

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.



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 **rosecoper2000@gmail.com**

Kiwi Bibles

You are very welcome to help yourself to a Kiwi Bible. Pick one up from the back of the hall after the service. Our thanks to Chris Grantham for this generous offer.

FREE!!

St. George's Life Groups

St George's has a number of **Life Groups** that operate on a fortnightly basis. These groups focus on pastoral support, spiritual nourishment and getting to know one another better. We are keen for as many people as possible to be a part of a supportive **Life Group**.

Please contact office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz or speak to Stan Thorburn after the service if you are interested in finding out more about **Life Groups**.



Morning Tea

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

Everyone



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.



Kia Ora everyone!

Well, a wonderful weekend away was had by many of our Kid's Church and their fathers up at Shakespear Park last weekend and we're very grateful to God for lovely weather and safety during the trip 🌍☀️

Today we're meeting downstairs during the service and continuing our Lent theme of putting aside qualities that distract us from focusing on Jesus.

God bless you this coming week 🙏
Jess, Hayley, Callum and the team

We are excited that at the end of the time with her family and a brief furlough trip, **Dee** has the opportunity to extend her time in NZ and stay through to approx. June.

It would be really helpful for Dee to find some independent accommodation for this time (April-June) either house-sitting, a self-contained unit or something similar. A vehicle to use over this time would also be really helpful if anyone has something available.

If you are able to help in any way with this, please contact either **Lynnette on 027 540 7191** or **Sally on 021 187 7310**. Thank you.



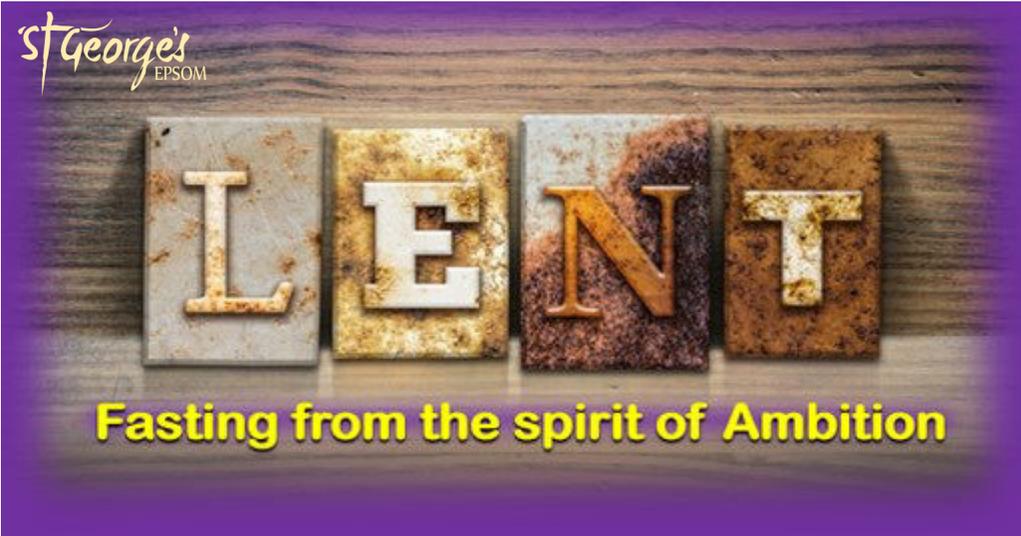
Couch Conversation #3:
THIS THURSDAY! *Women in Theology*
Thursday 23 March, 7.30-9pm,
St George's Church Hall.



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



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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 12 March

10.00am

THEME: ‘Lent - Fasting from the Spirit of Ambition’

SPEAKER: Bishop Ross

READINGS: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; John 9:1-17

VERSE OF THE DAY: 1 Samuel 16:7 *“But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.””*

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

22 March 10.00am

Speaker: Judy Carey - *‘What is a Wasted Life?’*

SUNDAY SERVICE

19 March 10.00am

Speaker: Rev. Jeremy Woods - *‘Journey of 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

*“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”*

Colossians 3:15-16

As part of my devotions this past week I've continued to ponder these beautiful words from St Paul that we explored last Sunday. Given the theme of our Lent series I found myself contemplating one word in particular. Twice Paul urges us to *‘let’* the peace of Christ and to *‘let’* the Word of Christ rule and dwell in our hearts. The essence of Lent is about letting the Spirit examine and illuminate our hearts so that we may ‘yield’ more to Christ’s shaping influence in our lives. Lent gives us the opportunity to discern what we need to ‘let go of’ in order to live more fully in Christ and today we continue this theme of fasting and giving up the habits of our hearts that can be life diminishing.

Today we have the very great pleasure of welcoming **Bishop Ross** to St George’s, he will continue our Lenten sermon series by exploring **‘giving up on the spirit of ambition’**. What might it look like to develop our own gift of discernment so that we may know and do the will of God, rather than chasing our own ambitions? In the words of the song **‘Jesus all for Jesus’** ...*“All of my ambitions, hopes and plans, I surrender these into your hands”*

It’s particularly pleasing that Bishop Ross is able to join us as a worshipping community while we are still in our temporary home of the church hall. It’s been a truly historic season in the 107 year journey of St George’s to ensure that we can continue serving our local community as the salt and light of Christ. It’s also been a very formative experience and the positives gained will enrich us on our return to our church building. As so many of you have commented, the more intimate proximity of the hall dynamic has organically encouraged a greater symbiosis across all aspects of our worship life. The fruit of this has been a wonderful spirit of togetherness and joy which is always a sign of the Spirit’s presence among us. As we now journey together towards the Cross and the momentous occasion of Easter, we pray for an ever-deepening experience of the living God for all our lives.

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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