

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



Working Bee this Week!

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 23 June** between 9am & 12pm



St George's Contact Book 2021

It's that time of the year again where we up-date our Contact Book. Please see the back of the church for the list of contacts we have now. If you can check your details, amend if necessary, add your details if you'd like to be in the book, by **Sunday, 11th July**.

Thank you!

Giving Numbers

To ensure that at the end of our financial year your tax receipt captures all donations you have made throughout the year, can we ask that you show your **Giving Number** against any giving or donation you make to St George's.

You can find your giving number on your tax receipt, it is part of the receipt number,
e.g. **Receipt No: 431-20202021**.

The pdf receipt is also saved as the number,
see example on the right, this giving number is
431



But if you are unsure, give the office a call on 520 5652 or email office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz to find out what your number is.

If you don't have a giving number and would like one, contact the office and we can help you with that too!
Thank you.

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 or Stan 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.



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



Saturday Morning Prayers

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."

SUNDAY SERVICES, 20 June

8.30am - 10.15am

THEME: 'Sowing Kingdom Seeds'

SPEAKER: Rev. Josh Jones

READINGS: Acts 28:16-28; Matthew 13:31-32

VERSE OF THE DAY: 1 Corinthians 15:58 "So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever in vain."

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 23 June

10.00am

Speaker: Neil Broom - 'Paul in Ephesus - Acts 19'

SUNDAY SERVICES, 27 June

8.30am - 10.15am

Speaker: Rev. Jeremy Woods - 'Guarding our Hearts'

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 & JEREMY WOODS

Last weekend the **7 Volcano** sponsored challenge was one of the year's definite St George's highlights. So many people have talked of just how thrilling and rewarding the whole experience has been. I think all of us who were present at last Sunday's services witnessed the spiritual fruit of this collective community coming together.

Rev. Jeremy Woods

Today we hear from the 2nd of our St John's placements Rev. Jeremy Woods who shares his thoughts on our Sermon Series of the past few weeks and expresses the sentiments of gratitude we all feel about the **7 Volcano Challenge**. Over to you Jeremy...

"Kia ora St George's whanau!

I've been enjoying our series exploring the *Book of Acts for the Internet Age*. It speaks to a great need in our world today: *Holy Spirit inspired community*. Community that transcends divisions of age, race, or class. Among other things, the book of Acts shows us the birth of a radical new community, the Church. How, beginning in Antioch, the multi-ethnic communities of 'The Way', were the first communities where belonging was not dependent on who your mother is. Unfortunately, it didn't take us long to fragment along lines of language, culture and class – just read Paul's letters!

And it seems like our world is growing ever more divided and tribal. Some of these divisions are purely marketing inventions – the sociological idea of generational cohorts (Boomers, Gen X, Millennials, Gen Z, etc.). Of course, the internet plays a key role in enflaming these divisions.

And this is where we, as the church, can be a counter-cultural witness to a divided world. By recognising how much we need one other. That each person, regardless of age, or race, or class, is not only welcome, but essential. We need the wisdom and perspective of those who go before us. We need the zeal and call to action of those who come after us. We need the insights of those who are different from ourselves. We need each other.

The **7 Volcanos Challenge** was a great example of this, and I want to honour the youth for initiating and organising this fundraiser, as well as all those, young and old, who got walking or giving. This certainly was a great example of coming together and inspiring one another across the generations. Definitely a highlight of our time here as a part of St George's.

As I write this, I have a verse from my favourite Advent hymn resounding in my head:

O come, desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease
And be Thyself our King of peace

May this be our prayer for the Church and our world."

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 Donation 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).

For everyone with a **Giving Number**, at the end of the 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).
Remember to add your [Giving Number](#) to the reference.



What a great weekend of adventure, challenge and togetherness we had last weekend. From the **7 Volcano Challenge** to our intergenerational service, it was wonderful to be part of the community enjoying time together, meeting new people and enjoying time with old friends!

This week, **Kids Church** and **Youth on Sundays** are in session during the 10.15am service.

Friday Youth, this Friday we will be heading out for a car rally, bring your 'thinking outside the box' brain, develop your team and come for more fun and adventure!

Meet at the church at 7pm! **Have a great week!** **Aroha,**

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



Togo Skies

The following is an excerpt from Miriam's latest newsletter which you can find on the Overseas Mission Noticeboard in the church.



"Just as the storms here can be seen rolling in from a distance, providing hope on the horizon for a reprieve from the temperature, God continues to provide encouragement and hope in the work He has called us here to do. Our house church has begun to meet again but due to covid restrictions we are now meeting outside in the courtyard. Kids Club has also started back up after our covid hiatus and we had over 40 kids come to play games, sing songs, colour pictures and listen to a Bible story."



Alpha, a 10-week course, begins on **Wednesday, 28 July** from **6.45pm**, at **30 St Andrews Rd, Epsom**.

Alpha is for everyone, especially for those who are:

- o wanting to investigate Christianity.
- o newcomers to the church.
- o thinking they'd like to brush up on the basics.

For more details contact Rod & Penny Kestle on 630 6531, Penny on 027 25 755 25 or email pmkestle@gmail.com

Some pictures of our St George's whanau from last weekends walk.

