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Meeting in person is so important for the fulfilment of our God given capacity to relate to each other in nurture and care. How often in the last couple of years have the "guru" commentators amongst us noted a downgrading of confidence and social skills in evidence because of the absence of meaningful and real 'in person' contact as a new normality of conducting life and relationships via social media threatens.

We ask you to continue to hold Josh and Kim in our prayers as they are wonderfully enjoying "real" connection, a connection they have been yearning for, with their nearest and dearest in England. Josh's mother, Sheila, rallied somewhat on his arrival, but her frailty continues of course. We pray for her and her beloved husband, Josh's dad, Len.

God bless you all.

**Stan and the Leadership Team.**

tearfund

### We're holding a Quiz night to raise funds for Tearfund

St George's is one of many churches around NZ taking part in **Tearfund's Big Quiz Night**. It will be a night of fun, laughter, and competition all to raise funds for a good cause.

**Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the hall.**

Our target is to raise \$800 to support Tearfund's work.

To purchase tickets see next week's E-News.

If you can help on the night, please contact Maree Walters at [g.m.walters@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:g.m.walters@slingshot.co.nz)

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Cat is a **Children's Mental Wellbeing Educator**. She founded **TBMe** to meet the urgent need for mental health education. Cat has devoted her life to helping as many children as she can understand and improve their mental health and wellbeing. She communicates complex concepts through engaging storytelling and visuals, with memorable messages and practical strategies.



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