

## 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



## THE SPIRITUALITY OF MUSIC

A celebration & exploration of the power of music to transcend barriers of *language, culture, age & race.*

Featuring music by the Beatles, Dylan, Coldplay, Leonard Cohen, U2 & self composed songs

WANAKA Presbyterian Church Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>  
CROMWELL Presbyterian Church Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>  
7.30 start

VERY EXCITED to announce that the St G's band have been invited for their first ever South Island engagements in July. If you have friends or family you may like to let them know about the 2 upcoming dates.

Cromwell Presbyterian Church Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Wanaka Presbyterian Church Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>  
both from 7pm

The band have also been invited to lead worship for the Wanaka Church with Josh preaching, so it's a huge privilege for us to receive this enthusiastic invitation and we're very much looking forward to the occasion.

## Exploring an Engagement with Bi-culturalism



In the context of St George's journey of exploring an engagement with bi-culturalism, we are drawing together an inter-congregational reading group from Cityside Baptist, St George's Anglican Church and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Those who are interested will look at the 2014 Ngāpuhi Waitangi Claim through the voice of Māori. *Ngāpuhi Speaks* is an officially commissioned report on behalf of the Kuia and Kaumātua of Ngāpuhi Nui Tonu. It's a fascinating account, rich with stories and insights, of early Māori encounters with Europeans. We have much to learn about how Māori responded to some of the pressures of dealing with these newcomers and the different worldview they represented.

*Ngāpuhi Speaks* also represents the events that led to the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi (or more accurately, *Te Tiriti o Waitangi*). Through the process of learning about these early encounters we are challenged to think about our bi-cultural partnership, what this means in our contemporary social and political setting and to the relationship between the Maori and Pākehā, particularly in light of an overbearing eurocentric theology and missiology.

Running over 6 one hour evening Zoom sessions, we will move through the book chapter by chapter and all going well will have input from Ngāpuhi and be joined one evening with one of the authors, Susan Healy.

Please contact **Susan Nemec** [snemedgar@gmail.com](mailto:snemedgar@gmail.com) if you are interested and would like more info. We hope to get the group started within the next month but will work out a night that suits everyone.

## 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



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

## TRINITY SUNDAY SERVICES, 30 May

8.30am - 10.15am

THEME: '*Trinity*'

SPEAKER: Chris Clarke

READINGS: Micah 6:8; Acts 15:22-29; Mark 2:19-22

VERSE OF THE DAY: **Acts 15:28a** "For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials."

## WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 2 June

10.00am

Speaker: Glenys Brookbanks

'Healing Service'



## SUNDAY SERVICES 6 June

8.30am - 10.15am

Speaker: Emily Paterson - 'Book of Acts'

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

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another."*

Hebrews 10:24–25 NIV

What a wonderful celebration last Sunday to mark the momentous occasion of Pentecost. Especially rewarding was to see so many engaging, each in our own different ways, to the extended space of worship time to participate in the various stations. The core ethos that we have continuously aspired to cultivate here at St George's, is a place where people can feel safe to come '*just as we are*' to seek the Spirit's leading and transformative presence for our lives. It's a core value we treasure, and we know from our many conversations and feedback that so many of you value this too.

In these uncertain times in which we live, so many people are seeking a deeper meaning and purpose for their lives, so it's crucial that Church communities are a safe place of grace that allows people to come, seek and be welcomed by generous Gospel hospitality. Although we've never been so connected in our Internet age, we also know that feelings of isolation and the effect on mental health is a huge challenge for our times. So the importance of being a community that '*spur one another on toward love, good deeds, meeting together and encouraging one another*' has never been greater. Jesus Christ is the Author and perfecter of our faith and at the very centre of our Christian Story is the person of Jesus reaching out to all people of all backgrounds, recognising their human dignity and worth. As it is with Jesus, so it must be for us.

## TRINITY SUNDAY

It's always good to welcome **Chris Clarke** to the preaching proceedings and we look forward to hearing Chris explore our current sermon SERIES THEME of the challenge for the Church in our internet age, Today Chris explores this through the lens of the central tenet of our Christian faith. That we believe in a **Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit**.

## ZOOM CATCH UP WITH MISSION PARTNER DEE JONES

On Wednesday night a number of us had the privilege of catching up with **Dee Jones** who is making the transition back into life in Zambia. Dee spoke at our services at the end of last year as she took time for a sabbatical here in Aotearoa NZ, so it was important that we made connection with Dee to chat and pray for her. Dee was in good spirits and we will continue to hold Dee in our prayers for both the joys and the challenges of her kingdom mission endeavours.

**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).



Hi everyone,

What a lovely time we enjoyed over **Pentecost Sunday** last week! By remembering and celebrating we are empowered to be Jesus hands and feet in our worlds, time to continue the journey of exploration of what that looks like. Today in **Kids Church** we are learning about God's call to Isaiah. Next Sunday (6<sup>th</sup>) is Queen's Birthday weekend, so Kids Church will take a break, we will have an activity for them in church.

On Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, as it's Queen's Birthday weekend, we'll be chillin' at a home, to be confirmed. Watch social media and emails to get full details.

Today in **Youth on Sunday's** we are exploring what happened to Peter after Pentecost Sunday! And as with the children, Sunday Youth on Queen's birthday will take a break and hang in church.

Of course, it's just two weeks to go until our **7 Volcano Challenge**, so registering, training and seeking sponsors are our highest priorities at this stage 😊

**Aroha,**  
**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.

**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**



## 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.

## Meals at Short Notice to Help those in Need

Last Sunday we had a need for a couple of meals at short notice.

If you would like to help out in times of need and would be happy to supply a meal at short notice, please let the office know, [office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz](mailto:office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz) or call 520 5652.

We will be putting a list of names together for just such occasions.

**Thank you for your thoughtful generosity.**

