

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: dandwood@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.



Kiwi Pilgrimages Timetable 2021

Upcoming events:

Friday, 26 March 2021 - Destination: The Chelsea, St Peter's Chapel at Beach Haven on the North Shore. Leaves St George's at 8.00am and returns approx. 5.30pm

Saturday, 17 April 2021 - Endurance or Muscular Christianity - Destination: The Selwyn Monument at Bombay. Leaves St George's at 6.00am and returns approx. 9.00pm. Dinner and return transport is organised for you.

More information about these pilgrimages is on the church website under Kiwi Pilgrimages.

To register a place, please email Greg Smith at gregskelbrooke@gmail.com or phone Brian Perkins on 636 3259.

Walking notes will be sent prior to the date to those who have registered.



Northern Bound Pilgrimage

Matapouri to Whananaki

Friday, 23rd – Sunday, 25th April 2021

The northern pilgrimages are now made up of a couple days walking using the Te Araroa (long pathway) trail to journey toward our destination, Rangihoua. Our next pilgrimage north will have some more beautiful northern beaches to enjoy as we head from Matapouri to Whananaki.

We will stay the two nights, Friday, 23rd and Saturday, 24th April in the comfortable motels at Whananaki Holiday Park. We'll have plenty of time to get to know the history of the local peoples as we continue to walk both the off road coastal tracks and the Te Araroa trail.

If you're interested in joining this leg of the journey we can provide you with more detailed information, please email Sarah sarah.laurie56@icloud.com or Fiona fee.mccauley@gmail.com



ROSTERS

Thank you everyone who offers help every month with our rosters. New rosters are now at the back of church for you to amend or update. If you are new to the church and wanting to help please add your name and contact Leanne in the office, leannes@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz, training can be provided if needed.

We greatly appreciate any assistance you can offer.

thank you

Palm Sunday, 28th March

Do you have, or do you know someone who has palms in their garden that they might be happy to donate to the church so we can decorate for Palm Sunday?
If you do, please let Lisa in the office know, office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz.

Thank you so much!



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 LENT

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

SUNDAY SERVICES, 14 March

8.30am - 10.15am

THEME: “Sin-Snowballs and the Power of Confession”

SPEAKER: Jeremy Woods

READINGS: Numbers 21: 4-9; James 5:13-16; John 3:14-21

VERSE OF THE DAY: James 5:16 “Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.”

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 17 March

10.00am

Speaker: Neil Broom - “Keeping Sin Out - The Old Way”

SUNDAY SERVICES, 21 March

8.30am - 10.15am

Speaker: Dee Jones - “The Season of 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.

REFLECTIONS FROM JOSH JONES

WELCOME BACK to being a gathered worshipping community in Christ. Many of us have found the latest interruptions to our church life to be particularly frustrating, missing the heartbeat of coming together to sing, pray, hear God's word and celebrate Communion as the body of Christ. Today we welcome once again Jeremy Woods, our placement from St John's Theological College. Jeremy will be exploring the core spiritual practice of Confession as part of our Lenten journey to the Cross.

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9:6

I'm writing this the morning after our AGM, in which we do the important business of electing the Vestry (governing body) and agreeing the budget for 2021. I began the meeting with a devotion and the above words from St Paul because for me, they capture the spiritual wisdom at the heart of all our mission endeavours. If we want to reap abundantly, we need to sow abundantly. Be it in the areas of maintenance or ministry, now is the time for bold investment so that we continue to reap the fruits of Christ across our whole church community. **'Our vision, for God's mission, should be as big as the God we serve.'**

It's very pleasing to report that all the people up for election onto Vestry received 100% of the vote, which for me is a strong affirmation and recognition of their integrity and commitment to our community. Having been part of a Vestry continuously for 19 years, I am very aware of just how crucial it is to serve alongside people who have a shared vision and spirit of collaboration.

Vestry now has 11 members, they are; Josh Jones, Vicar - Bryan Parry, Vicar's Warden - Steve Barnett, People's Warden - **2 Synod Rep's** - Liz Fairgray & John Griffith, plus Tim Mangold, Treasurer - Karyn Bycroft - Mithun Unni - Glen Candy, Secretary - Kate Hunt - and new member Rob McMurray.

We would value your prayers for all these people who will serve our community and for all our vision aspirations for God's mission purposes. Once again, let the deep wisdom of St Paul and these words be our community prayer to inspire and guide all our endeavours ...

"Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21

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.



Hey everyone,

Friday Youth met in the church carpark and headed up Mt St John for some fun and wide games, in keeping with our level 2 practices.

Kids Church are continuing to build our rainbow, sharing photos of family who encourage your faith, and things from nature which intrigue you and remind you how amazing God is!

Youth on Sundays will head into the youth rooms from the 10.15am service and will continue to reflect on what our heart treasures. Thanks everyone,

Step, Callum & the KidsChurch Team

Please pray for our partners working overseas.
Dee Jones, Zambia, Foundations for Farming - working with SIM, who is at home on furlough for 5 months and will be here speaking on 21st March.
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



Dinners in Homes 2021
Do you enjoy meeting people?
Would you like to meet others in a small group in a home?
Julie Macdonald will be organising dinners in homes again this year. They will take place on the last weekend in each month, beginning in March. Please contact Julie if you would like to participate, confirming which day or days you'd prefer and if you would like to host 4 or 6 people in your home or if you would like to join a group. Everyone who participates will help provide the food. The hostess will contact you to ask you what you would be able to contribute. **Everyone is very welcome.**
Dates for March are: Dinner on Friday, 26 March, Saturday, 27 March or lunch on Sunday, 28 March.
Email Julie Macdonald at duju@xtra.co.nz or text 0274 442 577, **by TODAY!!**



St George's Newcomer's Evening
CANCELLED



Resurrection
Lunch on the Lawn
Sunday, 11th April from 11.45am
We've booked the pizza oven again.
Everyone is very welcome!



Working Bee this Week!
The team will meet this **Wednesday, 17 March** between 9am & 12 noon!

