

### 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



### St George's Contact Book 2021

#### **Last Day to Up-Date!**

Please see the back of the church for the list of contacts we have on file.

Check your details, amend if necessary or add your details if you'd like to be in the book.

You can also email [office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz](mailto:office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz)

**Thank you.**



### Ellerslie Pilgrimage

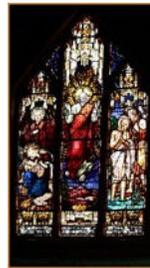
*"For now we see through a glass darkly"*

**Friday, 27 August starting 9.00am at St George's**

This pilgrimage makes a small survey of some local stained-glass windows starting with our own and ending at Christ Church, Ellerslie. We seek not to find the best windows but what makes them such a continuing church art form. Drinks to finish at the Halifax Institute. This is a leisurely day walk with plenty of time at the various stops. Bring a packed lunch. It is also possible to participate by car.

To register your interest phone Greg Smith on 524-2926 or email [gregskelbrooke@gmail.com](mailto:gregskelbrooke@gmail.com).

Further information is available on the church website under Kiwi Pilgrimages.



### Congregation Morning Tea!

You are warmly invited to join us for morning tea after the 8.30am service in the hall and the 10.15am service in the church.

**Everyone Welcome!**



### NZCMS (New Zealand Church Missionary Society)

**Next fellowship meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday, 27th July 2021 **Time:** 10am **Venue:** Selwyn Village, Point Chevalier, "Music Room"

**Speaker:** Rev. Wilf Holt - Auckland City Mission Homeless Services **Contact:** Lea on 528 7773.



### Auckland City Mission Food Drive!

Lets help our **City Mission** help Aucklanders in desperate need this winter!

**Hunger feeds shame.**

**Food feeds dignity.**

A huge thank you to all who regularly support the City Mission.  
For more info on this drive see the latest E-news or the church noticeboard.

### Saturday Morning Prayers

Every Saturday 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** on **027 499 7749**



## **The Five Marks of Mission**

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
- To respond to human need by loving service.
- To transform unjust structures of society.
- To safeguard the integrity of creation.

**The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ**

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

**SUNDAY SERVICES, 25 July**

**8.30am - 10.15am**

**THEME: 'Five Marks of Mission - Pursuing Justice'**

**SPEAKER:** Sarah Scott-Webb

**READINGS:** Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Luke 4:14-21

**VERSE OF THE DAY:** Amos 5:24 *"Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of justice, an endless river of righteous living."*

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 28 July**

**10.00am**

**Speaker:** Judy Carey - *'Acts 25 Festus and Agrippa'*

**SUNDAY SERVICES, 1 August**

**8.30am - 10.15am**

**Speaker:** Rev. Josh Jones - *'Five Marks of Mission'*

**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 Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them."** Matthew 22:37-40 (The Message translation)

One of the gifts of **Eugene Peterson's Message translation** of Holy Scripture is that he helps us to see familiar verses through a fresh lens. By Jesus own definition these are the **two greatest commandments** that form the very backbone of our Christian faith. As such, they are the heartbeat of our core calling as followers of Christ to participate in the Mission of Christ in the world. This is why we are so intentional about revisiting the **Five Marks of Mission** annually, here at St George's. Our calling to **'Proclaim the Good News'** - **'Nurture our Christian Faith'** - **'Respond to Human Need through Loving Service'** - **'Challenge Unjust Structures'** - **'Care for God's Creation'** are all lived expressions of these two great commandments.

Today we are really pleased to have with us one of our mission partners, **Sarah Scott-Webb**. Sarah was once a member of the Youth Ministry here at St George's and still has friendships from this time. Sarah is currently living in Christchurch and her work is very much at the forefront of **challenging unjust structures** in the crucial arena of human trafficking. She has answered God's calling for justice by defending the dignity and freedom of vulnerable people with World Vision, Hagar, and now at SIM International, we very much look forward to hearing from Sarah today.

### THE SPIRITUALITY OF MUSIC SOUTH ISLAND TOUR

Our 5 days in the South Island for the SPIRITUALITY OF MUSIC was an incredible experience for all of us and a very special time indeed. We have been touched with so many God moments that will linger long into the memory bank of life.

#### 4 big takeaways from this tour have been;

- The sheer hospitality and generosity from the communities of Wanaka and Cromwell Presbyterian Churches has blessed us beyond words.
- The attendances, the engagement and responses of the people on the night to the concerts was hugely encouraging. So many commented on how much the concept of what we are doing through these music nights had touched them on many levels. People sent messages to us ... **"thank you so much for last night, it was hugely encouraging, a tonic for these unsettling times"** and **"thank you everyone in the band for a night of deep healing"**
- Close to \$3,000 was raised at both concerts that will be given to very good causes locally and internationally.
- Finishing the tour with the privilege of leading worship and speaking at the Sunday service at Wanaka Church was a wonderful way to acknowledge that this whole Spirituality of Music concept is a ministry that aspires to connect people to the God and bring glory to the God who is 'all in all' and a celebration of the sacred gift of music that enriches all our lives.

**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.stgeorgeseppsom.org.nz](http://www.stgeorgeseppsom.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,

Welcome back for Term 3, all ministries are back today. **Kids Church** and **Youth** ministries are joining the wider faith whanau in exploring **the '5 Marks of Mission'** over the next few weeks. We will be learning in our groups and joining all together at various times throughout. It promises to be an interesting season of learning for us all.

**Friday Youth** re-starts next **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> July**, more details out soon.

**Have a great week.**

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

**Please pray for our partners working overseas.**

**Dee Jones, Zambia,**

**Foundations for Farming - working with SIM.**

**Miriam Tillman, Togo, Africa,**

**Pharmacist, Hospital of Hope Pharmacy, working with CMS.**

**Sarah Scott Webb: Human trafficking & exploitation prevention, SIM Intl./Communications NZ.**

**Also supporting Alongsiders**



### TEAR Fund

**Saturday, 21st August - 7pm start.**

Invite your friends, make a team up of 6 to 8 people and have a fun night out!  
\$10 / adult, but you can donate more if you like.  
You can purchase tickets online through TEAR fund, see the latest E-news for the link.

<https://fundraise.tearfund.org.nz/fundraisers/mareewalters/big-quiz>

Please contact Maree Walters at [g.m.walters@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:g.m.walters@slingshot.co.nz)

if you can help with set up, serving or pack up.

**Thank you.**



### 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).

**Bank Details:**

Account #: **03 0104 0109844 00**, Ref: **"WDO"** and your **"Name"**

**Register Now!**

You can pick up a registration form from the back of the church or register online, see our latest E-news for the link.

For more information, please contact **Jocelyn Grantham** on **021 256 6635**.

