

Living Wisdom for Our Cultural Moment

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction



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

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10.00am

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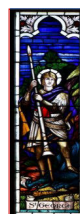
REFLECTIONS FROM REV JEREMY WOODS

*Kia ora koutou! Nau mai, Haere mai ki Teoti Tapu (St George’s)
i tēnei wiki o te reo Māori.*

Welcome everyone to St George’s this Māori language week,
and our final week of exploring the book of Daniel.

As we have been exploring the Book of Daniel, we have seen the power of culture to try to shape us, symbolised by the Babylonian Empire. This is no doubt more true for ethnic minorities living in a strange land, such as Daniel, or those living under the influence of a colonising imperial power (such as Jesus with Rome), and cultures that colonise the mind and heart (such as the Greek influence on Judean culture, language, and customs). Language is a vital part of this process. In the Book of Daniel, one of the first things Nebuchadnezzar did was to get the young, exiled Judeans learning the language of Babylon. Empire, whether ancient or modern, demands conformity. But the vision of the Kingdom of Heaven is of a great multitude of all tribes, peoples and languages worshipping God (Revelation 7:9). Our hope is that St George’s is a reflection of this kingdom vision. Where all our cultures and languages and worship expressions are welcome and celebrated; and that we do our bit to celebrate the first language of this land, te reo Māori, so that the name of God, te Matua, te Tama, me te Wairua Tapu will be praised on these distant shores in the language of this whenua.

Kia kaha te reo Māori!



Pilgrimage

29th September 2023

For now we see through a glass, darkly

Destination Christ Church Ellerslie. The stained-glass windows of this church are of national importance, if not international. On the journey we will survey the windows of other churches including our own at St Georges. Although we make a day of it this is a short pilgrimage in terms of walking time,

approx 3 hours over easy terrain. We shall return by train from Ellerslie with drinks at The Halifax Institute to finish. A car option is also available for this pilgrimage. To register your participation please contact Greg Smith 524 2926 or email:gregskelbrooke@gmail.com

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**The Lord bless you
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Opportunities for Prayer @ St George’s

Saturday Morning Prayer: Weekly prayer meeting in the Pastoral Care Room 8.30am – 9.30am. Contact Malcolm Taylor, taylors_nz@xtra.co.nz for more information. All welcome.

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: Lynette Wood dandlwood@gmail.com or phone 021 208 3561.

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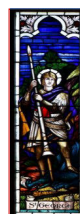
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