

A.G.M. important information

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on **Wednesday May the 1st.**

Anyone can attend, but in order to vote you must be on the church roll. If you would like to be added to the roll, forms are available at the back of the church. **You must have been at St George's for at least 6 months.**

Secondly, we also have nomination forms for new Vestry members you might wish to put forward for election. These must be submitted by **Monday the 29th of April.**

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Giving Appeal

Whether you are new to St George's or already a regular giver, we very humbly ask that you prayerfully consider your regular financial support of the ministry at St Georges. You may be in a position to making a one-off donation.

We are very aware that we live in a time of living cost increases and that everyone has different financial capabilities. Whatever you are able to give, please know that we are immensely grateful for your ongoing support and commitment to St George's. Details for giving are below.

Donation Tax Receipts

If you give with a giving number then you can get the tax back on your donations. If you do not have a giving number, you can request one from the office, this can be included in any A.P.

We are awaiting the tax receipts from TML (the diocese's accounts). They will be emailed out as soon as we receive them.

Thank you for your support!

St Andrew's Epsom book fair

Good quality second-hand books are wanted for the St Andrew's *Books, Bagels & Banter* book fair. They are collecting books now until **Friday 17 May.**

Book fair is **May 24th to May 26th.**



Hello everyone and welcome to our service this morning!

Because of the school holidays, we're having a break from our normal program so we'd love to have you stay in the service with us, or please make use of the toys and activities in the creche room.

Have a great week!

Jess, Hayley and the team

Sarah Scott Webb's latest *For Freedom* newsletter about her ministry against human trafficking is up on the church Mission noticeboard for your information. A link to her newsletter will also be available in this week's e-news.



Prayer requests

- That I may know the Lord's leading, favour and blessing as I continue to develop OFN, connect with others and begin to develop strategy for the coming years.
- For the Lord to raise others to join the OFN team throughout the Oceania region.
- For an opportunity to co-facilitate a gathering in May for NZ NGO's addressing issues of human trafficking and organised crime.

Pentecost 24/7 Prayer



It seems that now more than ever does our world need a Church on its knees in prayer.

We're joining with churches around the world praying for the Spirit up to Pentecost Sunday.

We want to cover as many slots as we can with people praying in their own spaces.

Our prayer focuses include praying for our world in this troubled time, for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, and our upcoming Alpha (English and Mandarin) programmes.

You can sign up using the form at the back of the Church or online at

<https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/a5fbc3>



Opportunities for Prayer at St George's

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

Confidential Prayer Chain: Contact: Lynette Wood dandlwood@gmail.com or phone 021 208 3561.

All requests welcome.

GIVING

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



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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 21 April
10.00am

THEME: *‘Resurrection Hope: Midwives of Hope*

SPEAKER: Karen Spoelstra

READINGS: Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 23:50-24:11

VERSE OF THE DAY: Matthew 28:10

Then Jesus said to [the women], “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 24 April
10.00am

SPEAKER: Stan Thorburn

NEXT SUNDAY

28 April 10.00am

Speaker: Josh Jones (Sermon on the Mount)

VISITORS ... It’s great to have you worshipping with us today.
Please join us for morning tea in the hall after the service.

Reflection from Rev. Josh Jones

AGM This Wednesday May 1st

On Wednesday May 1st we hold our A.G.M. and we invite you to come along and hear the story of our incredible journey this year. It’s no exaggeration to say that this past year has been a truly historic one, and for me will always be a personal highlight of my ministry. God’s providence has been apparent throughout and it’s important we turn up and engage with this annual night. It gives us the opportunity to hear about all aspects of the running of our church and to vote for those seeking to serve on vestry, our governing body. The vestry is not only responsible for the integrity of our practical governance, but also to actively oversee and participate in the spiritual heartbeat of the church.

NEXT WEEK – NEW SERMON SERIES - Sermon on the Mount

It’s an astonishing thought, that the first audience of Jesus’ radical teachings on what the kingdom of God looks like when lived out, is a powerless crowd living under Roman occupation. Yet these teachings in Matthew’s Gospel have influenced countless cultures across the world down the centuries. At the heart of all these teachings from Jesus is the call to live as people of ‘righteousness.’ The Greek word for righteousness in scripture is *dikaiousunē* meaning to live in right relationship with God, our neighbours, and all the created order.

Bible Project

In this series we want to encourage everyone to engage with the sermon on the mount beyond just the Sunday morning. We will be sending links to Bible Project videos that are short, but deeply illuminating explanations of Jesus’ core teachings. These will be an extremely helpful resource for all of us in the nurturing and nourishment of our individual and community faith.

Josh and the Leadership team