

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!**



Hi families, 🤗

Welcome to our service this morning, we look forward to spending time together up in the hall as we kick off term 2 and get to share about the school holidays!

The under 5s are welcome to come along too and enjoy toys, activities and colouring. Go well this week as we start back at school for the term.
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.

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.

St George's Sermon Series
MATTHEW 5-6

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT



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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 28 April
10.00am

THEME: ‘Sermon on the Mount: Jesus’ Wisdom for Messy Lives’

SPEAKER: Josh Jones

READINGS: Proverbs 4:6-7; James 3:13-18; Matthew 5:17-20

VERSE OF THE DAY: Matthew 5:20 *“For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”*

WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 1st May
10.00am

SPEAKER: Josh Jones

NEXT SUNDAY

5 May 10.00am

Speaker: Jeremy Woods (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

NEW SERMON SERIES — SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Today we begin our momentous sermon series on the most well-known teachings of Jesus that have changed and shaped cultures across the world. These Divine wisdom teachings of Jesus have created an enduring legacy of the Christian faith that has influenced and transformed countless lives throughout history. We are committing to a 10-week series in order to give these teachings from Jesus the attention they deserve. Anyone who is intentional about being a follower of Christ needs to engage and wrestle with these challenging teachings on what it means to live a life of 'righteousness' - meaning a life lived in a right relationship with God and each other.

Today I will explore the key question. *What does it look like to live out God's way of righteousness in all the messy situations of our lives?* And the call for a wisdom greater than our own.

Please do take the time to engage with the various videos we will be sending out from the people at the **Bible Project**. They are well worth checking out and will give you a much deeper appreciation of the immensity of these eternal teachings from Jesus Christ.

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.

Josh and the Leadership team

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