

St George's four core values:

- ◇ **A PLACE OF GRACE** - A community where everyone can come and be safe, authentic loved and accepted.
- ◇ **DIVERSITY IS A GIFT** - We celebrate our God-given diversity, knowing that we learn and grow from our differences in community.
- ◇ **CREATIVITY AND JUSTICE** - We want to be a community that encourages and releases all our creative gifts and stands for the dignity and value of all human beings who are created in God's image.
- ◇ **DARE GREATLY** - To do all of the above, we have to be prepared to take risks and step outside of our comfort zones, knowing that with God all things are possible.

NZCMS (New Zealand Church Missionary Society)

Next fellowship meeting

Date: Tuesday, 28th February 2023, **Time:** 10am,
Venue: Selwyn Village "Music Room" Pt. Chevalier,
Speaker: Andy Miller - CMS Mission partner - Costa Rica
Contact: Lea Tovey on 528 7773.

Next Working Bee!

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 1st March** between 9am & 12pm!!

City Mission Needs Our Help!!



Families are really struggling, especially after this last cyclone.
 On Sunday, if you are able, please bring a can of spaghetti, tomatoes, vegetables, soup, fruit, meat, fish, sauces, creamed rice..... to help the **City Mission help Aucklanders in desperate need!**
A huge thank you to all who support this wonderful cause.

Morning Tea

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

Everyone 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_nz@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 dandwood@gmail.com or phone 021 208 3561.
 Requests are welcome.



Welcome everyone, 😊

This last week has been a time of fellowship and community as we've celebrated not one but two pancake days 🥞 Firstly the waffle brunch last Sunday, so ably prepared by the youth, and then our Pancake Picnic on Shrove Tuesday evening.

Today we look forward to meeting together downstairs during the service when we'll be starting our Lent themed series as we lead up to Easter.

See you all soon,
Jess, Hayley, Callum and the team



This week we have a brief update from **Sarah Scott Webb**, one of our mission partners who is based in Christchurch but works globally for **FOR FREEDOM**, an international organization committed to the care and support of the vulnerable and working primarily in the area of anti trafficking.



Sarah has recently been to Chiang Mai to attend and speak at the **World Evangelical Alliance MC Global Consultation**. It was a fantastic opportunity for her to speak with leaders from the global church and mission's community about the need to engage with anti-trafficking and how they can best do this. There were great opportunities to plan with other workers in this area, how to build better global networks and stop human trafficking. An exhausting and inspiring time and Sarah is grateful for our ongoing prayers for her work in this area and especially for more upcoming travel.

Sarah would especially value our prayers as she leaves Tuesday, 21st February for Kenya to attend SIM's Global Assembly, which is held every 5 years for SIM leaders. For Freedom was launched at the last one in Johannesburg in 2018, so it will be a very different experience for Sarah this time preparing for this one as a known and established ministry.



World Day of Prayer Service

Friday, 3rd March @ 2pm
 St George's Church Hall,

THEME: "I have heard about your faith"
 Prepared by the churches of Taiwan.
 Afternoon tea will follow the service.
 Contact: Diana Burslem on 021 180 3212



ESOL Classes are held on Tuesdays in the church hall from 10am till 12 noon during school terms. Six levels from beginner to advanced. Classes \$20 per term, includes morning tea. For more information please contact Rose Cooper on 021 170 7070, email rosecooper2000@gmail.com or just come along.

