

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 Pilgrimage Timetable 2021

Upcoming event: 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 will be 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



The last class for term 1 is **Tuesday, 13th April**, starting back again on **Tuesday, 4th May** in the church hall.
Have a very happy holiday break!

Mainly Music

Last Mainly Music for Term 1 is **Friday 16th April**, starting **Friday, 7th May**.

Enquiries: please contact Hayley Lewis on stgeorges.mainlymusic@gmail.com



Westpac Bank - Cheques

We have been informed that from June 2021 the Westpac bank will no longer be accepting cheques. St George's can facilitate eftpos in the church, cash envelopes and online payments. If you don't have online banking you could check with your bank and ask them to assist in setting this up for you.



Working Bee this Week!

The team will meet this **Wednesday, 14 April** between 9am & 12 noon!



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



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

SUNDAY SERVICES, 11 April

8.30am - 10.15am

THEME: 'Resurrection Hope'

SPEAKER: Rev. Stan Thorburn

READINGS: Psalm 16:5-11; Philipians 3:10-14; John 20:1-16

VERSE OF THE DAY: Hebrews 11:6 “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 14 April

10.00am

Speaker: Judy Carey - “The Feasts”

SUNDAY SERVICES 18 April

8.30am - 10.15am

Guest Speaker: Dale Campbell - ‘Resurrection Hope’

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

“Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend to our 4 Easter weekend services, either in person or online, to all the people who contributed to these services and for the very encouraging feedback we've received. It's always heartening to have the privilege of visitors at our services and to hear just how much they enjoyed their worship time here at St George's.

As we said in our E-News, Holy Week is the most important part of our church calendar and the Cross and Resurrection lie at the central truth of our faith. So it was very special to enjoy such a deep and sacred time of shared worship together, as we contemplated and celebrated this momentous weekend.

In last Sunday's Easter Sermon, I mentioned how often St Paul uses the metaphor of “**putting on**” the clothing and garments of the risen Christ in his letters to the church. I also mentioned that 2020 had given many of us the great realisation that, for too long, we've been looking for the living among the dead things. Lifestyles that have contributed to our spiritual diminishment.

I highlighted a phrase from a wonder quote by Sonya Taylor talking about how all things Covid 2020 has given us all the “*opportunity to ‘stitch a new garment’ that fits all of humanity and nature.*” It struck me that this is the challenge for Christ's Church, to ‘*stitch a new garment*’, woven with the threads of resurrection hope and the qualities of the Holy Spirit. St Paul also reminds us many times in his letters (as above) of what these threads and qualities are. **“Clothe yourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”**

Throughout our Resurrection Hope series, we will continue to explore this gift and the challenge of being people who follow the **Risen Christ**. Today we welcome Rev. Stan Thorburn to continue our journey together.

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

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 (cash only).



Hi everyone,
What a glorious Easter, filled with opportunities for worship and celebration! And still this term keeps on giving 😊

We have Kids Church this Sunday as is our usual pattern, this will be our final Sunday for Term One. Kids Church and Youth on Sunday will return again on Sunday, 2nd May.

Youth Group has been prepping for our **Worship Friday** next Friday night 16th April.

Don't forget **Lunch on the Lawn** after church **today**, woop, woop! 😊

See you there.

Steph, Callum and the **Kids Church team!**

Please pray for our partners working overseas.

Dee Jones, Zambia, Foundations for Farming - working with SIM, who was home on furlough for 5 months, and returned on 8th April.

Miriam Tillman, Togo, Africa, Pharmacist, Hospital of Hope Pharmacy, working with CMS

Sarah Scott Webb: Human trafficking and exploitation prevention, SIM Intl./ Communications NZ

Please see Sarah's latest newsletter up-date on the Mission noticeboard.

Also supporting **Alongsiders**



**Resurrection
Lunch on the Lawn
TODAY @ 11.45am
Everyone is very welcome!**

We will not gather for morning tea after the 8.30am or 10.15am services today, join us instead for Pizza!

Dinners in Homes 2021

Julie Macdonald is organising the next dinners in homes for **April / May**.

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 are:

Dinner - Friday, 30th April,

Dinner - Saturday, 1st May

Lunch - Sunday, 2nd May

Email Julie at duju@xtra.co.nz or text 0274 442 577,

by 18th April

