



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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 7 September
10.00am

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
In the age of the Machine - SELF-CONTROL

SPEAKER: Jeremy Woods

READINGS: Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 9:24-27

VERSE OF THE DAY: Proverbs 25:28; "Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-**control**."



WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 10 Sept - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Stan Thorburn

"A rejoicing God"

NEXT SUNDAY, 14 Sept - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Jeannie Blaker

“SPIRITUAL FORMATION”

VISITORS ... It's great to have you worshipping with us today.

We hope you feel at home here and we would love to see you again.

Reflection from Rev Jeremy Woods

Good morning, mōrena and welcome to St George's this morning. It is so good to have you worshipping with us today!

I write this on Thursday afternoon in what has been a very crunchy week personally (having been on jury duty all week, and then **synod** starts tonight and goes through till midday Saturday). On top of this, as I type Josh will be landing in the U.K., and Leanne is also off on a five week holiday. This leaves a skeleton crew around (Gary and myself), so please bear with us over the next few weeks!

Our Synod representatives this year are again Liz Fairgray and John Griffiths, and also this year Evan Walters was at **Synod** as a **youth representative** and gave a powerful challenge to the Diocese about the urgent need to attend to ministry to the "first third" of life, who are often largely missing from our churches. As the Church at large contends with these demographic realities, please pray for our Bishop, Ross, and the episcopal team, that we would be led well as wider church. Pray that we here at St George's prioritise being a warm, welcoming community to people of all ages, but especially to the young.

As Josh wrote last week, "we would like to invite all of our community to be intentional about holding our young people in prayers over the coming weeks." Pray that we would be a life-giving church community to people of all ages, integrated together like family. Perhaps consider what role you can have in connecting across generations.

Also, as Josh mentioned, our **Chinese Alpha Course** has been going very well, and four people have indicated their desire to follow Jesus, and we have members of our community who will be following up with these people. Please keep them in prayer.

Lastly, as we bring this current series to a close, we encourage to continue thinking about how God might be calling you to respond to our current moment. Next week I will be sharing some resources that I have found helpful when thinking about living faithfully in this cultural moment.

GIVING

- **DONATION BOX: In the Church.**
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lisad@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz**

Hi everyone, welcome to our service today! 😊

Happy Fathers' Day! We look forward to spending time together up in the hall as we celebrate the fathers & father figures God has blessed us with. ✨

God bless you in this coming week,
Jess, Hayley and the team



Couch Conversations # 10:

Faith through life's ups and downs

How to hold onto faith through the roller coaster journey of life

Tuesday 16 September - 7.30-9pm, St George's Church Hall



**Please join us for a cuppa, some sweet treats and
'Couch Conversations' with Jackie & Tresna**

If possible, let Hayley know if you can make it, otherwise just turn up on the night.
Stgs.woment@gmail.com or 027 4355 488

ONE THOUGHT For TODAY

Bruce Gilberd \$25
Available from
Julie or Duncan Macdonald



Working Bee! - **Wednesday 10th September**

The team will meet between 9am & 12pm
New helpers welcome

Please Join Us For Morning Tea

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

Everyone welcome





We are planning a Baptism service on the **2nd of November** for those who would like to make a public declaration of their faith. Please let **Jeremy** know if you are interested in this.

We will have pre-baptism conversations at times that work for the Baptism candidates. You are welcome to join the exploration without a commitment of getting baptised at the end if you are unsure.

Living as the Beloved

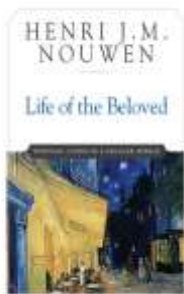
Do you long to know that you are God's beloved? Jeannie Martin Blaker & Eamon Butler are offering a (mostly silent) retreat based on the book "Life of the Beloved" by Henri Nouwen.

When: 13-16th November 2025. **Cost** \$625

Where: the Friary, 50 Hillsborough Rd.

Live in only with all meals and bedding provided

Email Jeannie for further details: jmartin.blaker@gmail.com



Waikato Pilgrimage Series

Wiremu Tāmihana - The Kingmaker

8.00am - 5pm Saturday 18th October 2025

A day pilgrimage led by Bishop Sir David Moxon exploring the life of Māori

Rangitira, Statesman, Kingmaker and Christian, Wiremu Tamehana



Stretch and Balance Workshop



Practical exercises to improve your posture, strength and well-being.

6 October – 10 December - 10 Weeks

Monday and Wednesday both at 1pm-2pm Cost: \$300

For more information please Contact: afong@anthonyfongfitness.co.nz or 021 397 24

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, 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.

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

