

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.



Hi everyone!

Our Christmas play preparations are continuing well, it's great to see all your lovely children each Sunday ☺ All those with a script can continue to read and become more familiar with their lines at home this week. Keep in mind what might be useful for costumes too 🧡🧡

We're all downstairs again this week, there are plenty of activities for those not so involved in the play and everyone is welcome! Have an awesome week,

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

Hi everyone,

We want to thank you for your wonderful generosity in the koha that has been given towards the project **Dee** is heading up in **Zambia** for the **Foundations for Farming** work. The center will give them a location to teach, an office space for Dee and a community hub for their work. Already, a water bore has been dug that provides the wider community with access to clean water. When we checked how much money had come in, there was over **\$5,500!!** We are going to match this with **\$5,000** from a surplus this year in the mission account.

Dee is so grateful as are we, for your generosity and support. If you would still like to contribute, please donate via the church giving account **03 0259 0316485 02**, with ref: "**Dee**" include your giving number.

As some of you will know, Dee is coming back to NZ earlier than expected due to her Dads health issues, arriving in December to support him while he has chemotherapy. She would very much appreciate your prayers as she prepares to head back here for:

- ◇ Her Dads health and coping with the treatment.
- ◇ Plans for handing over the work in Kasempa for during her time back in NZ.
- ◇ Safety and health for travel.



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.

Next Working Bee!

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



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

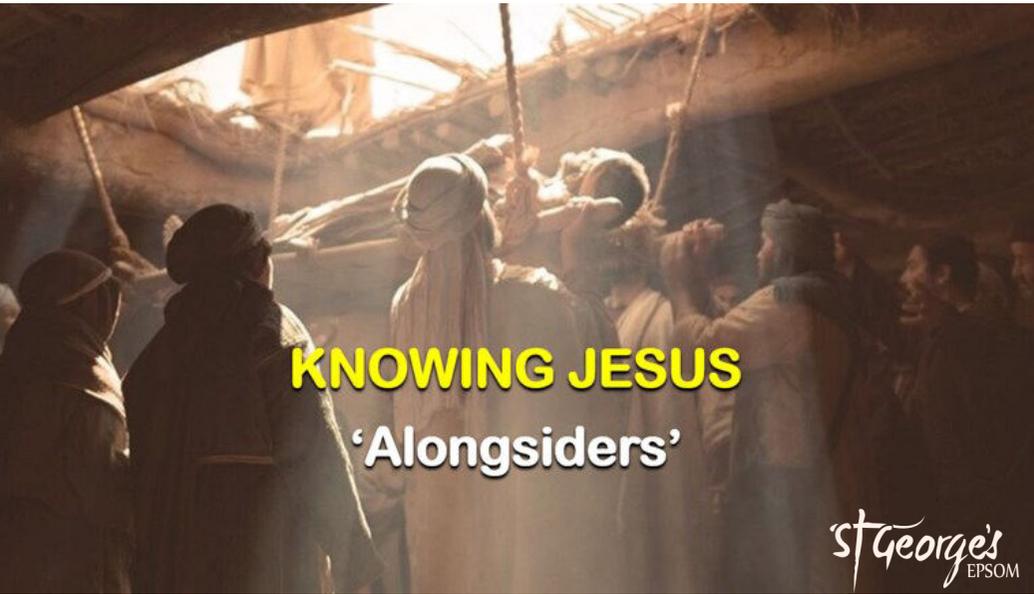
Opportunities for Prayer @ St George's

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.





KNOWING JESUS 'Alongsiders'

St George's
EPSOM

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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 13 November
10.00am

THEME: *KNOWING JESUS - Alongsiders International*

SPEAKER: Craig Greenfield

READING: Mark 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-21

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 23 November

10.00am in the hall

Speaker: Judy Carey *'John 20 - The Resurrection'*

SUNDAY SERVICE, 27 November

10.00am in the hall

Speaker: Chris Clarke - *'Longing for Hope'*

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

A very warm welcome today to **Craig Greenfield** from the mission organisation **Alongsiders International**. It feels very appropriate to finish our sermon series on **Knowing Jesus**, by hearing about their work which is inspired and guided by Jesus' heart for those on the margins. Our very own Maree Walters is a strong advocate of the redemptive kingdom endeavours undertaken by the people who serve this organisation.

After two decades of living in slums and inner cities, Craig founded this grassroots youth movement which is now reaching thousands of vulnerable children across 25 countries in Asia, Africa and Europe. Craig has also written a book called **“Subversive Mission: Serving As Outsiders In A World of Need”** inspired by his passion to speak and write about God's heart for the poor and the call for justice.

Advent Awaits

We are now on the cusp of entering the busiest season of our Church calendar year as we begin our journey of **Advent next Sunday**. Last year we shared this central worship journey of our Christian faith together online, so it will be extra special to be able to do this in person after a challenging 2022. In spite of all these challenges we can rejoice in the spirit of our St George's whanau and the willingness of everyone to find the possibilities of God in whatever has been put before us.

As I've emphasised many times, I believe that the nature of these challenges has forged a deeper sense of the need to listen to the Spirit's leading and prompting and with this a surer sense of God's providence and guidance. We have forged a deeper collective community resilience that will serve us well as we enter this season of expectant hope that springs from the birth of Christ and the incarnation. God with us (Emmanuel).

Jeremy's Ordination

As we begin this journey of Advent it's fitting that next Saturday Jeremy begins a new adventure with God at the cathedral in Parnell. Jeremy becomes fully ordained as a Priest in the Anglican Church and it's a huge day for not only Jeremy but also Buzzy, Rita May and Sienna. As part of his spiritual preparation, Jeremy will go away on retreat this coming week with all the other people being ordained. One of the most moving and meaningful aspects of my own ordination 12 years ago was the support we received from our then brand-new St George's community, so we look forward to seeing as many as possible being there in support at the Cathedral as we hold Jeremy, Buzzy and the girls in our prayers for this sacred time.

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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- INTERNET BANKING: Westpac Bank A/c # 03-0104-0109844-04