

## 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.



## Memorial Service for Daphne French

Sadly, much loved wife of Norman French, a former Vicar of St. George's, has passed away.

There will be a delayed memorial service for Daphne on

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1pm at  
St. Mary's Cathedral, 446 Parnell Rd, Parnell.**



## Congregation Morning Tea Today!

You are warmly invited to join us for morning tea after both the 8.30am and 10.15am services in the church hall.

**Everyone Welcome!**



## General Election Advance Voting at St George's

We have advance voting at St George's in the youth rooms. Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

On election day, **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> October**, voting will take place in the church hall from 9am.



## Ranfurly / Manukau Rd Intersection Road Closure Up-date

The **Water Supply Improvement Works** are underway again on Ranfurly Rd. The intersection will be closed until **7pm on Wednesday, 31st March 2021**. Please see noticeboard for more info.



## St. George's 2020 Contact List Book

Our 2020 Contact List book is now available. Please help yourself to one from the back of the church.



## 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)



## Christ in

## Uncertain Times

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

**SUNDAY SERVICES, 11 October  
8.30am - 10.15am**

**THEME:** “Christ in Uncertain Times”

**SPEAKER:** Grant Norsworthy

**READINGS:** Numbers 6:24-26; Matthew 25:31-40

**VERSE OF THE DAY: Matthew 5:3** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 14 October  
10.00am**

**Speaker: Judy Carey - “Acts 9”**

**SUNDAY SERVICES, 18 October  
8.30am - 10.15am**

**Speaker: Karen Spoelstra - “Christ in Uncertain Times”**

**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

*“Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.  
Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.”*

Ephesians 5:14

**WELCOME BACK TO OUR GATHERED CHURCH!** Those five words feel so good to write and say. Our ONLINE services have been a wonderful source of connection and nourishment, but the whole purpose of our faith walk in Christ is to be a gathered community as the body of Christ. We are God’s people, the Spirit’s temple, the vine’s branch, the kingdom’s citizens, seeking to go deeper in our understanding and living out of God’s wisdom and grace.

As a celebration of our return, today we welcome **Grant Norsworthy**, who has travelled from Nelson to be with us this morning. Grant led more than 200 Kiwi singers, instrumentalists and technicians to produce **The Blessing Aotearoa/New Zealand** song and virtual choir YouTube video. It feels a real blessing for us to have Grant with us on our first Sunday back as a gathered people and we look forward very much to hearing him speak and lead us in singing **‘A Blessing’**.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the many who have sent us words of encouragement at this challenging time. The feedback to our online services, in particular, has been an enormous source of inspiration to us all and we will endeavour to keep the Online service a weekly staple of our ministry, as we did when we returned after the first lockdown. Any church who is not engaged in the online conversation will find it increasingly difficult to stay relevant and grow, so we see this as a core vision aspiration. Thank you everyone involved in the putting together of the video’s and who have contributed to the beautiful spirit of worship for these services.

I would also like to say a personal thank you for the time people have taken to send their words of support for us as a family. There are few words left to express the challenge that has been the journey of 2020, but we are as passionate and as committed to our St George’s whanau as we have ever been. More than at any other time, the world and this nation needs the message of hope and the Gospel of Christ. This church community has a crucial role to play in this mission and my own heart beats as strongly as it ever did to be part of a community that aspires to live this out. To be the voice of compassion, reason, grace and truth that we see embodied in every thought, word and action of Jesus Christ. God has always been the God of providence and if we stay rooted in Christ, constant in prayer and under the Spirit’s guidance, then we can be sure and certain that **“with God all things are possible”**.

### 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.

This Sunday youth group will gather with Kids Ministry to connect and have some fun on our first week back of the new term.

**See you at the 10.15am service, we will gather in the hall straight off and head into church in time for communion.**

**Friday Youth** resumes on **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October**, we will start the term with a bit of fun before Labour Weekend!  
Watch this space for more details.

In the meantime, a reminder to sign up for **ReConnect** on **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October!** ReConnect is a fun day out for all of youth group, born out of E-fest, it will be filled with crazy games, awesome worship and good friends. It’s just \$20.00 for the day and includes lunch and dinner. It’s a full day, starting at **9.00am at Willow Park, Eastern Beach**, finishing up at 8.30pm. See this weeks E-news for the E-fest link.

**Enjoy your last week of holidays!**  
**Steph, Ajit, Callum & Oscar**



Hi families,

Welcome back for term 4, and many new adventures!  
This week we are gathering in the hall at 10.15am as church starts, then heading into church in time for communion.  
We’ve got heaps of fun lined up for the morning, so we are looking forward to seeing you all.

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

### Miriam, Pharmacist at the Hospital of Hope, Toga

Please pray for **Miriam**, specifically that she may continue in good health and that she would know God’s love and joy, as she works in her challenging role.

### Dee, Community Development, Rural Zambia.

Please pray for **Dee**, she will be leaving her home in Kasempa in the next week or two. Pray that she manages to get everything done that needs to be done. On leaving Kasempa, Dee will drive to Lusaka, she will spend a few weeks in Lusaka before flying to NZ for her home assignment. Please pray for Dee as she spends two weeks in Lusaka before leaving for NZ and for safe travels home.

### Sarah, For Freedom, SIM

Please pray for **Sarah** as she continues her global work with **“For Freedom”** (SIM’s anti-trafficking and exploitation ministry).



## 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