



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**

DAYTIME Life Group

In recent times there have been enquiries about a daytime Life Group. We are wanting to start such a group and invite anyone interested to attend a meeting in the hall lounge at **3pm on Sunday, 16th April**.

We will discuss what people have in mind for the group such as frequency of meeting, venue, leadership and nature and character of studies and subjects of interest.

As with all our Life Groups we expect a commitment to pray for each other and for the ministries of St George's and that the group can be a safe nourishing place for relationships to grow.

Please contact Stan (027 489 2354) if you intend to come to the meeting on 16th April.



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.

NZCMS (New Zealand Church Missionary Society)

Next fellowship meeting

Date: Tuesday, 28th March 2023, **Time:** 10am,

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

Speaker: Bryan Johnson - The Director of The Asia Pacific Discipleship Trust - On Islam

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



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_s_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.



Hi lovely families, 😊

We hope you've all had a great week! Today is the last Sunday before **Palm Sunday** 🌿 and we'd love to see you downstairs this morning for the final lesson of our Lent journey.

Congratulations to the **Youth** for their efforts yesterday on the big **Auckland City Mission fundraiser walk!** They're very grateful for all the support and donations and we're very proud of them 😊

See you all soon,

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.**



2023 Dinners in Homes

It's that time of the year again, starting in late April. **Friday 21, Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 (lunch)**

Then every second weekend of the month during winter.

Please contact **Julie Macdonald** on

027 444 2577 or dunju46@gmail.com

to confirm a date and if you would like to be a **host** for 4 or 6 guests or a **guest** by **Tuesday, 11 April**.

Everyone will contribute towards the meal.

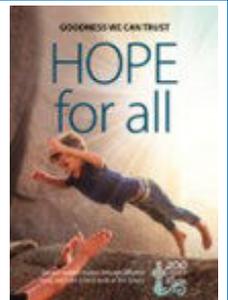
All welcome.

Hope Project – Easter 2023

The **Hope Project** seeks to bring an awareness of Christ back to the public square in connection with our cultural festivals that were purposed to celebrate Christianity.

This Easter, if you would like to help deliver the booklets to letterboxes in the **Newmarket to Epsom areas** please contact **Malcolm Taylor** via email, taylor_s_nz@xtra.co.nz or for more information you can visit the web site

<https://alltogether.co.nz/hopeproject/>



Next Working Bee!

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 29th March** between 9am & 12pm!!





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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 26 March

10.00am

THEME: ‘Lent

Giving Up On The "If Only" Voice and Disillusionment, and Feasting on Hope and Possibility

SPEAKER: Rev. Jeremy Woods

READINGS: Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-44

VERSE OF THE DAY: John 11:21

“Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

29 March 10.00am

Speaker: Judy Carey - ‘Rewards in Heaven’

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

2 April 10.00am

Speaker: Chris Clarke - ‘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

“Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11

OUR MUCH-VALUED YOUNG PEOPLE

As I’ve often said, I regard the gift of *encouraging one another* as one of the most important marks of an authentic Christian community. The deep wisdom of these words from Paul cannot be overestimated. As I alluded to in last week’s ‘*Heartbeats*’ one of my personal ministry encouragements of recent weeks has been the conversations Jeremy and I have been having with some of our young people. We’ve been exploring the emotional and spiritual places they’ve travelled in their faith and life journey with Jesus. One of the stand outs from our conversations has been the depth and wisdom of their thinking around all the varied issues they must negotiate. Keep your eyes open for more interviews arriving in your emails up to Easter.

As we’ve all witnessed, the world has become an increasingly challenging place which brings dimensions of pressures for our young people that I certainly never experienced. Central to much of our ministry thinking is how we best nurture and nourish our young people in their faith walk and we will continue to make this one of our core priorities. Jeremy has worked hard to cultivate the all-important relationality which included he and Buzzy hosting a really positive senior leaders gathering last Monday. The ongoing desire is for this to become a weekly time of faith building and encouragement.

For my own part having Cindy and Millie in the worship band last Sunday was very special and this is another area that we want to continue cultivating. We have many talented musicians and singers at St George’s, and we want to encourage them to bring their giftings to a Youth Band for times of leading worship. There is nothing more rewarding than to see our young people flourishing in their own individual God given gifts integrated into a deepening faith in Christ. We would invite everyone to continue holding them and this ministry in your prayers.

Today Jeremy will continue our sermon series by exploring ‘*giving up on the "If Only" voice and disillusionment, and feasting on hope and possibility.*’

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