

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: dandlwood@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 will be sending your Tax Receipt for 2021 via email by the end of April. If your email details have recently changed, please contact Lisa at lisad@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz or call the office on 520 5652, Mon - Fri from 9am to 3pm at your earliest.

Thank you.



NZCMS (New Zealand Church Missionary Society)

Next fellowship meeting

Date: Tuesday, 27th April 2021 **Time:** 10am **Venue:** Selwyn Village, Point Chevalier, "Music Room"

Speaker: Jan Balzer from Friends of Friends on Muslim community in Auckland

Contact: Lea on 528 7773.



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).

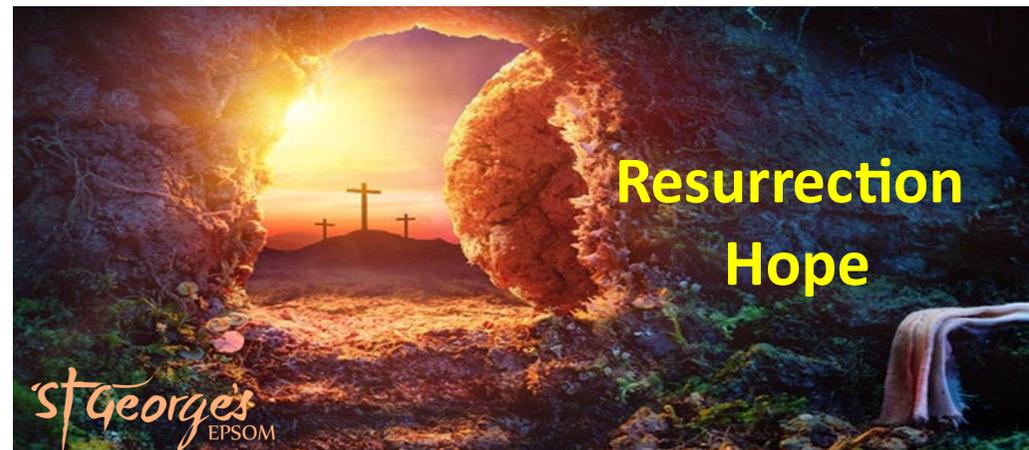
Daring Greatly – Having the courage, trust and vision, to follow the Spirit's leading. To see beyond what we already see, to become more than we already are. To be an outward-focused church, creating pathways into the community and people we are privileged to serve.

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, **Enquiries: Malcolm Taylor - 027 499 7749**



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

SUNDAY SERVICES, 25 April

8.30am - 10.15am

THEME: 'Resurrection Hope'

SPEAKER: Rev. Josh Jones

READINGS: Isaiah 9:6-7; 1 Corinthians 15:14-20; John 20:19-22

VERSE OF THE DAY: John 20:21 "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 28 April

10.00am

Guest Speaker: Andrew Wilks - "Persecuted Church"
Andrew is the Director of Mission Without Borders NZ



SUNDAY SERVICES 2 May

8.30am - 10.15am

Speaker: Rev. Jeremy Woods - '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

God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

Ephesians 1:22-23

It's good for all of us to be reminded by St Paul that we don't actually "come to church" ... "we are the church". As he so beautifully expresses, the church is Christ's body, in which Christ speaks and acts, and by which he fills everything with his presence.

In a world so tarnished by human brokenness, '**Resurrection Hope**' can feel for some at times like an abstract theological concept, but it's crucially important that we spend time as a community, grounding this central inspirational belief of our faith in the reality of all our lives. That the risen Christ fills every aspect of our lives with his presence, be it in the suffering and the sorrows, the joys and the gift.

ANZAC Remembrance Day

Today is a very significant day, in which we take time to honour all who have lost their lives to the horrors of war. It is so important that we do take time to remember their sacrifice, pay our respects to their memory, and then ask what we can learn from our history. As Christians who follow the one known as the **Prince of Peace**, our prayer is always that we can best honour the sacrifice of those who have died in war, by creating a world where war no longer exists. That through prayer and action we, as Christ's body and representatives, are agents of His peace and reconciliation.



Last Sunday was another Spirit-filled time of gathering as a community in the risen Christ. Our guest speaker, **Tearfund's Dale Campbell**, sent me a very encouraging email on the Monday expressing how much he enjoyed being part of our worshipping community. At the 10.15am service it was wonderful to have the baptism of baby Amber and so many visitors, who fed back to me the wonderful spirit of joy and hospitality they encountered here at St George's.

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).



Well, the school holidays are upon us, so all Kids and Youth Ministries are taking a well earned break. There are kids activity sheets ready at the back of the church, please help yourself. Kids and Youth on Sundays return on Sunday, 2nd May, and Friday Youth returns on Friday, 7th May at 7pm. See you all then!

Steph, Callum and the Kids Church team!

Please pray for our partners working overseas.

Dee Jones, Zambia, Foundations for Farming - 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

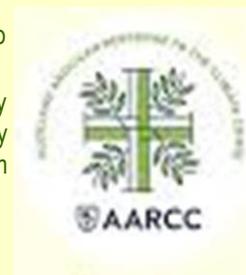
Please join us on Saturday, 22nd May in the hall from 9.30am - 5pm

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



Working Bee this Week!

The team will meet this **Wednesday, 28 April** between 9am & 12 noon!



St. George's Life Groups

St George's has a number of **Life Groups** that operate on a fortnightly basis. These groups focus on pastoral support, spiritual nourishment and getting to know one another better. We are keen for as many people as possible to be a part of a supportive **Life Group**.

Please contact office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz or speak to Josh after one of the services if you are interested in finding out more about **Life Groups**.

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.

