

**Save the Date!** Couch Conversation #3:  
Women in Theology

Thursday 23 March, 7.30-9pm.  
ST George's Church Hall.



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

We will get to hear from both Kate Berkley and Diane Miller-Keeley followed by a cuppa, some sweet treats, and a chance to catch up with each other.

If possible, 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



Need more teachers at the **Intermediate** or **Upper Intermediate level**

If you would be willing to teach at this level, either as a regular or relief teacher, please contact **Rose Cooper** on **021 170 7070** or email **rosecooper2000@gmail.com**

**Morning Tea**

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



**Everyone**



**City Mission Needs Our Help!!**

**Families are really struggling, especially after the 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.**

**Next Working Bee!**

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 15th March** between **9am & 12pm!!**



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](mailto: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](mailto:dandwood@gmail.com) or phone 021 208 3561.



Welcome to everyone here today, 😊

We're taking a break from **Kid's Church** this morning as most of our families are away at the unofficial Dad's Camping weekend! 🏕️☀️ We wish all the campers well and are praying for safety and great weather.

There are colouring and activity sheets in the lounge at the back of the hall for use during the service if required.

Have a great week,  
**Jess, Hayley, Callum and the team**

**A Prayer for Ukraine - One Year On**

God of peace and justice, we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for provisions for those that need them, for homes for those displaced, for care for the lost, lonely and injured, and for people throughout the world to notice and remember those who continue to live in fear, uncertainty and with daily risk to their lives and homes.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

We pray for those working alongside those who have suffered as a result of this war. Give them unfailing compassion, energy for each day and protection as they are your hands and feet in the world.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children in this country and in the countries surrounding it, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

**Amen**



**Save the date!**

**Paint & Create**  
**Thursday, 4th May from 7-9pm**  
**All ages welcome.**

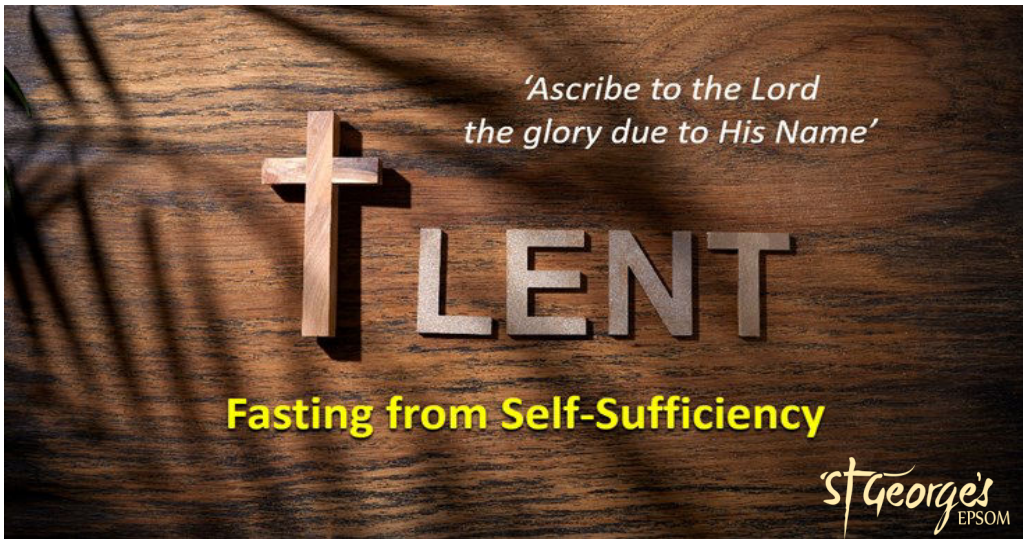
Please save the date for a fun evening of chatter, dessert and wine, all while painting a ceramic mug (which will get kiln fired and returned to you for your use)  
More details to come.



**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, 12 March**

**10.00am**

**THEME: ‘Lent - Fasting from Self-Sufficiency’**

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Josh Jones

**READINGS:** 1 Chronicles 16:23-29; Colossians 3:12-17; Matthew 26:26-30

**VERSE OF THE DAY: 1 Chronicles 16:29** “Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before the Lord. Worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness.”

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**15 March 10.00am**

**Speaker:** Judy Carey - ‘Living Without Judging Others’

**SUNDAY SERVICE**

**19 March 10.00am**

**Speaker:** Bishop Ross - ‘Journey of Lent - Fasting from Ambition’

**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.**

19 Ranfurly Road | Epsom | Auckland 1023 | Ph 09 520 5652 | office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz | www.stgeorgesepsom.org.nz

## REFLECTIONS FROM REV JOSH JONES

**“Worship is the practice of cultivating reverence that prevents idolatry and affords powerful symbols to what is ultimate.”**

The above quote is from John Vervaeke a professor at Toronto University in Cognitive Neuroscience. He has produced a hugely successful You Tube series called **Awakening from the Meaning Crisis** and in many ways, he represents the spiritual hunger and searching of our times. He was raised in an American Fundamentalist Baptist home that left him deeply antagonistic towards Christianity and carrying more than a few scars.

Recently he’s been in deep and respectful conversations with some other notable thinkers equally concerned about the current meaning crisis and direction of the world. These are people who in search of their own meaning have recently converted to Christianity. It’s made John Vervaeke much more open to a Christianity different from the one that left him spiritually scarred and I pray that the Spirit will continue to deepen his understanding and where his journey will take him. The wisdom of his quote captures perfectly what I want to explore today in week 3 of our Lenten journey.

- ◆ *What does it mean to be a worshipping community and why do we gather?*
- ◆ *What gifts can a gathered worship community centred in Christ offer our increasingly unstable world in search of a deeper meaning?*

Every church now faces this same missional challenge of our ever-changing cultural landscape. I fully believe that belonging to an authentic worship community, which provides a safe space to explore our faith firmly centred in Jesus Christ, is the sacred gift for all of us in these testing times.

Today our prayers are with Jeremy and other Dads as they enjoy a special **Dads and Kids weekend away**. We pray that it will be an enriching and nourishing time together and a time to deepen their relationships with each other and God.

## 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.

### ROOF

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