ESOL Bible Study Classes are held on Thursday mornings from 10am till 12 noon. Morning tea is provided, and there are 2 class levels. Please contact Lynette Wood on 908 3202 or dandwood@gmail.com

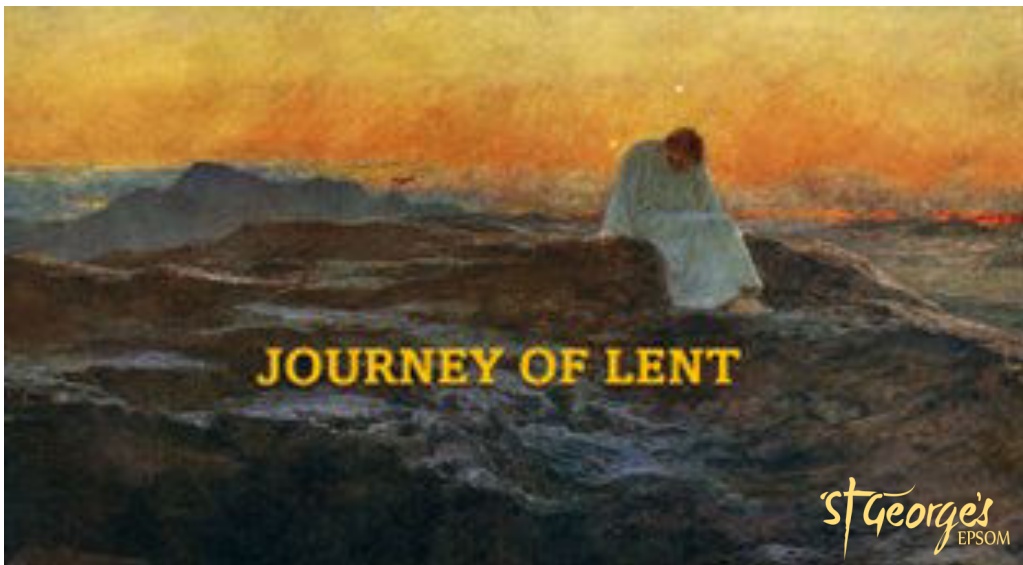
ESOL classes **urgently** require another **Elementary Teacher**.
 Please contact Rose Cooper on **021 170 7070** or email rosecooper2000@gmail.com



Mainly Music

School Term: Every Friday from 9.30am in the Church Hall
Enquiries: please contact
Hayley Lewis on 027 435 5488





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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 26 February
10.00am

THEME: ‘Lent - Jesus in the Wilderness’ - ‘Fasting from Despair’

SPEAKER: Rev. Josh Jones

READINGS: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Luke 4:1-13

VERSE OF THE DAY: Psalm 31:24 *“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.”*

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

1 March 10.00am

Speaker: Glenys Brookbanks - *‘Psalm 139’*

*Prayer
and Healing
Service*

SUNDAY SERVICE

5 March 10.00am

Speaker: Karen Spoelstra - *‘Lent’*

**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

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”

Matthew 6:21

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

Each year we are all invited once again to ponder the season of **Lent** and what it means to our faith and lives in Christ. It’s a time when Christians around the world are called to join a particular rhythm of church life that’s endured down the centuries. This rhythm is more than routine for its own sake. It can be profoundly nurturing for our own lives of faith.

The two-scripture verse above, given by Jesus Christ, go to the wisdom heart of why we take time to fast and reflect in a spirit of confession. As Judy Carey said at our Ash Wednesday service, **“we worship what we value most.”**

Today we begin the journey together and this Lent we want to look below the surface to get to the heart of our inner dependencies. The default thought patterns and drives that we know can affect our flourishing and get in the way of following Jesus wholeheartedly. They will be different for all of us, it might be fear, ambition, judgmentalism, control, impatience and such. What might it look like to give up these inner dependencies for Lent instead of (or perhaps as well as) the typical things we might give up. Not just for the 40 days but as a way to nurture our spiritual formation in Christ and as NT Wright puts it, **“to shape the habits of our hearts.”**

We start by exploring one of the most well-known passages of scripture that for good reason is always the church lectionary reading to begin the Lent journey. Every year across the globe you and I are among the millions of Christians having our hearts and minds focused on the implications of this time of trial and testing for Jesus. His mission defining encounter with the one who seduces, accuses, taunts and tempts.

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- DONATION BOX: In the hall or office.

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