

Beauty Project - Update

Cards are available for those who have ordered them. Spare stock is available and re-orders can also be made.

Payment to be made online into the St George's account, number: 03 0259 0316485 02

Please use reference "Beauty Project" and your "name"

Contact Jane Vogels via email, vogelsjane@gmail.com or call / txt 021 314 364 for more info.

Pilgrimage, The Power of Creation

Saturday, 20 May 2023, leaving St George's @ 8 am

The destination of the pilgrimage is the **Meola Reef, Te Tokaroa**. This geographical feature is the phenomenal lava flow of Mt St John behind our church.

Firstly we will go up Mt St John and see where the lava spilled over on its western side. Next we will take the train into the city and approach the reef using the shoreline as much as possible.

This is one of the shorter pilgrimages over easy terrain.

The return journey will be by bus from Pt Chevalier.

Drinks at the Halifax Institute to conclude the day.

To register a place please contact **Greg Smith** on 524 2926 or email gregskelbrooke@gmail.com.



Men's Breakfast with Guest Speaker Tim Wilson CEO Maxim Institute

Saturday, 27 May, 7.15am @ I-Press Café, Mt Eden - "The Importance of Failure"

Tim has had a fascinating career as TV journalist and now CEO of Maxim Institute. His spiritual journey has been equally interesting. A Christian working in challenging environments.

Please RSVP by **Tuesday, 23 May** via email Peterdeanbowden@gmail.com or txt 021 222 8855 with your name to confirm numbers.

A follow up email will be sent with food options.

St G's Men's Ministry Team

The Way of the Raukura – A Parihaka Musical 18 - 20 May

An extraordinary true story of courage, loss and hope.

Following a sold-out debut season, **The Way of the Raukura** is an original NZ/Aotearoa stage musical about the 1881 Crown-led invasion of Parihaka. It features an outstanding array of Māori and Pākehā actor-singers from across Auckland, with high-level experience in performing arts, one of which is our very own **Gareth Walters**.

Co-written and co-directed by Steve Worsley and Sarah Tahere. Featuring a seven-piece live band, traversing contemporary styles (soul, jazz, ballad), and traditional cultural sounds. Described as 'heart-wrenching' and as 'a powerful production that should be shown all over the whenua to enhance our understanding of Aotearoa's history'.

With engaging characters, climactic events and an evocative set. The story follows the fortunes of two historical characters (*Samuel Crombie Brown* and *Wiremu Hiroki*) who come to Parihaka just prior to the invasion. What happens when a wanted criminal seeks refuge in a pacifist village? What happens when a news reporter breaks a government media ban? And what happens when an army of 1,600 marches on Parihaka?

For more info see our weekly **E-news** or go to **Ticketmaster** to book tickets.



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 dandlwood@gmail.com or phone 021 208 3561.



Hello everybody! ☺

We're so glad you're able to join us this Sunday as we celebrate **Mother's Day** and the other wonderful mother figures we have in our

lives 🌸🌺🌻🌿

We'll be meeting downstairs during the service and everyone is welcome.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

Jess, Hayley, Callum and the team

St George's Donation Tax Receipts

Will be ready to send by the **4th week in May**. They'll be emailed out.

If your email address has changed in the last year, please notify the office at your earliest.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.



St George's Kidschurch
invites you to

Flashback
Friday

Friday 19th May - 4.30-6.30pm

old school style

food & games!

St George's Church Hall
\$5 per kid. Invite your friends.
RSVP - Hayley 0274355488

Morning Tea

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



Mainly Music

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



Wednesday
Morning
10am
Service



ESOL is still in need of teachers, and we would like to invite anyone who is interested to a couple of **Open Days** over the next two **Tuesdays, 9th and 16th May**. You'll be able to sit in on the classes and meet the students over morning tea. If you decide you would like to know more, we have an orientation pack for information on the classes etc.

For more info, please contact **Rose Cooper** on rosecooper2000@gmail.com or 021 170 7070.

The Lord's Prayer



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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 14 May

10.00am

THEME: ‘Give Us Today Our Daily Bread’

SPEAKER: Jeannie Blaker plus *Josh Jones ‘Giving Appeal 2023’*

READINGS: Psalm 23; Mark 8:22-26; Matthew 8:23-27

VERSE OF THE DAY: Matthew 6:11 “Give us this day our daily bread.”

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 17 May

10.00am

Speaker: Judy Carey - ‘The Letters to Sardis and Thyatira’

SUNDAY SERVICE, 21 May

10.00am

Speaker: Rev. Jeremy Woods - ‘Release Us Our Debts’

**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.**

REFLECTIONS FROM REV JOSH JONES

Today marks a very important moment in the 108-year history of this St George’s faith community as we launch our 2023 financial giving appeal. It will be the first time in over three years that we have come to our community to ask for financial giving that hasn’t been to do with maintenance projects. Specifically, the replacement of our church roof and hall roof. This has rightly been the focus of most of our financial endeavours.

We have had to step out in faith many times these past three years and through much prayer, trust in God’s providence, and the immense generosity of our community, we have risen magnificently to the all the challenges. But now we stand at the historic threshold of a return to our church building, and now is the time for us to all step out in faith once again. Now is the time to turn our focus to crucial work of enabling our ministry and mission endeavours. because ultimately this is why we are here.

The fundamental reality is that every aspect of our church operations and ministry costs have risen over the past three years, so we need to raise funds to meet these costs. We have also stepped out in faith to keep investing and growing our ministry team as we’ve returned from lockdowns and gathering restrictions. In faith we have sown many kingdom seeds and we have seen much good harvest grown. We witness this fruit in the wonderful spirit of joy among our gathered church community that is a privilege to be part of.

So, now we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute towards this vision of ministry and mission. We are fully aware that everyone has different financial capabilities and as always, we just ask you to consider what you may be able to give through **weekly / monthly direct giving**. You may be giving for the first time or raising the contributions of what you already give. Are you able to consider a large one-off donation? Whatever you’re able to give, please know that we are immensely grateful for your contributions.

All of these contributions will be for one purpose only. To enable us to sow more kingdom seeds for our beautiful kingdom calling.

Loving and life-giving God, may we, through the Way and Truth of Jesus Christ and empowered by Your Holy Spirit, be the salt and light of Your healing, restoring purposes for this broken, hurting world.

Amen

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