

### 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 10.15am 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.



### 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.

Thank you.

### 2021 Tax Receipts

We sent out your **Tax Receipt for 2021** via email on **Wednesday, 28th April**.

If you can't see it in your inbox, please check the junk and spam boxes.

If you have not received a receipt and you should have, please contact the office at [office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz](mailto:office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz)

Thank you.



### St George's Newcomer's Evening

On **Wednesday, 19th May 2021** at **7.30pm** in the church.

If you are new to St George's, please join us for tea / coffee and cake.



### City Mission Really Needs Our Help!!

On Sunday, if you are able to bring a can of spaghetti, tomatoes, vegetables, soup, fruit, meat, fish, sauces, creamed rice..... to help the

**City Mission helps Aucklanders in desperate need this winter!**  
**A huge thank you to all who support this wonderful cause.**



### 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.

### 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, **Enquires: Malcolm Taylor - 027 499 7749**



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

**SUNDAY SERVICES, 2 May**

**8.30am - 10.15am**

**THEME: 'Resurrection Hope'**

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Jeremy Woods

**READINGS:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Luke 24:36-49

**VERSE OF THE DAY: 1 Corinthians 5:18** “All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.”

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 5 May**

**10.00am**

**Speaker:** Judy Carey - Chapter 15

“Exciting Adventures from the Book of Acts”

**SUNDAY SERVICES 9 May**

**8.30am - 10.15am**

**Speaker:** Karen Spoelstra - '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

**After the risen Jesus greeted his fearful disciples with the words “*Shalom/Peace be with you*”, he showed them the wounds on his hands and side.**

A number of people commented to me after my sermon last week on the power of these words from John’s Gospel. The risen Christ shows the very friends who deserted him, the wounds inflicted by human hands. And yet his first words to them is to announce God’s peace, shalom and wholeness. Christ stands **alongside all of us in solidarity** with our wounds, with the offer of peace.

One of the real gifts of being a community in Christ is that we walk together as a community of wounded healers. Encouraging and sustaining each other as we follow and live out the way and the truth of the wounded but resurrected Christ.

It is crucially important to us as a leadership team, that all our ministry endeavours create and nurture a safe place of grace where we can all come **‘just as we are’**. We can all come carrying the scars of our traumas, our hurts, hidden secrets, painful losses and our unresolved grief. But know that we carry them with the Risen Christ standing among us.

### LIFE GROUPS

A huge part of enabling this spirit of nurture and encouragement takes place in the heartbeat of our **Life Groups**. A life group is any small group of people who meet regularly from our St George’s family and support each other in our faith and life walk. At the present time, we have 13 active groups. Each group has its own particular ‘flavour’ and way of meeting, but they are an excellent way of finding a sense of belonging and support. Finding the right group for you is part of our ministry role as we are all different personalities, with different needs at different times.

Can we encourage anyone who isn’t part of a Life Group, and would like to be part of one, to make contact with Rev. Stan Thorburn at [thorbs47@gmail.com](mailto:thorbs47@gmail.com). All enquiries are treated confidentially and sensitively.

**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](http://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).**



As the school holidays draw to a close we hope everyone has been able to have some positive family times together and time for restoration and renewal, ready for a hopefully less disrupted but equally adventurous Term 2! 😊

**Children and Youth Ministries** re-start today, we begin the term by exploring how love connects us with each other and with Jesus.  
**Friday Youth** will begin next **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> May**.

Watch this space for an exciting opportunity to join with the youth group in fundraising for the church roof!  
**May your week be filled with Christ’s presence and your heart with His love.**

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

**Please pray for our partners working overseas.**

**Dee Jones, Zambia, Foundations for Faming - working with SIM,**  
**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**



### SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPIONS WORKSHOP 2021

**Please join us on Saturday, 22nd May in the hall from 9.30am - 5pm**

**Sustainability Champions Workshops** are an opportunity for Sustainability Champions from around the Auckland Diocese to come together to share stories and ideas, pray together, and learn about ways we can better care for God’s good creation.

This year we will be joined by A Rocha and Para Kore who will introduce us to the **Zero Waste Church** initiative and run some hands-on practical sessions.

There will also be creation care reflective prayer sessions, facilitated by members of the Third Order Society of St Francis (TSSF), a Sustainability Champions story sharing session and a AARCC collaboration brainstorm session.

**For more information, please email Cathy Bi-Riley at**  
**[sustainability.fieldworker@aucklandanglican.org.nz](mailto:sustainability.fieldworker@aucklandanglican.org.nz)**



### Celebrate Mother’s Day

and join us for a

**Pink Morning Tea**

**Mainly Music, Friday, 7th May, 9.30am in the hall.**

Dress up in pink, sing and dance at our interactive pre-school music session, then enjoy a special morning tea for all our amazing Mum’s.

Please bring along some cash as we will be fundraising for Breast Cancer Foundation NZ by holding a raffle for a gift basket and flowers.



### Morning Tea

Please join us for morning tea in the hall after the 8.30am service and in the church after the 10.15am service today.

**Everyone is very welcome.**

