

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.



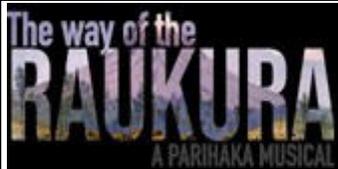
Alpha Course

Beginning this week on **Wednesday, 12 August at 6.30pm**, you are invited to come along to the first session at **30 St Andrews Rd, Epsom**

This 10-week course is especially for those who are:

- ♦ Wanting to explore Christianity.
- ♦ Thinking there has to be more to Christianity than what I'm experiencing.
- ♦ Wanting to brush up on the basics.

All sessions begin with a meal, contact Rod or Penny Kestle on 630 6531, 027 257 5525 or pmkestle@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>

Working Bee this Week!



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



Reminder - St. G's Housekeeping

This is just a gentle reminder to everyone who uses the St. George's facilities to double check before they leave, that everything is left clean and tidy for the next group. Lights and air conditioning are turned off, doors and windows are shut and locked with the alarm set.

If you use the music area in the church, please leave it tidy, as you found everything, with instruments and amps correctly plugged in for the next group.

If you use the sound system in the hall or church, they also need to be turned off after use.

Over the last few weeks we have had different areas left unlocked, unalarmed, lights and air conditioning left on, some areas left messy or dirty from food.

Please note: The hall air con units are close to each other, sometimes when turning one unit off, it will turn the one next to it on, take a moment to double check them all before you head off.

Thank you so much to everyone for your help with this, it is very much appreciated.



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, 9 August

8.30am - 10.15am

THEME: "Love One Another"

SPEAKER: Jeremy Woods

READINGS: Hebrews 10:19-25; John 13:1-17

VERSE OF THE DAY: Hebrews 10:24 "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds."

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

Come and join us for an informal, café style church service in St. George's hall @ 5pm for tea or coffee!

See you there.

Everyone welcome.

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 12 August

10.00am

Speaker: Judy Carey - "Paul on the road to Heaven.", Acts 9

SUNDAY SERVICES, 16 August

8.30am - 10.15am

Speaker: Chris Clarke - "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 JOSH

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.”

Hebrews 10:24-25

A flower that receives very little water will begin to wilt, which I've often observed is much like the human spirit deprived of encouragement. A telling feature of St Paul's letters is how many times he encourages the early church communities. Yes, Paul could issue a strong challenge when needed but so often he sent words such as these from Thessalonians 5:11, **“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”**

St Barnabas (meaning son of encouragement) is the patron Saint of this beautiful life-giving spirit that any church community reflecting the image and the heartbeat of the Holy Trinity must aspire to nurture and cultivate. As we know only too well, there's an awful lot of things in life that can discourage and dishearten us, so this biblical instruction for us to be sons and daughters of encouragement to one another is an important theme to explore together.

Today we look forward to hearing from **Jeremy Woods** who is in on placement to St George's from St John's Theological College, taking Biblical Studies, including studying Hebrew and Greek.

In this spirit of encouragement, it's very heartening to see how many people have taken the time to engage in the various gatherings and ministries of our St G's community.

- The **Dinners in Homes** had nearly 40 people taking part, so a huge thank you to Duncan and Julie Macdonald for their endeavours in bringing people together to share precious table time.
- We have had almost 40 registrations for the **Wahine auaha (creative women)** day at St John's College, which will be a special time together with Esther Chan. We still have room for a few more.
- **ESOL** is returning back to its normal attendance and the spirit among the students is a testimony to all the people who voluntarily give of their time to help people integrate into life in Aotearoa.
- On Friday we have the **Kiwi Pilgrimage to the Waikumete Cemetery** and weather permitting up to 30 people have committed to walking together.
- And on Wednesday night a group of us gathered on Zoom to encourage and show our loving support to our **mission partner Dee Jones in Zambia**.

It does seem that contributing to this desire to engage with 'one another' is perhaps a response to the isolation of the 'lockdown experience'. Perhaps this helped all of us appreciate even more deeply the God given gift of being community, mixed with a sense of blessing of how fortunate we are in Aotearoa to be able to gather without restriction. I certainly have become more deeply aware of how much we need to support and encourage one another as we journey together through life. Look out for other exciting and enriching opportunities to gather as a community in Christ that's up-coming in August and September.

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.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).

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 weekend a large portion of youth group are down at Ruapehu, enjoying the snow, each other and connecting with God. Please continue to pray for us as we journey home together.

Next week we will have **Friday Youth and Youth on Sundays** as usual.

We have moved **Where's Wally?** to early in **Term 4**.

The youth band has resumed practicing under the able leadership of Ajit, they were sounding excellent last Sunday during their practice!

So looking forward to them leading us in worship soon.

Our leaders are heading away to **The Abbey for the weekend of 21st – 23rd August**, please keep us in your prayers as we connect, worship and learn along with a couple of hundred Anglican youth leaders from throughout the motu.

Ajit, Oscar, Callum and Steph.



Hi families,

We are looking at another Bible story that we might feel like we know really well, but with our detective eyes and brains, maybe we will learn something more!!

Come ready to use your magnifying glass, gloves and notebook!!

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 Intl./ Communications NZ

Also supporting Alongsiders



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@stgeorgeseepsom.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 their second forum that seeks to inform the community about this contentious issue.

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.

For more info, please see the church notice board.

