

### 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](mailto: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.



### Auckland City Mission - Be Someone's Angel this Christmas

St George's will again be helping the Auckland City Mission to make Christmas special for families in need, by collecting Christmas gifts for the **Auckland Angel appeal.**

If you'd like to be someone's Angel this Christmas, please drop off your donation of a **new un-wrapped gift at the church office collection point.**

All donations will be picked up from **Monday, 23rd November.** See next weeks e-news or church notice board for more details.

**Thank you for your generous support this Christmas.**



### St G's Men's Annual Retreat 2020

20-21 November, Vaughan Park, Long Bay.

**I AM BECAUSE WE ARE**

**Price: \$150** (Students and those not staying over Friday night \$100) Includes all meals and accommodation.

To book a place, make full payment into **12-3011-0590994-01**

Particulars: **Ubuntu**, Ref: **<your name>**

and email **steve.barnett.clear@gmail.com**

For more info see the church notice board or email Steve directly.



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: 31 October-7 November 2020.**

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

### 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)



**ESOL Classes** are held on Tuesdays in the church hall from 10am till 12 noon during school terms. Six levels from beginner to advanced. Morning tea provided. For more information please contact Rose Cooper on 021 170 7070, email [rosecooper2000@gmail.com](mailto:rosecooper2000@gmail.com) or just come along.

**ESOL Bible Study Classes** are held on Thursday mornings, from 10am till 12 noon. Morning tea is provided, there are 2 class levels. Please contact David Wood on 908 3202 or [dandlwood@gmail.com](mailto:dandlwood@gmail.com)

### Saturday Morning Prayers

Every Saturday, during term time, a group of people get together to pray for all areas of church life.

You are very welcome to join this group at any time.

**8am - 9am** in the Pastoral Care Room

Enquiries: **Malcolm Taylor - 027 499 7749**



# THE DAILY EXAMEN



st George's EPSOM

## Christ in Uncertain Times

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

**SUNDAY SERVICES, 1 November**

**8.30am - 10.15am**

**THEME:** "Christ in Uncertain Times"

**SPEAKER:** Lynette Eaton

**READINGS:** Psalm 13; John 11:17-37

**VERSE OF THE DAY:** John 11:35 "Then Jesus wept."

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 4 November**

**10.00am**

**Speaker:** Judy Carey - "Acts 11 - The call for Paul"

**SUNDAY SERVICES, 8 November**

**8.30am - 10.15am**

**Speaker:** Sandy Robertson - "Christ in the Workplace"

**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

We come to the final week of our six-week series "**Christ in Uncertain Times**" and from the feedback we've received, it's been a hugely rewarding series. Many of you have commented on the reminder it's given for two important aspects for our faith journey. Firstly, the rich and deep wisdom that is contained in these encounters with Jesus, that bring restoration and transformation. Secondly, just how important these time honoured Christian Spiritual practices that we've explored in the series, actually are for our daily formation and spiritual well-being in Christ.

Today we welcome our very own Lynette Eaton, who is a core and inspirational part of our Children and Families Team. Alongside this, Lynette's main occupation is in the Neo Natal and Paediatric Intensive Care Units at Starship Children's Hospital, here in Auckland. Which means that Lynette's work often encompasses very difficult and sometimes heart-breaking situations.

It's from the reality of this experience that Lynette will explore the challenge we all come across in life, of finding hope in the 'tears of things', in our sufferings. **LAMENT** is part of our human condition that's woven into the fabric of our biblical tradition, especially in the Psalms. It's when we cry out "why Lord?" and don't appear to be getting an answer. Think of lines such as "*Why do you hide yourself from me in times of trouble Lord?*", "*How long, O Lord?*" and of course, Jesus own cry of lament on the Cross, "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*" from Psalm 22. It's an aspect of our Christian spirituality that hasn't always been fully understood and at times neglected. Lynette will also share her own experience of the ancient Christian practice of Journaling, and how this can help us to express our own feelings of lament and to recognise God's presence in the fog of our own anguish, so we look forward to hearing from Lynette today.

### **SPIRITUALITY OF MUSIC NIGHT - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14TH**

Can we urge you to put this date in your diaries and to think about inviting a friend. It will be a wonderful opportunity to end the year of 2020 on a note of community celebration and the sacred gift of music. Since we began these musical exploration occasions (the first being at St George's almost 4 years ago), we've since played at many different venues and the response has been immensely gratifying. In a year that has taken away so many opportunities of coming together for community occasions, our hope is that this will be an evening of joy and celebration. There will be mulled wine and mince pies to accompany the occasion and all proceeds from the koha will be split between launching our own Church Roof Appeal and another cause of need in our surrounding community.

### **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](http://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.**

We're back at Sunday Youth, see ya in church at 10.15!

This coming Friday we are heading to Mini Golf.

Finally, clear the calendar and lock it in!

**December 4-6<sup>th</sup> – Summer, Sun, Fun, Faith, Friends!**

**Steph, Oscar, Ajit and Callum**



Hi families,

It is so great to be seeing you guys again!

We are enjoying meeting up in real life and having the opportunity to chat with each other about the things we are learning.

We are about to finish our detective theme '**Case for Christ**' with this last week looking at the idea of God being with us in the tough times or in the times we don't understand. **Life isn't always easy, but God is always there!!**

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Blessings

**Lynette, Hayley, Steph and the Kids Ministry Team**

**Dee Jones, Zambia, Foundations for Farming - working with SIM**

This week, to acknowledge Dee's return to NZ, we have a card you are welcome to sign after this morning's services.

Please see the "missions table" where you can write Dee a message and sign the card.

**Please pray for our other partners working overseas.**

**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**



## **THE SPIRITUALITY OF MUSIC NIGHT**

**Josh Jones & The Secret Chords**

**ST GEORGE'S CHURCH**

**19 Ranfurly Rd, Epsom**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**7.30 pm**

**A celebration & exploration of the power of music to transcend barriers of language, culture, age & race.**

**Featuring music by the Beatles, Dylan, Coldplay Leonard Cohen, U2 & self composed songs**

**Entry by koha - includes refreshments**

**Working Bee this Week!**

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 4 November** between 9am & 12 noon!

