

St George's are collecting Christmas gift donations for the **Auckland Angels** again this year. If you would like to donate a gift, **please drop your New, Un-Wrapped gift(s) into the church office** by

Friday, 2nd December.

You can find out more info on the church notice board located in the hall or check out our next weeks E-news for online donations.

**Thank you,
all gifts are greatly appreciated.**



Christmas Gifts for Te Papapa Preschool Children & Families

Third Space are collecting Christmas gifts for the **Te Papapa preschool children and families** again this year.

If you would like to give a Christmas gift for a **family** (wrap & mark **Family**) or for one of the **children** (wrap & mark either **M/F** & **age**), then you can drop your Christmas gift(s) into the **church office** by

Friday, 2nd December

Thank you for your kind support.



Hey lovely families, 😊

Welcome to you all today as we meet in the hall again, we're making good progress on our Christmas service preparations. Just a reminder that while church is meeting in the hall, there will always be toys, colouring and activity sheets available in the back lounge area, even while we have a separate children's program in the youth rooms.

Youth and Kids Church are downstairs this morning, with a separate program for the children who don't need quite so much practice for the Christmas play 😊

God bless you all,

Jess, Hayley, Callum and the Youth and Kids Leaders.

A Prayer for our Mission Partners

Father God,

We lift up our missionaries overseas. Lord, you have called them away from their homeland to follow You for Your purpose in their lives and the lives of those they come into contact with. Overseas missionaries have awoken to the call in their own hearts to venture beyond what they have known to follow in obedience to share with others about You, Lord. Father, we pray protection over them. We pray for safety and favour as they step in obedience into these lands. We pray that the hearts they come into contact with would be open and willing to hear and receive the beautiful and life-changing truth of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you would like to donate to **Dee** for **Foundations for Farming** - 03 0259 0316485 02, ref: **Dee**



Calling All Singers and Orchestral Players

As is our custom, we intend to form a choir and chamber orchestra for **Christmas Eve** this year.

Ken Leech is very keen to hear from anyone who would like to sing in the choir or play in the orchestra.

Please register your interest with Ken, ken.leech@gmail.com or ph: **021 241 1522**



Couch Conversation #2:

God, Gifts and the Arts.

Thursday 8 December, 7.30-9pm,
St George's Church Hall.

Please join us for an evening of 'Couch Conversations' & Christmas treats with the women of St George's.

We will begin with a short conversation on the couch with some inspirational women from our community, followed by catch up with each other over a cuppa.

For catering purposes, please let Hayley know if you can make it, otherwise just turn up on the night, we'd love to see you.
stgs.women@gmail.com or 0274355488

Drop in for a Cuppa and a Chat

Every Wednesday,
11am - 12.30pm
in the church hall.

All welcome.



Morning Tea

You are warmly invited to stay for morning tea in the **Hall** after the **10am** service.

Wednesday
Morning
10am
Service



Save the Date!

Jeremy's Ordination
Saturday, 26th November
@ 10am
Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Parnell



All welcome

Part of the tradition is for the parish that is having someone ordained to help out with the hospitality of all attending the event.

Please let the office know if you are able to provide a plate for the morning tea or if you can assist with clearing up.

Thank you.

Blessed are the Peacemakers Friday, 25th November 2022

The aim of this urban pilgrimage is to focus on some lesser-known iwi sites in the history of the North Shore.

We will start with a ferry ride to Northcote Point, then walk around Shoal Bay and finish our walk at Patuone's grave on Takarunga / Mt Victoria.

At the end of his very long and turbulent life, Patuone was known as the Peacemaker. His life span encompassed many of the important historical events that are still being examined today.

We will also become more familiar with two local volcanoes before returning home via the Devonport ferry.

Drinks at the Halifax Institute to finish.

Contact Greg Smith for more details 524 2926



St George's Church Hall

AN EVENING WITH CRAIG GREENFIELD
AND ALONGSIDERS INTERNATIONAL

"SUBVERSIVE MISSION"

7-9pm Saturday, November 26th

Opportunities for Prayer @ St George's

Saturday Morning Prayer - Zoom Up: Weekly prayer meeting on Zoom 8.30am - 9.30am. Contact Malcolm Taylor, taylor_mnz@xtra.co.nz for more information.

Prayer Ministry: After every service there are always people available to pray with you. All those offering prayer have been trained to pray with others.

Prayer Chain: There is a small group who pray for requests confidentially. Contact: David and Lynette Wood dandlwood@gmail.com or phone 021 208 3561. Requests are welcome.





“Empowering people to be Christ’s followers in the world.”

SUNDAY SERVICE, 13 November
10.00am

THEME: ‘Knowing Jesus’

SPEAKER: Rev. Jeremy Woods

READING: Ephesians 2:11-22; Luke 6:12-16

VERSE OF THE DAY: Ephesians 2:14 *“For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.”*

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 16 November
10.00am in the hall

Speaker: Judy Carey *‘John 19:5-42 - The Crucifixion’*

SUNDAY SERVICE, 20 November
10.00am in the hall

Speaker: Craig Greenfield - *‘Alongsiders International’*

VISITORS ... It’s great to have you worshipping with us today.
We hope you feel at home here and we look forward to getting to know you.

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REFLECTIONS FROM REV JOSH JONES

“Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus.”

Romans 15:5

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

Thessalonians 5:11

One of the standout features of Paul's writings to all the various early church communities was his emphasis on the spirit of encouragement. All these communities faced intense challenges of one kind or another and Paul recognised the crucial importance of the need to build each other up in faith.

As I reflect on our own St George's journey these past couple of years, I would say that this spirit of encouragement has been at the heart of our journey together. Be it through prayer and a listening ear - kind words to acknowledge people's endeavours - a willingness to adapt to all the various changes - recognising all the good things happening throughout our community across the generations - and of course nourished and encouraged through our gathered worship time together. All of these have been key factors in enabling us to negotiate all the various challenges we've faced together.

On a personal note, I've been lifted by both witnessing and receiving this encouraging spirit. I'd like to say a special word of acknowledgement and thanks to all who serve on our Staff Team, Vestry Team, and Pastoral Care Team. Every single person has been of one mind and heart in their determination to build one another up and stay focused on serving our community in Christ. An immense thank you to everyone in our community for your perseverance and grace-filled spirit.

Today Jeremy will bring us the penultimate week of our sermon series on **Knowing Jesus** by exploring the diverse nature of the disciples that Jesus chose for His Kingdom mission purposes. What does this tell us about Jesus, the disciples and God?

Thank you for all the positive feedback to this series and your appreciation of Jesus being at the centre of who we are as a St George's worshipping community. The words we heard last week from **Dietrich Bonhoeffer** capture the essence of why we embarked upon this series...

“Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. No Christian community is more or less than this.”

Our prayer is that this deeper reflection of Jesus' own question **“Who do you say I am?”** will take us into a deeper reflection of the upcoming season of Advent and the birth of Jesus Christ.

Josh and the Leadership Team.

GIVING

- EFTPOS: Not available at the moment.
- INTERNET BANKING: Westpac Bank A/c # 03-0104-0109844-01
- DONATION BOX: In the hall or office.

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