

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.



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 church notice board or email Steve directly.

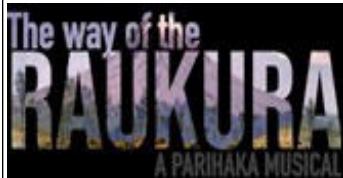


NZCMS (New Zealand Church Missionary Society)

Next fellowship meeting

Date: Tuesday, 27th October 2020 Time: 10am Venue: Selwyn Village, Point Chevalier, "Music Room"

Speaker: Anetta Osborn - SUNZ (Scripture Union) Contact: Lea Tovey on 528 7773.



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.



THE SPIRITUALITY OF MUSIC NIGHT

Josh Jones & The Secret Chords

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

19 Ranfurly Rd, Epsom

Saturday 14th 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

THE DAILY EXAMEN

st george's EPSOM

Christ in Uncertain Times

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

SUNDAY SERVICES, 25 October

8.30am - 10.15am

THEME: "Christ in Uncertain Times"

SPEAKER: Josh Jones

READINGS: Leviticus 15:25-31; Luke 8:43-45; Matthew 8:1-3 & 8:5-7; Mark 8:22-25

VERSE OF THE DAY: **Matthew 8:2** "Lord," the man with leprosy said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!"

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 28 October

10.00am

Speaker: Glenys Brookbanks - Healing Service
"The Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Life."

SUNDAY SERVICES, 1 November

8.30am - 10.15am

Speaker: Lynette Eaton - "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

Like all of you, this year has presented me with many challenges. If nothing else, 2020 has been a year of huge transition for all of us. We have all been required to adapt to changing ways of doing our jobs, relationships, life, and of course church. For us here at St George's we have had to adapt to the transition of Gareth and Kate following God's calling to a different Kingdom arena of life. Many people have kindly asked me 'how I am doing' in these transitions. My answer is always the same, I am as passionate about the privilege of belonging to a church community in Christ as I've ever been. Now more than ever there is a huge need for spaces where people can come together and gather, to share this journey of life and faith. Life affirming spaces, where healing and wholeness can happen for people searching for a deeper connection and meaning. Many of us are carrying anxieties and wounds from this journey of 2020, so a community who commit to gathering in the name of the ONE who heals, restores and redeems, I believe, is of crucial importance for everyone. We are all wounded in various ways and in varying degrees. But we also have the potential to be 'wounded healers' who can walk alongside each other in the Spirit's love and encouragement for these times.

Today I want to reflect on the power of a church community who embody the Spirit and Way of Christ to the world. The Christian disciplines of **Fellowship, Community, Study and Obedience**. How can a community who gather to study and be obedient to the teachings and way of Christ, inspire and nurture not only our own faith walk, but also be a blessing to and for others?

Since I came to faith 20 years ago, I've had the enormous privilege to belong to two church communities, St Martin's in the City Centre of Birmingham for 10 years and then here at St George's for the past 10 years. Although in some respects they have different church paradigms in which to minister and do mission, they also have one core characteristic that has made the journey for Kim and myself, at both communities, so life giving and nurtured a deepening of our faith. Both church communities aspire to a '**spirit of authenticity**', which for us personally was so crucial in our tentative exploration of Christianity back at the beginning. All of this has left me as passionate and committed as ever, to be part of a vision for church that reflects the Life and Way of Christ that we have been exploring in this sermon series.

Way back at the start of our Christian journey, I came across the following words that capture beautifully, this vision and spirit for any church community and they are as relevant today as they were when I first read them.

If this is not a place where tears are understood,
where do I go to cry?

If this is not a place where my spirits can take wing,
where do I go to fly?

If this is not a place where my questions can be asked,
where do I go to seek?

If this is not a place where my feelings can be heard,
where do I go to speak?

If this is not a place you'll accept me as I am,
where do I go to be me?

St. George's leadership team

- 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 is **Labour Weekend**, so youth ministries will be taking a break as many of you will be away, having adventures or studying!

Back in force next week with **Friday night and Sunday!**

We have our first Diocesan Youth Ministry event, since February, on Saturday of Labour Weekend, with ministry and community time for our leaders on the Friday night!

Your prayers for this event would be much appreciated.

Steph, Ajit, Oscar and Callum



Hi families,

This week is **Labour Weekend** and knowing that lots of people will be away, we would love any of you that are around to join us in church for the service.

The kids are welcome to activity sheets at the back and the creche is available for our little kids.

We look forward to seeing you again next week.
Lynette, Hayley, Steph and the Kids Ministry Team

From Dee Jones - Home on Furlough "I know this is going to be a surprise for most of you, last Wednesday I arrived in New Zealand for a five month furlough. Preparing for travel in these uncertain times of COVID filled me with apprehension and uncertainty as to whether the Zambian borders would remain open long enough for me to depart and whether or not I would remain COVID free in order to travel. In my place of ministry, there is no social distancing, no withholding handshakes and no masks worn. So I am very thankful to be home and somehow enjoying the managed isolation at the Ibis in Ellerslie. My plans are to rest until after Christmas and then begin deputation in the New Year. I will be around off and on so I hope to see you soon after I am discharged from isolation. **God bless you.**"



JUSTICE CONFERENCE WATCH PARTY

On October 31st we will be holding a **Watch Party** at St George's, linking up with many other Churches involved in this important event of the **Justice Conference**.

It will take place throughout the Saturday so feel free to come along at a time that works for you to take part and support this occasion.

See this weeks e-news or the church noticeboard for more details on who is speaking and when.



Don't forget morning tea in the hall after both services today.
Everyone welcome.

