

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



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!



TEAR Fund

St George's Church Hall

This is a nationwide fundraiser, a fun event for the whole family!



We will need help with set up, pack up and serving. If you are available and can help, please contact **Maree Walters** at g.m.walters@slingshot.co.nz

Thank you.



Saturday, 21st August from 7.30pm

Day Out for women of all ages... FRESH CONNECTIONS

Contributions from:

Kate Hunt, Karen (artist), Jax Clark, Jocelyn Grantham, Jeanette McClean, Hayley Lewis, Judith Williams (cello), Jessica Shaw (recorder) & you!!

Location:

The Chapel, St Johns Theological College, 202-210 St Johns Road, Auckland (parking available)

Date:

Saturday, 28 August from 9.30am to 3.30pm

Cost:

\$50 includes morning tea and lunch, materials for art, guided by Karen (theme is NZ birds)

For more info, please contact Jocelyn Grantham on 021 256 6635 or pick up a registration form from the back of the church.



NZCMS (New Zealand Church Missionary Society)

Next fellowship meeting

Date: Tuesday, 29th June 2021 **Time:** 10am **Venue:** Selwyn Village, Point Chevalier, "Music Room"

Speaker: Sam Tovey - NZCMS Better World Project **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



GUARDING OUR HEARTS

False treasures
False idols

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

SUNDAY SERVICES, 27 June

8.30am - 10.15am

THEME: 'Guarding our Hearts'

SPEAKER: Rev. Jeremy Woods

READINGS: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; Matthew 6:19-7:5

VERSE OF THE DAY: Proverbs 11:24 "The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller."

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 30 June

10.00am

Speaker: Judy Carey - 'Paul in Ephesus - Part 2'

SUNDAY SERVICES, 4 July

8.30am - 10.15am

Speaker: Rev. Josh Jones - '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

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, that you may know what the hope of God's calling." Ephesians 1:18

The deep wisdom of the Holy Spirit is needed when we talk about how we nurture the spiritual well-being of our 'hearts'. Scripture urges us to **'guard our hearts because from this everything flows.'** (Proverbs 4:23). But scripture also tells us to **'open the eyes of our hearts.'** There is a time to protect the spiritual health of our inner essence (hearts) but equally there are times when being too guarded and defensive, risks closing the eyes of our hearts and our willingness to look deeper within. As St Paul says, we can allow our **'hearts to become hardened'** Ephesians 4:18

It's this spiritual discernment and the Spirit's wisdom that we will be exploring in this new sermon series and it's great to have **Rev. Jeremy Woods** to begin this series.

Today we hear from the 3rd of our St John's placements, **Emily Paterson**, who shares her thoughts on her own journey and participation in God's mission purposes.

"Kia Ora St George's Whānau,

It is a joy to be on placement at St George's while I complete my final year of training for ordination at St John's College. I've enjoyed our journey through the Book of Acts during the last six weeks. It has reminded us of the church's call to mission, to participate in what God is doing around us and to proclaim the good news of Jesus. I find it important to remember that this is God's mission, not ours! This is reassuring for me because it means that success is not dependant on my ability, wisdom or strength! Instead it is the Holy Spirit who guides, inspires and empowers us for the work of mission. As we faithfully follow him, God works through us to bring about His purposes in the world. A lot of the time we don't see the fruit of this – instead only seeds are planted - but it is important that we don't underestimate the impact our words, prayers and actions can have on the faith journey of those around us.

As I look back on my faith journey I am immensely grateful for the seeds planted by my parents, grandparents and church family as I grew up. God worked through their prayers, their example and their instruction to reveal himself to me. They have also been key in helping me discern God's call in each season of my life. And as I watched my two year old daughter dance and clap to the worship songs at the end of the 10.15am service last Sunday I was reminded of what a wonderful gift it is to worship together as one body. While she brings joy and enthusiasm to the community, at the same time I believe seeds are being planted in her life about what it means to worship God, her place within the Church and her knowledge of God's love for her.

What a wonderful invitation God gives us, to partner with him in his mission in the world. This week may our eyes be open to what God is doing around us, and may we be empowered to faithfully follow Jesus and plant kingdom seeds in the lives of those around us.

Emily Paterson"

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.



Hi everyone,

Isn't it wonderful to start the week worshipping together!
This coming Friday we are worshipping round the campfire in the youth rooms. It's gonna be lit!

Sunday Youth and **Kids Church** continues this week, reflecting on Acts and praying for our leaders respectively.

Over this weekend some of our young people have been doing the 40-hour Famine, raising funds for children in the Sub-Saharan African area who are starving, their situation worsened by the effects of Covid-19!

Finally, huge congratulations to **Evan Walters, Millie Eaton and Sylvia McDougal** in their acceptance into the **BOLD leadership programme** run by the Diocese. This is a year-long programme, with a focus on developing outstanding, faith-filled, courageous leaders. More on that in the weeks to come!

Steph, Callum and the Kids Church team!

Kasempa Foundations

Improving lives through discipleship and community development.

Please pray for **Dee** as she navigates changing circumstances. She has recently been in touch and writes:

"It's a strange time in Zambia. We are in the middle of the election campaigns and also in the middle of a 3rd wave of Covid, with schools now being closed. We are also in a period of 21 days of mourning for Zambia's founding president who has died, and yesterday another 21 days of mourning was started for the Chief Justice who has also died."

Please continue to pray for our other Mission Partners, Sarah and Miriam. To catch up on their latest news please have a read of their newsletters which are on the church Mission Noticeboard.



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:

- wanting to investigate Christianity.
- newcomers to the church.
- 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

Northern Bound Pilgrimage

Our next northern bound pilgrimage using the **Te Araroa Trail** will take place on

Friday, 22 October to Sunday, 24 October, Labour weekend.

We'll start our walk from where we will be staying both Friday and Saturday nights at Whananaki North Holiday Park.

Gathering together with a pizza dinner at 6.30pm Friday, 22nd October around the pizza oven at the Whananaki North Holiday Park kitchen.

Jim and Janet Frater will lead the walking route starting from Whananaki North on Saturday morning, ending at Teal Bay by midday on Sunday, 22nd October. People can then choose to return home in the afternoon on Sunday or to continue their holiday in the area.

If you are interested in joining this pilgrimage, please RSVP as soon as possible to

Sarah Bowden at sarah.laurie56@icloud.com

Please be aware there are limited places, a deposit of \$50 is required to secure your place.

