

St George's End of Year Donation Tax Receipts

We have been informed by our accounts team that we will receive the end of year tax receipts by the **4th week in May**.

We will then email these out to you.

If your email address has changed in the last year, please notify the office via email, office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz at your earliest. **Thank you.**



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.



Kia Ora everyone and welcome to our service today, 🙏

This morning we are meeting together down in the youth rooms again, after what feels like a really long, long break. 😊 It will be fantastic to share holiday news and what's been going on in our lives recently with one another. We're starting a new series based on the **Lord's Prayer**, just like the adults' sermon series.

Have a great week,

Jess, Hayley, Callum and the team

This week we had an update from the

Dunbar's in Cambodia

Please see this weeks **E-news** or the **St George's website** for the full details.



May Dinners in Homes

May dates are,

Friday 12,

Saturday 13 &

Sunday 14 (lunch)

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 **TODAY!**

Everyone will contribute towards the meal.

All welcome.



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

Wednesday
Morning
10am
Service



Next Working Bee!

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 10th May** between 9am & 12pm!!



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**.





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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 7 May

10.00am

THEME: ‘On Earth as it is in Heaven - Thy Kingdom Come’

SPEAKER: Rev. Diane Miller Keely

READINGS: Genesis 11:1-9; Matthew 13:31-33 & 44-46

VERSE OF THE DAY: Matthew 6:10 “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 10 May

10.00am

Speaker: Judy Carey - ‘The Letters to Smyrna and Pergamos’

SUNDAY SERVICE, 14 May

10.00am

Speaker: Jeannie Blaker - ‘Give Us Today Our Daily Bread’

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

As I mentioned at last week’s memorable Baptism service, in the past 3 weeks I’ve experienced a ‘first’ in my 13 years of full-time ministry. Five baptisms, one wedding and two funerals so close together has been an uplifting and privileged reminder of what it means to be a Priest. Although different in their expressions of what we were acknowledging and celebrating, I was moved to tears at each occasion because at the heart of things was the one sacred connection. The gift of life, the preciousness of relationships, and the centrality of love.

By last Sunday afternoon I was feeling immensely grateful for the privilege of sharing in these beautiful expressions of our humanity and Christian faith. Thank you everyone for all the wonderful feedback to our baptism service and all the messages of support and prayers for **Sei, Riana, Millie, Sylvia and Evan**. It was truly an uplifting day to inspire and treasure.

Today, it’s our very great pleasure to welcome back to St George’s **Rev. Diane and Rev. Bruce Miller Keeley**, as Diane continues our Sermon series on the **Lord’s Prayer** with the second verse. “*Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, here on earth as it is in heaven*”.

Many of you will remember that Bruce and Diane were the co-Priests in Charge at St George’s for 12 months 2015/16. They were given the role by Bishop Ross at a particularly difficult time in the life of this community and with their deep wisdom helped to bring stability and healing. It was the firm foundation on which Gareth and I could then build on when we took over as Co-Vicars in May 2016.

Diane was also one of the guest speakers at the very recent **Couch Conversations** along with Rev. Kate Berkley talking about ‘*Breaking the Mold*’. The feedback for this evening was very positive and we look forward to hearing from Diane today.

Josh and the Leadership Team



THE SPIRITUALITY OF MUSIC NIGHT

**SATURDAY MAY 27th
ST GEORGE’S CHURCH
HALL 7.30pm**

A celebration of the power of music to transcend barriers of language, culture, age & race.

Includes refreshments

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