

### 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



### Mainly Music

**School Term: Every Friday from 9.30am in the Church Hall**  
**Enquiries: please contact Hayley Lewis on [stgeorges.mainlymusic@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorges.mainlymusic@gmail.com)**



**ESOL Classes** are held on Tuesdays in the church hall from 10am till 12 noon during school terms. Six levels from beginner to advanced. Morning tea provided. For more information please contact Rose Cooper on 021 170 7070, email [rosecooper2000@gmail.com](mailto:rosecooper2000@gmail.com) or just come along.

**ESOL Bible Study Classes** are held on Thursday mornings, from 10am till 12 noon. Morning tea is provided, there are 2 class levels. Please contact David Wood on 908 3202 or [dandlwood@gmail.com](mailto:dandlwood@gmail.com)

### 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.**



### Working Bee this Week!

The team will meet this **Wednesday, 26 May** between 9am & 12pm noon!



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### NZCMS (New Zealand Church Missionary Society)

#### Next fellowship meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, 25th May 2021 **Time:** 10am **Venue:** Selwyn Village, Point Chevalier, "Music Room"

**Speaker:** Susie Couch, the National Director of Interserve **Contact:** Lea on 528 7773.

### 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**



## TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

*The Book of Acts for an Internet Age*

*Eternity now in Session*

# PENTECOST

st George's  
EPSOM

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

### PENTECOST SUNDAY SERVICES, 23 May

8.30am - 10.15am

**THEME: ‘Book of Acts - Eternity Now In Session’**

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Josh Jones

**READINGS:** Acts 2:1-18; John 3:19-24

**VERSE OF THE DAY: John 3:8** *“The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.”*

### WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 26 May

10.00am

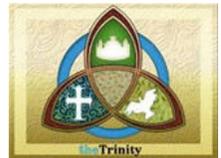
**Speaker:** Judy Carey - Acts 17

*‘Paul’s Missionary Journey to Thessalonica’*

### TRINITY SUNDAY SERVICES 30 May

8.30am - 10.15am

**Speaker:** Chris Clarke - *‘Trinity’*



**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.**

**"The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."**

John 3:8 - The words of Jesus Christ.

- **What does this day of Pentecost signify for you?**
- **What is your understanding of the Holy Spirit in relation to your everyday life?**
- **How do we understand the role of the Holy Spirit at work in this world?**

These are among the many questions that have been raised in conversations I've had with other Christians since I came to faith 20 years ago about the Holy Spirit. I know that before I came to faith my understanding was virtually non-existent and as I tentatively explored the Christian walk and belonging to a Church community, I encountered many different expressions and understandings among other Christians about the Holy Spirit. As I journeyed deeper into my own understanding through scripture and personal experience I learned 3 very important truths captured by the words of Jesus Christ above.

Firstly, we must always adopt a posture of humility and never assume we have the Holy Spirit all figured out and boxed in. As the Bible reveals, the Holy Spirit is portrayed as moving dramatically and powerfully like elemental fire, wind and water, but also like the descending dove of affirmation, peace and as God's gentle whisper. A still, small voice of calm for life's turbulent waters.

Secondly, we should also adopt a posture of openness and trust to the Spirit's work for our hearts and lives. The Spirit's leading and guiding has often surprised, stretched and strengthened me. But every time I've opened myself up in prayer to the Spirit's presence I've always been taken on a journey of illumination.

Thirdly, the Holy Spirit will only ever take us to a place that's closer to the heart of God in Christ. As Nicky Gumbel says in the Alpha Videos, "If I had to describe the Holy Spirit in one word I would say **'Love'**". The Holy Spirit is the convicting, creative, restoring, healing presence of the Risen Christ in the world. Working in a redeeming symbiosis with the Father and the Son to bring light and hope into places of darkness and despair.

Today our prayer and hope is that we, as a community (knowing we are in a safe space of Grace), will bring all that we have and are into the transforming presence of the Holy Spirit.

Shalom,

Josh

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 Offering 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,

**Pentecost Sunday**, what a special day in the life of the church, but also a day of surprise and uncertainty, a reminder that the life of faith is filled with unexpected adventures as we follow where the Holy Spirit sends us!

This week **Kids Church** will be enjoying the story and finishing off our artwork on the wall.

**Youth Group** will be hanging out in church, to be part of whatever the Holy Spirit has in store for us this week.

**Friday Youth** on 28<sup>th</sup> May is Movie Night! 😊 See ya in the youth rooms at 7.00pm!

**Have a great week.**

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

**Miriam Tilman - Pharmacist, Hospital of Hope, Togo.**

"This weekend we are planning to have our first French Club since Covid-19 hit Togo in March 2020. We will have everyone's temperatures taken at the gate and I have had a bunch of washable cloth masks made in a range of kids sizes so we can stay as safe as possible while still having fun and hearing about God's word. Luckily this has always been an outside activity, so it makes it easy for us to start up again.

Our small house church has been meeting outside for the last few months and it is great to see everyone and encourage one another on a weekly basis. We are currently at the end of the hot season (up to 50 degrees C) so we end up along one side of the small compound trying to stay out of the sun. I bought a sunshade while down in Lome last week and one of the Surgeons helped to set it up during the week so we will see if it keeps us more in the shade this week. Rainy season is on its way so that will bring another set of problems with having church outdoors."

**Don't forget our Zoom gathering with Dee Jones next Wednesday @ 7.30pm**



**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.



**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](mailto:office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz) or speak to Josh or Stan after one of the services if you are interested in finding out more about **Life Groups**.