 August

10.00am

Speaker: Glenys Brookbanks - "The Ark of Promise - The Ship of Faith"

SUNDAY SERVICES, 9 August

8.30am - 10.15am

Speaker: Jeremy Woods - "One Another"

**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 Kate

It was great to hear from Chris Clarke last Sunday. He explored a fresh retelling of the gospel narrative of the encounter between Jesus, the Pharisees and the woman caught in adultery. It profoundly illustrated the new sermon series that we have begun, **"One Another"**. Jesus intentionally paused, prayed and took a posture of grace and humility, rather than a position of judgment. We live in an increasingly polarised world, where the predominant reaction to a challenging situation, or in a conflict, is "fire, ready, aim". We shouldn't underestimate the power of pausing and having a posture of love towards one another, rather than a position of wanting to win or come out on top.

We are delighted that our St. George's whanau demonstrate so many creative ways of loving one another. The most obvious example is our strong Life Group ministry. We have 14 Life Groups which meet in one another's homes and provide an environment of friendship, support and prayer. I love getting encouraging feedback about how Life Groups are going, and just recently I heard from one Life Group that they have had a couple of new members join. They have been welcomed in and the whole group is humming! If you are interested in joining or leading a Life Group please get in touch with any member of the leadership team.

We are also hearing great feedback about the **"Dinners in Homes"** initiative, led by Julie Macdonald and members of the Pastoral Care team. What a simple and joyful expression of loving one another! We share a meal together and build relationships across our different congregations in one another's homes. It is wonderful when people get to meet others who they wouldn't ordinarily encounter on a Sunday. There is still an opportunity to get involved in the August and September dinners (and Sunday lunches).

Finally, this afternoon, the KidsChurch team are offering an afternoon of free babysitting to support our families. I am personally excited that my kids can continue to play with their friends in a safe and fun place, while I get to spend some quality kid-free time with my ever-patient husband. As a parent, I appreciate the work that Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch team do to care for the families of St. George's.

Kate and the St. George's leadership team

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).

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.

This Friday (7th) we are heading to Sylvia Park, drop off @ 7pm at the Kmart entrance to the mall. Oscar, Callum and Ajit will be there waiting.

Pick up at 9pm will be at the same place.

Today we continue our exploration of prayer by dipping into the Lord's Prayer.

Finally, please join with us to pray. Over the month of August, we have our **Snow Camp weekend of 14th-16th**, and then our leaders and some of our senior youth are off to **Wellington for The Abbey the weekend of 21st-23rd**.

Please pray for preparations and safe travel, for the Holy Spirit to be tangibly close and transform us as we engage in worship and prayer, community building and fun.

Thanks, **Ajit, Oscar, Callum and Steph**.



Hi families,

We are continuing with our detective

'Case for Faith' theme this week.

Come with your gloves, notebook, magnifying glass and your brain to do some finding out about what's in the Bible!!

Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch Team



Dee Jones - Community Development - Kasempa, Zambia.

As part of the **"Kasempa Foundations"** project, Dee has a vision to develop a multi-purpose building that could be used to teach Foundations for Farming, nutrition and hygiene. Dee requests prayer as she seeks to move forward with developing the "Kasempa Foundations" project.

Picture: Soap making, Kasempa style.



Join St. George's women for

**Wahine auaha
(creative women)**

August 29, 2020 from 9.30am - 3.00pm

St. John's Theological College,
202-210 St. John's Rd, St. John's.

RSVP kateb@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz



Dinners and Lunch in Homes – August Registrations

Please send in your registration for August by Tuesday, August 11th to Julie Macdonald, duju@xtra.co.nz.

Everyone is welcome.

Pre-Election Referendum Forums

St. Andrew's Epsom are holding two forums that seek to inform the community about these two contentious issues.

End of Life Choice – 7pm, Monday, 3rd August 2020
Cannabis Legalisation and Control – 7pm, Monday, 17th August 2020

At 100 St. Andrews Rd, Epsom in the parish hall,
please RSVP to office@standrewsepsom.org.nz or call 638 8264

**WHAT AM I
VOTING ON?**