

### 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 10.15am 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.



Today at 5.30pm

# Blue Christmas



Please join us for tea or coffee after the service.



### St George's Christmas Eve Choir and Orchestra

Would you like to sing in the choir or play in the orchestra for our fabulous Christmas Eve services? Rehearsals started on 8th December (for choir) and 16th December (for orchestra).



Please register your interest with Ken Leech by email: [ken.leech@gmail.com](mailto:ken.leech@gmail.com) or txt 021 241 1522



Don't forget morning tea in the hall after the 8.30am service and in the church after the 10.15am service today. Everyone is very welcome.



### St George's Church Car

Our poor, old church car is coming to the end of its life. We were told that the WOF we got in August will be our last. If anyone has or knows of a vehicle that is for sale, is not too expensive, perhaps can take more than 5 people, so our youth ministry can use it too, we would love to hear from you. We'll consider all options. Please let the office know, phone 520 5652 or email [office@stgeorgeseptom.org.nz](mailto:office@stgeorgeseptom.org.nz)



Thank you.

### 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 JOURNEY OF ADVENT

st George's EPSOM



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

SUNDAY SERVICES, 13 December  
8.30am

THEME: “ADVENT FAITH”

SPEAKER: Steph Brook

READINGS: Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2; John 1:1-10

VERSE OF THE DAY: John 1:5 “The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out.”

10.15am

THEME: “ADVENT FAITH”  
SPEAKER: Steph Brook  
Families Christmas Play



WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 16 December  
10.00am

Speaker: Judy Carey - “The Wise Men of Babylon”

SUNDAY SERVICES, 20 December  
8.30am - 10.15am

Speaker: Chris Farrelly - CEO for City Mission - “ADVENT LOVE”

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.

**NEW CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIMES**

As we have communicated, we need to approach our Christmas eve services a little differently this year. The traditional 9pm service with choir and orchestra has become so popular that we have begun to exceed permitted health and safety regulations. This year we will have 2 identical adult focussed services, **both with choir and orchestra at 7.30pm and 9.30pm**. We will also have a **children's and family service at 5.30pm**. Please consider inviting family and friends to these services which have been so well received and become a regular part of many peoples Christmas Eve tradition.

**JANUARY SERVICES**

Our theme for the whole of January will be **'Savouring the Psalms'** as we celebrate and explore these rich treasures of Holy scripture. We will still run the **2 services of 8.30am and 10.15am** throughout this time, but as you will appreciate many of those involved in enabling the services will be away on holiday. This includes those who usually preside for communion and in the worship bands, as well as the office and operation team. We always try to make January a time when we truly practise the biblical principle of the Sabbath for much need rest and restoration, so the two morning services will reflect this approach with the emphasis on a simplicity of worship. For me personally, this will enable a sustainable approach in this time.

**A HEART FELT THANK YOU**

I would like to finish by acknowledging and thanking deeply, everyone in this community in Christ for your faithful presence throughout this year of 2020. It has been a long and at times bumpy journey of deep uncertainty for so many of us, but I've been both humbled and inspired by the way everyone has continued to walk together at this time. The spirit of encouragement, support and solidarity has been huge, and I've always felt the Spirit of God's presence truly among us. For me personally it's been a massive year of transition and I couldn't have managed to sustain this without the love, care and support of so many.

**Josh and the 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.

The year is drawing to a close, today's Christmas Pageant will be our final Sunday youth.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday break.

Our prayers are with you all.

**Steph, Ajit, Oscar and Callum**



Hi families,

**Today is Christmas Pageant day at the 10.15am service!**

We will gather in the hall for an ice cream cone after the service.

**All welcome.**

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



Hi whanau,

**Christmas Services**

We have our usual **Family Christmas service at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve**, if you'd like to gather at 4.30pm and have a picnic on the grass with other families before the service please feel free!

**Christmas Day** is also a **Family Christmas Service at 9.30am.**

**Children and Youth Ministries Return in February.**

Over the holidays we'll have some activities at the back of church for children and young people to do, as they listen to the services.

**Festival One**

A group of us are heading down to **Festival One**, teens are welcome to join the whanau and families are also welcome to join the clan.

Talk to Maree Walters, email [g.m.walters@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:g.m.walters@slingshot.co.nz) or

Steph Brook at [stephb@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz](mailto:stephb@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz)

Tickets are available from <https://www.festival.one>



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

**Dee Jones, Zambia, Foundations for Farming - working with SIM, who is at home in NZ for 5 months furlough at the moment**

**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**



**Important Reminder  
Christmas Eve Service Times!!**

**5.30pm - Family Christmas Service**

**7.30pm and 9.30pm  
Christmas Eve Holy Communion  
With Choir and Orchestra**