

## 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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](mailto:sarah.laurie56@icloud.com) or Fiona [fee.mccauley@gmail.com](mailto:fee.mccauley@gmail.com)



The last ESOL day 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

The last Mainly Music for Term 1 is **Friday 16th April**, starting back again on **Friday, 7th May**, in the Church Hall

**Enquiries: please contact Hayley Lewis on [stgeorges.mainlymusic@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorges.mainlymusic@gmail.com)**



## 2021 Tax Receipts

This is to let you know that we're going to send your Tax Certificate for 2021 via email by the end of April. If your contact details have recently changed, please email Lisa at [lisd@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz](mailto:lisd@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz) or call the office on 520 5652, Mon - Fri from 9am to 3pm at your earliest. **Thank you.**



## 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.”**

**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES, 4 April**

**8.30am - 10.15am**

**THEME: ‘Resurrection Hope’**

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Josh Jones

**READINGS:** Isaiah 26:19; Colossians 3:14-17; Luke 24:1-12

**VERSE OF THE DAY: Luke 24:5** *“In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”*”

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 7 April**

**10.00am**

**Speaker:** Glenys Brookbanks  
*“Growing in the Presence of God”*



**SUNDAY SERVICES 11 April**

**8.30am - 10.15am**

**Speaker:** Rev. Stan Thorburn - *‘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.**

**“Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won’t stay there.”**

- Clarence W. Hall

**“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation.**

**The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”**

2 Corinthians 5:17

**“The resurrection completes the inauguration of God’s kingdom.**

**It is the decisive event demonstrating that God’s new creation, really has been launched on earth as it is in heaven.”**

N.T Wright - Surprised by Hope

### Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed!

A very warm welcome to St George’s for the momentous occasion of Easter Sunday. The power of this special day is captured in all the sentiments expressed in the words above. St Paul personally experienced the transforming power of the risen Christ on the road to Damascus, and we know that this inspired him to live out the rest of his life proclaiming this saving power. Renowned Bible Scholar Tom Wright echoes Paul and the call for us as God’s people, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to participate in this new creation hope.

As a St George’s community gathered in the risen Christ, we firmly believe in the spirit of this resurrection hope. Life will throw many tough challenges at all of us, and suffering is part of the fabric of this life, but we stay centred in the hope given to us by the events of Easter Sunday.

If you are visiting today, it is our privilege to have you with us and we hope that this will be an enriching experience of worshipping together. Please take away our **Sermon Card** that gives all the details of our upcoming sermon series exploring the implications of resurrection for our daily lives. Also, we’d love to have you with us next Sunday for our **‘Resurrection Hope’** Lunch on the Lawn.

**“For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.”**

1 Corinthians 3:9

**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.



Well, here we are, the most important weekend of worship of the entire year! Several of our young people, Callum and myself are worshipping, learning and having heaps of fun at E-Fest in sunny Eastern Beach!

Today, **Easter Sunday**, we have our usual **10.15am** worship, then the children will head out just for the sermon slot to hear the story and create a beautiful, joyous cross for our communion worship!

Next week, Friday Youth, Youth on Sundays and Kids Church will be

back to normal again as we begin to turn our eyes toward the end of term, and on Sunday we have our **Resurrection Lunch on the Lawn** celebration!

**So much to look forward too!**

Whatever you are doing, and wherever you find yourself may you be challenged by the cross and renewed by our Risen Lord this Easter.

Aroha,

**Steph, Callum and the Kids Church 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.**

**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**



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

#### 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](mailto:duju@xtra.co.nz) or text 0274 442 577,

**by 18th April**

