

REFLECTIONS FROM JOSH JONES

A very warm welcome to St George's this morning and it's so good to have you with us. If you are returning from time away we hope that it's been a restful and restorative time of sabbath for you. We are in the 3rd week of our sermon series **'Savouring the Psalms'**. Last week I spoke about the richness of integrating the Psalms into our prayer and worship life for a healthy and balanced spirituality that acknowledges both the **'pain and the praise'** of our human condition and experiences. Today we welcome our very own **Jeannie Blaker** to reflect on Psalm 136 and its central refrain to **"give thanks to the Lord whose love endures forever"**. Jeannie is a qualified and gifted Spiritual Director who regularly takes Christian retreats and gatherings to lead people through the **'contemplative'** aspect of approaching our Christian faith. A tradition that has been part of our Christian faith formation from the very beginning.

*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?*

OUR FOUR CORE VALUES

'He Tangata, He Tangata, He Tangata. It is the people, the people, the people.'

A Place of Grace – A community where everyone can come and be safe, loved and accepted. Everyone is valued and empowered to be the person God intended us to be.

Diversity is a Gift – A life-affirming, life-enhancing community, celebrating our God given differences and growing deeper in our relationship and formation in Jesus Christ.

Creativity and Justice – Encouraging and releasing our creative gifts and advocating the intrinsic value and dignity of all people, the land and all living creatures through the ethos of Kaitiakitanga (Guardianship).

Daring Greatly – Having the courage, trust and vision, to follow the Spirit's leading. To see beyond what we already see, to become more than we already are. To be an outward-focused church, creating pathways into the community and people we are privileged to serve.

Josh and the St. George's Leadership Team.



**STARTS TUESDAY,
9th FEBRUARY at 10am
in the HALL**



**STARTS FRIDAY,
5th FEBRUARY at 9.30am
in the HALL**



Working Bee this Week!

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 20th January** between 9am & 12 noon!!



Plan Your Marriage

not just your wedding

St. George's Marriage Preparation Course

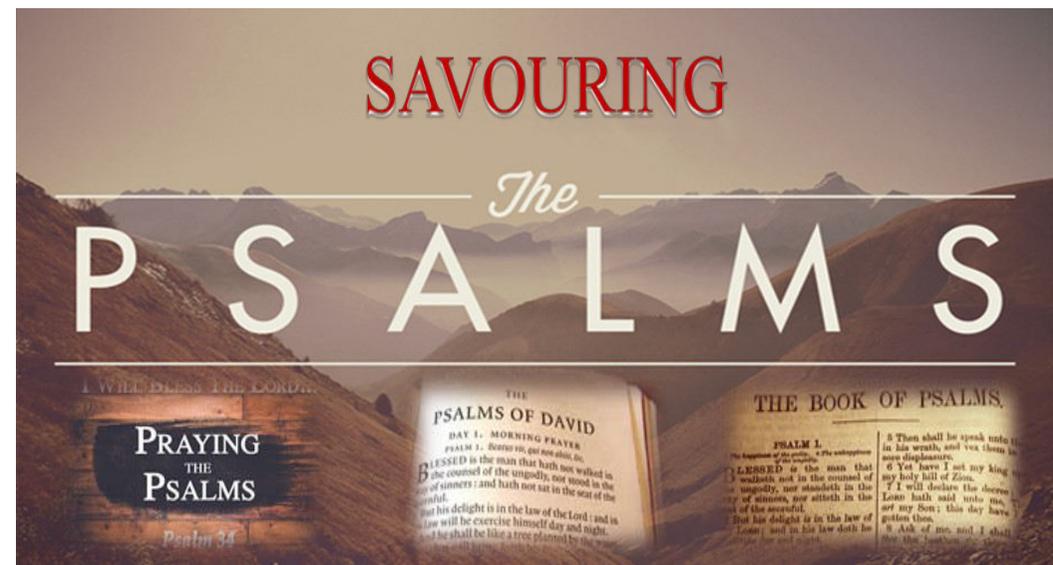
The next St. George's Marriage Preparation Course starts

Wednesday, 27th January 2021

The course covers 5 weeks and will be held by Duncan & Julie Macdonald. If you wish to take part in this excellent course or know of a couple who are getting married in the near future who would like to attend, please contact Julie via email, duju@xtra.co.nz for further details or to enrol.

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.



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

SUNDAY SERVICES, 17 January

8.30am - 10.15am

THEME: “Gods Love Endures Forever”

SPEAKER: Jeannie Blaker

READINGS: Psalm 136

VERSE OF THE DAY: 1 Chron 16:34 “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever.”

SUNDAY SERVICES, 24 January

8.30am - 10.15am

Speaker: Rev. Josh Jones - “Savouring the Psalms”

WEDNESDAY SERVICES resume on 3rd February 2021 at 10am

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.