

### 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.



**December 13th at 5.30pm**

# Blue Christmas



### 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 start 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@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz](mailto:office@stgeorgesepsom.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, 6 December**

**8.30am - 10.15am**

**THEME: "ADVENT PEACE"**

**SPEAKER:** Jeremy Woods

**READINGS:** Isaiah 40:1-4 & 10-11; 2 Peter 3:8-10; Matthew 25:31-46

**VERSE OF THE DAY: Psalm 85:8-9** *"Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts."*

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 9 December**

**10.00am**

**Speaker:** Warren Brookbanks - *"The Joy of the Incarnation"*

**SUNDAY SERVICES, 13 December**

**8.30am - 10.15am**

**Speaker:** Steph Brook - **"ADVENT JOY"**  
and KidsChurch / Youth Play

**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.**

**"We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps."** Proverbs 16:9

It's been a huge week of encouragement and gratitude of witnessing God's Spirit at work across our community in so many different ways. Last week we heard from Penny Kestle about the remarkable progress of son-in-law Thomas and 9-year old granddaughter Grace. Stories like this are the oxygen of hope that we all need, and we continue to hold their full recovery in our prayers.

**Amazing Response to our Church Roof Fundraising Appeal**

In last Sunday's services I reported that on top of raising \$1,300 from the *Spirituality of Music Night* towards our *Church Roof Fundraising Appeal*, we also received a pledge for \$5,000 from a parishioner. If we wanted encouragement that God's prompting and providence is in this project, later that Sunday I received another email from a parishioner who also donated \$5,000. Then on Tuesday, our predominantly Asian **ESOL community** created a fundraiser out of their own initiative and raised almost \$1,000 to give to the Church Roof project. I find all of this truly the work of God and it's both inspiring and convicting. A very strong sense that we are the privileged people given the task of ensuring that this beautiful house of worship continues to serve our local community and God's mission for present and future generations to come. It's important to stress that we are equally grateful for every contribution however large or small to this project. We are completely aware that everyone has different financial capabilities, which is why the **sponsor a tile scheme** is such a good way for all of us to have a sense of ownership. Let's cover this whole project with constant prayer and an unshakable faith that we can make 2021 an historic year for this community in Christ.

**Welcome Newly Ordained Anglican Priest Jeremy Woods**

Today in our 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the Advent journey we once again welcome Jeremy Woods. Jeremy is on placement at St George's while he finishes his three-year training at St John's Theological College studying Greek and Hebrew. Along with his wife Buzzy and two children Rita May and Sienna, Jeremy has been with us for 2 years now and has just this month undertaken the huge step of being ordained an Anglican Priest down in Wellington by his Bishop, Justin Duckworth. On a personal level I've really enjoyed getting to know Jeremy. To witness the conviction of his calling and the God given gifts that he brings to his ministry serving has been a real pleasure and we look forward to hearing his Advent message today as we light the candle of **'PEACE'**.

**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.stgeorgespsom.org.nz](http://www.stgeorgespsom.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.

**Youth** are away in the sunny Coromandel this weekend, encountering God, connecting with nature and nurturing our relationships. Any young people who are in church and wish to head out, please join KidsChurch who will be practicing and recording the dance and group song we will be performing next week.

**Next Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** we will be meeting at the earlier time of **6.30pm-8.30pm** in the hall for a celebratory meal. We will be welcoming our Year 6 contingent and preparing to say **'see ya later' to Oscar and Ajit.**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**, all those who are involved in the **Magi and Shepherds** scenes for the Christmas Pageant will be needed for a practice from **2pm-4pm in the church**, this is to make sure we have the flow right for the service and everyone knows when to arrive where!

**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** we will be joining the 10.15am service along with KidsChurch, and doing all the usual welcoming and graduating, as well as praying for Oscar and Ajit. Can you please plan to arrive early to ensure plenty of time to get into costumes and have any props you may need.

**Thanks so much for being so willing to go with the flow and be involved.**

**Steph, Ajit, Oscar, and Callum,**



Hi families,  
Thanks so much for all your hard work working with the children getting them ready to video last week! What a talented bunch!

This Sunday we are practicing the dance and worship song and videoing them ready for the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Next **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December** we would love everyone who is involved in the Shepherds scene to come along for a practice from **2pm-4pm in the church**, this is to make sure we have the flow right for the service and everyone knows when to arrive where!

Of course, on **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**, could you plan to arrive early to ensure plenty of time to get into costumes and have any props you may need.

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



**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**