

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.



SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPIONS WORKSHOP 2021

Please join us **NEXT 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 or you can register by clicking the link in our E-news.



7 VOLCANO CHALLENGE

12-13th June 2021

3 categories - 1 weekend - 7 volcanos!

St G's Youth are keen to contribute to our roof fundraising, they would love you to join them in the challenge too. For more info or to register please see our E-news for the link or grab a flyer and the forms from the back of the church.

Call to Prayer for Evangelisation

From Ascension Day to Pentecost, 13th - 23rd May

During this 11-day period the Archbishop of Canterbury encourages us to pray for five friends or family members that they might come to a living faith in Christ. It might be helpful to keep in your Bible a piece of ribbon with five knots.



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, 16 May

8.30am - 10.15am

THEME: ‘Book of Acts - To the Ends of the Earth’

SPEAKER: Rev. Josh Jones

READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; John 15:1-8

VERSE OF THE DAY: **Acts 1:8** “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 19 May

10.00am

Speaker: Judy Carey - ‘The Adventures of Philippi, Acts 16’

PENTECOST SUNDAY SERVICES 23 May

8.30am - 10.15am

Speaker: Rev. Josh Jones - ‘Eternity Now in Session’



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

A number of people have requested some of the resources and quotes that have been shared recently in our last couple of Sermon Series. We thought it might be helpful to give a few links & titles to help you. They can be a valuable resource for discussion points at Life Groups.

On Easter Sunday I mentioned the deeply moving article by **Redeemer Church**, pastor **Timothy Keller**, where he honestly and vulnerably shared his journey of coming to terms with a diagnosis of aggressive pancreatic cancer and a poor prognosis. He talked of having to "look hard at my deepest trusts, my strongest loves and deepest fears, and bring them into contact with God in prayer, scripture and meditation." The article is called **Growing My Faith in the Face of Death**. Simply google **Tim Keller: Growing My Faith in the Face of Death - The Atlantic**.

Jeremy Woods quoted **Cornelius Platinga** and his wise definition of 'SIN' that has come up in conversations, so here is the quote. "Sin is the culpable disturbance of God's Shalom (peace, wholeness, well-being) and our resistance to the restoration of harmony." A disturbance of that shalom between us and God, us and each other, us and the rest of creation and also within ourselves.

As we begin our new Sermon Series on the **Book of Acts**, another resource that's well worth accessing is the people at **The Bible Project** doing their usual brilliant job of breaking down the overarching story of Acts and bringing out the major themes in short 6-7min illustrated videos. Please take time to engage with these superb resources that bless us richly in our faith. Again, simply google *The Bible Project – The Book of Acts* and you'll find 2 videos Part 1 and Part 2.

TO THE END'S OF THE EARTH

Today we begin our Sermon Series exploring the **Book of Acts** through a very particular lens. How can this inspirational story of the early church speak into our challenge to both live and communicate the Good News of our Kingdom Hope, in this internet age? That Christianity faces huge challenges in a rapidly changing world and culture is beyond dispute. The big question before us is, how much we recognise what the challenge is, and how we respond?

HOLY SPIRIT WEEK

In the week leading up to **Pentecost Sunday on May 23rd** we will release some 3min reflections on our St George's Online YouTube Channel. Our sincere hope is that we all take the time to engage with these resources as a community, by opening our hearts and lives to the presence of the Holy Spirit. All of us have had different experiences and understandings of the Holy Spirit, but the most important thing is to simply open ourselves in trust to the Spirit's presence for our lives. We hope that these reflections and mediations help your faith, life walk with God, through Jesus Christ.

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,

Aren't the colours of autumn glorious this year? I am really enjoying the changing colours all around me on my occasional walks I manage to squash into life!

This week at **Kids Church** we are completing our grapevine, reflecting on the fact that Jesus love for us is a love that overflows!

Youth on Sundays will be checking out the Pentecost story in preparation

for **Pentecost Sunday** next Sunday, 23rd May.

Youth on Fridays will be creating and racing Mario Karts this week and next Friday ,21st will be heading over to St Chad's to compete in **Diowhodunnit**. This will be an early start week gathering at 6.00pm (we have to be at St Chad's ready to go for 6.45pm), an idea of numbers would be handy 😊

Of course, don't forget to get involved in the Youth-led, **7 Volcano Challenge**, you can register online, check out our E-news for the link. Think about whether you'd like to take part and get sponsors, or be a sponsor, or both of course!

So, as ever, a busy but fun time to look forward to in our Youth, Kids and Families area.

See you all soon! **Steph, Callum** and the **Kids Church team!**

Please pray for our partners working overseas.

Dee Jones, Zambia, Foundations for Farming - working with SIM, see the Mission Noticeboard for Dee's latest newsletter.

We will also be catching up with Dee to support, encourage and pray with her via Zoom on **Wednesday, 26th May at 7.30pm**, everyone is welcome to join us. You will find the Zoom link in our E-news this week.

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

Sarah Scott Webb: Human trafficking and exploitation prevention, SIM Intl./ Communications NZ, see the Mission Noticeboard for Sarah's latest newsletter.

Also supporting **Alongsiders**



St George's Newcomer's Evening

Next **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.

Dinners in Homes 2021

Julie Macdonald is organising the next dinners in homes for **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, 28th May,
Dinner - Saturday, 29th May
Lunch - Sunday, 30th May

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

TODAY!

