

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.



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.



Calling All Singers

We would love to form an informal choir from some willing people to sing some selected songs (mainly chorus parts e.g Hallelujah) for the **Spirituality of Music Night.**
Saturday, November 14th from 7.30pm onwards.

Anyone who is interested please contact **Ken Leech** ken.leech@gmail.com

There will be one night for a rehearsal on Thursday, 12th at 7.30pm.

We are keeping this very simple to fit with the spirit of the whole evening



Mainly Music

School Term: Every Friday from 9.30am in the Church Hall

Enquiries: please contact **Hayley Lewis** on 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 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

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**



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STORIES OF

HOPE

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

SUNDAY SERVICES, 8 November

8.30am - 10.15am

THEME: *“Christ in the Workplace”*

SPEAKER: Sandy Robertson

READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-4; Mark 4

VERSE OF THE DAY: Proverbs 3:5-6 *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”*

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 11 November
10.00am

Speaker: Judy Carey - *“Acts 12 - A Gruesome End”*

SUNDAY SERVICES, 15 November
8.30am - 10.15am

Speaker: NayHouy Greenfield *“from Alongsiders International”*

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

Today we begin a new sermon series. "**Stories of Hope**". Last week, Lynette very honestly and movingly talked about making hope a decision. Now more than ever, we need people who have chosen to walk with the spirit of hope at the centre of their lives. As followers of Jesus Christ, hope is at the very foundation of our faith. Not in naïve, let's put on a 'religious happy face' kind of way, but as people holding on firmly to the belief that in the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Christ, there is a deep and profound truth on which we can choose hope, and choose to **be** hope.

This will be our central theme as we journey as a community towards the birth of this Christ hope on Christmas Day.

Today we welcome Rev. Sandy Robertson who has not only been a member of St George's for 7 years, but is also currently the Anglican Chaplain at Diocesan School for Girls here in Epsom, Auckland. Sandy has been at Diocesan School for Girls for 18 years, with 4 years as senior Chaplain, having previously been Head of Department of Religious Studies. It's also the first time Sandy has preached at St G's so we are very excited about this.

Today Sandy will be exploring the Parables of Jesus. What's clearly evident when you read the Gospels is just how much Jesus used the **parables** in his three-year teaching ministry. Equally clear, is how many of them were grounded in everyday life. Jesus used language and illustrations that were completely relevant to people's lives. And of course, the deep truth and wisdom revealed, is as relevant for our lives today, as when Jesus first uttered them.

JOSH'S NEW SONG – VIDEO RELEASED THIS WEEKEND SPIRITUALITY OF MUSIC NIGHT - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14TH

Can we invite you to take a few moments to follow the You Tube Link we sent out on Friday to see the new song and video from Josh ... **'Lost in Awe and Wonder'**.

Can we also invite you to come to the **Spirituality of Music Night** 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

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 we are gathering together with KidsChurch to explore our **Christmas Journey**, we'd love as many of you as possible to be there to understand what's happening.

Next week Friday youth is back in the youth rooms and we are **Weaving to Succeed Together!**

Also, keep an eye out for links to register for **Summer Camp 4-6th Dec.**
Steph, Callum, Ajit and Oscar



Hi families,

This Sunday we are going to introduce to the kids what the Christmas play is all about!!!

Over the next few weeks we will be exploring the ideas of **'waiting'** and how that fits into the **Christmas story**.

We are excited to do things a bit differently this year and will be doing some recording so that the play is partly live and partly on screen!

See you on Sunday!!

Lynette, Hayley, Steph and the Kids Ministry Team

Leangna - Dental Student in Phnom Penn, Cambodia.

We, as a church, have been supporting Leangna by paying her tuition fees during seven years of training. She is the wife of the pastor of a church in the slums and had a burden to supply dentistry to those who cannot afford it otherwise. Philip Sussex nominated her as one of his most gifted students and she has been in the top few of her class consistently. She contacted us a few days ago to report that she has passed her final exams and has now graduated! She is so thankful to God for His faithfulness and to those who have supported her. She is now looking forward to sharing her faith with those she will treat.

Please pray for her.



St George's Advent Lunch on the Lawn and a Huge Thank you to Everyone!

Save the date! Sunday, 29th November at 11.45am

We would like to invite you all to the start of **Advent** with lunch on the lawn, which we are combining with our annual **Thank You** event this year.

This year we'd like to thank everyone, not just all our wonderful volunteers, but everyone for your continued support throughout this extraordinarily difficult year.

We appreciate everyone in our St George's community and would like to show that with a gathered lunch.

There will be a pizza truck, with strawberries and cream to finish for all.

Just bring yourselves and enjoy being together.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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