



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

Next 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 for all the very generous donations so far, they 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**), drop your Christmas gift(s) into the **church office** by

Next Friday, 2nd December

Thank you



NZCMS (New Zealand Church Missionary Society)

Next fellowship meeting (Note: change of Venue).

Date: Tuesday, 25th October 2022,

Time: 10am,

Venue: Selwyn Village "Music Room" Pt. Chevalier,

Speaker: Peter and Fay - South East Asia,

Contact: Lea Tovey on 528 7773.

Morning Tea

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



Everyone welcome.



Drop in for a Cuppa and a Chat

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

All welcome.

Wednesday Morning 10am Service



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.



Hello lovely families 😊

Our Christmas play preparations are going well, and there is another run-through this morning. All those with a script can start memorising lines at home this week! We've had a great start to the dance rehearsals and the girls will be practicing again today 🎭

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

God bless you as we start the celebration of this **Advent season** ✨

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

Hi everyone,

For the next 2 Sundays, **27th November** and **4th December**, we will have some Christmas cards at the back for our mission partners for you to write on or sign. We would love for you to stop by the table we will have set up and add your greetings.



If by chance you are not going to be around to do this in person, please send any email messages to: Bec.somerville22@gmail.com for us to collate with the cards.



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



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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 27 November
10.00am

THEME: *‘Longing for Hope’*

SPEAKER: Chris Clarke

READING: Jeremiah 29:5-7; Luke 2:25-32

VERSE OF THE DAY: **Psalm 137:4** *“How could we sing the LORD’s song in a foreign land?”*

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 30 November
10.00am in the hall

Speaker: Judy Carey *‘John 21 - Jesus Appears to the Disciples’*

SUNDAY SERVICE, 4 December
10.00am in the hall

Speaker: Rev. Josh Jones - *‘Longing for Peace’*

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

Today we begin the very special journey of the season of **Advent**. We may be drawing towards the close of our calendar year but Advent marks the beginning of the Church Liturgical calendar year as we celebrate the **Incarnation**.

The central belief of our faith that in Jesus Christ, God came to walk among us, the Word made flesh, **‘God with Us’ Emmanuel**. It’s a season marked by the spirit of expectation as we anticipate the Advent (arrival) of the Christ child from three different perspectives: the physical nativity in Bethlehem, the reception of Christ in our hearts, and the eschatological Second Coming.

For me personally, given the challenges of the past year and the current climate of our world and culture, I have an even deeper sense of the need for the light and hope of Christ that we celebrate throughout Advent. Each week we will light a purple Advent candle to explore the key themes of **‘hope’, ‘peace’, ‘love’ and ‘joy’** within our overall theme of **‘Longing’**. Today Chris Clarke will begin the series by exploring our **‘Longing for Hope’** as we look forward to sharing this whole journey of Advent together as a St George’s family. Ending this challenging year focused on how God is at work through Christ in all the arenas of human life, will be a spiritually uplifting journey to encourage each other.

Kids Play

Look out for our traditional Children’s play which returns ‘in person’ after our online break in 2021. Jess and Hayley have been busy preparing all the work that needs to be done to make it happen and it will be so good to share this celebration with our young people.

Jeremy

As I write these words Jeremy has left to be on retreat with his colleagues in spiritual preparation for his Ordination on Saturday at the Cathedral. By the time you read this Jeremy will be preparing to take his first ever Holy Communion at today’s service of worship. It’s a huge week in Jeremy’s ministry calling and the sacred covenant of commitment he has entered into. It is also a major transition time for Buzzy, Rita May and Sienna, so our prayers are with them all as they begin this new adventure with God and our St George’s community.

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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