

REFLECTIONS FROM JOSH JONES

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or imagine. Ephesians 3:20

These inspirational words from St Paul, capture perfectly, my sense of things as we look forward to the unfolding journey of 2021. They are words from Paul's profound prayer for the church of Ephesus, known as **Paul's prayer for Spiritual growth**. There are many enriching aspects to being a gathered church community, but at the heart of things is our spiritual growth and formation in Christ. Energised and guided by the power of the Holy Spirit, individually and collectively, we are on the journey to go deeper in our desire to live more authentically in the way and truth of Christ. Personally, I don't think there is anything more exciting in life than this journey of spiritual growth and it will always be at the very centre of all our ministry and mission vision and endeavours.

As I return from a very restorative fortnight away as family, I'm genuinely excited at what we can accomplish, ask and imagine with the mighty power of God's Holy Spirit at work within us. Last year was challenging for everyone in all walks of life, but I believe that we at St George's emerged with so much to be grateful for. From this, we can look forward with expectant anticipation as envision how we can best serve this community and beyond, in the challenges that lie ahead.

Church Roof Project

The response to the Church Roof project has been nothing short of outstanding and a huge thanks to everyone who has contributed for your immense generosity. But this is only the beginning. It's crucial that we continue to generate the momentum needed, so that we can achieve the dream of replacing the roof this year. Could we respectfully ask that if you haven't already sponsored a tile, to consider doing this over the coming weeks.

Baptism of Xanthe Elizabeth Woolford.

We are delighted that today at the 10.15 service, we welcome parents Fleur and Michael Woolford for the baptism of Xanthe. Fleur and Xanthe are part of our Mainly Music family so this will be a very special celebration. I always love the occasion of baptism because not only is it our privilege to welcome Xanthe into the family of Christ, but it's also our opportunity to reflect on our own faith journeys.

All of which brings us back to St Paul's prayer for our spiritual growth in Christ.

May this be at the centre of all we are as a community this coming year, so that as Paul prays, we may be *"filled to measure of all the fullness of God."*

Josh and the St. George's Leadership Team.

Pancakes and Ashes

Tuesday, 16th February from 4-5.30pm

Can you believe it's nearly Lent already!

So that must mean it's pancake time.

Head along to check out what on earth ashes and pancakes have to do with each other!



Working Bee this Week!

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 17th February** between 9am & 12 noon!!



Sustainability Champions Workshop 2021

St George's is hosting this excellent workshop, featuring a session on **Zero Waste Church**.

Saturday, 6th March 2021 from 9.30am - 5pm

For more details contact **Cathy Bi-Riley** at sustainability.fieldworker@aucklandanglican.org.nz



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, 14 February

8.30am - 10.15am

THEME: "Baptism"

SPEAKER: Rev. Josh Jones

READINGS: Jeremiah 17:7-8; Ephesians 3:14-21; 10; Matthew 3:13-17

VERSE OF THE DAY: Ephesians 3:20

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or imagine."

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 17 February

10am

Speaker: Josh Jones - "Ash Wednesday"

SUNDAY SERVICES, 21 February

8.30am - 10.15am

Speaker: Lyndon Drake - "Lent"

**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.**