



World Day of Prayer 2024

EPSOM service: 10am on Friday, 1st March 2024
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church
19 Banff Ave, Epsom.

This years' service will be led by the women of this Catholic parish and followed by morning tea. The service has been prepared by the women of Palestine, and the theme is

"I beg you...bear with one another in love."

Please bring a friend if you can.

There will be an offering towards the work of Christian World Service, Hospital Chaplaincy, and the Bible Society.

For inquiries, phone **Diana Burslem** on **021 180 3212**
or email dianaburslem14@gmail.com

Are You willing to join the regular Roster of Volunteers?

Our volunteers are invaluable in the smooth running of the service each Sunday. We really need



Working Bee!

Wednesday, 28th February
between 9am & 12pm!!



Mainly Music

School Term: Every Friday from 9.30am
in the Church Hall

Enquiries: please contact
Hayley Lewis on 027 435 5488
stgeorges.mainlymusic@gmail.com



Morning Tea

You are invited to stay for morning tea in the Hall after the service.

Everyone



Wednesday
Morning
10am
Service



Opportunities for Prayer @ St George's

Saturday Morning Prayer: Weekly prayer meeting in the church Pastoral Care Room. 8.30am – 9.30am. Contact Malcolm Taylor, taylor_s_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.



Welcome to our service this morning, we're so happy to have you join us! ❤️

We'll be meeting up in the church hall for our **Kids' Church** program and under 5s are welcome to come along too and enjoy toys, activities and colouring 🖍️ Have a great week,

Jess, Hayley and the team



Can I invite you to take some time this week to pray for

Dee Jones our mission partner in
Zambia, working for the Kesemba Foundation.

Pray for guidance with the projects she is involved in, partners to work alongside her in this, motivation and perseverance for the difficult days, patience and grace for the challenges that are inevitable. Pray for her health, for her friends and for her community. Pray for her family in New Zealand and Australia, and pray for her peace and protection.



LENT - Five Marks of Mission

As part of our intentionality to go deeper in our prayer lives we are having a weekly prayer time based on the **5 MARKS OF MISSION.**

We invite you to support us for our Lent journey as a way of engaging with this important season leading to the Cross.

Last Sunday we explored our faith calling to
PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM.

On **Wednesday nights** at **7.30pm** we will gather on **Zoom** to pray around this calling from Jesus Christ and prayer points raised on the Sunday.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88037049943>

The Zoom link will be the same for the next 6 weeks.
We will have both Zoom prayer gatherings and church gatherings.



St George's ESOL Classes

Term 1 classes run on a Tuesday from February 20th - Thursday April 11th, 2024

Where: In the St G's hall. **When:** 10am -12 pm

Tuesdays: learning English and making friends.

Thursdays: learning English through the Bible.

Levels: Beginner to Advanced English speakers

Please pray for our team and our students and welcome those who come along to church.

Tell your friends and neighbours about ESOL, especially if they are lonely and want to learn English.

If you would like to be involved or require more info, please contact:

David Blaker 027 316 5173, dblaker7@icloud.com

Jo Bissett 021 105 5347, ianpbissett@gmail.com

or just come along.



LENT - Five Marks of Mission

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

SERVICE, 25 February
10.00am

THEME: ‘Five Marks of Mission - Transform’

SPEAKER: Rev. Jeremy Woods

READINGS: Psalm 22:23-31; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12; Mark 12:34-38

VERSE OF THE DAY: Mark 12:31 *“The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”*

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 28 February
10.00am

SPEAKER: Judy Carey

THEME: *‘The Fool - From Proverbs’*

SERVICE, 3 March
10.00am

SPEAKER: Audrey Kippen - Principal, St Mary’s School, Papakura

THEME: *‘Five Marks of Mission - Teach’*

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

GIVING APPEAL 2024

Last Sunday I spoke into our 2024 Giving Appeal. The main point we wanted to make is that all funds raised go to one core cause, which is our mission calling to be a people with a Kingdom Vision of Hope. Be it our weekly operational costs or our local and overseas mission work, all monies received are simply a way to serve our Christian calling to be a GATHERED worship community and a SENT community. Sent to be the God flavours and the God colours in our local community and beyond, sowing seeds of Kingdom hope in our own lives and in the lives of others.

There is a sense among all of our St George’s community of this being a significant and exciting moment in our journey and one of the most thrilling aspects of these past 4 challenging years is how many times we have all boldly stepped out in faith *together*. Through prayer, God’s providence, and the immense generosity of our community, we have sought the Spirit’s leading for new possibilities to grow new kingdom fruit within these challenges.

So, for this pivotal moment, we are asking you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to our vision aspirations. We do acknowledge that we live at a time of cost-of-living increases. We also acknowledge that everyone has different financial capabilities and all we ask is that you consider what you may be able to give.

- You may be fairly new to St George’s and feel that this is your community, so we ask that you consider making a commitment to regular giving.
- You may be part of our growing online community and we ask you to help support our vision aspirations.
- You may already be a regular giver and we very humbly ask that you pray on how you may be able to give a little more.
- You may be in a position to consider making a large one-off donation. A few months back someone gave a \$15,000 donation which came at the time when the financial ice was very thin, and it really helped to relieve the weight of financial burden.

Whatever you are able to give, please know that we are immensely grateful for your contributions, which will be for one purpose only: to sow more kingdom seeds for our beautiful kingdom calling and our Vision of hope.

Details on how you can give,

GIVING

- EFTPOS: Available at back of Church
- INTERNET BANKING: Westpac Bank A/c # 03-0104-0109844-01
- DONATION BOX: In the Church.

Josh and the Leadership Team