



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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 14 September

TRANSFORMATION AND THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

SPEAKER: Jeannie Blaker

READINGS: Jeremiah 17:7-8; Ephesians 3:16-21; John 15:1-5

VERSE OF THE DAY: 2 Corinthians 3:18

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.



WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 17 Sept - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Stan Thorburn

"Hope for new growth—A reflection from Ezekiel"

NEXT SUNDAY, 21 Sept - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Lukas Thielmann

**“The Call of St Matthew”**

**VISITORS ... It's great having you worship with us today. We hope you feel at home, and please join us in hall after service for morning tea.**

## Reflection from Rev Jeremy Woods

Kia ora and welcome to St George's this morning! Things may be a little bit quieter around here today as over 30 men, young and old are down at Flaxmill Bay on our men's retreat. This year, 14 of the men on retreat are Gen Z which is something to be celebrated!

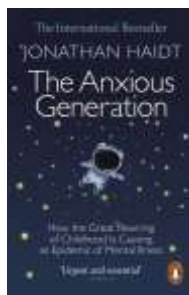
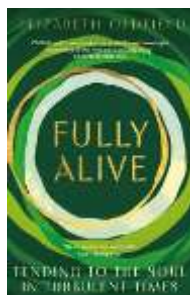
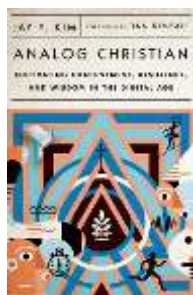
We have officially ended our sermon series ***Fruit of the Spirit in the Age of the Machine***, however this morning we have Jeannie Blaker giving a practical reflection on transformation and the fruit of the Spirit.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share some **resources** that might be of interest to those who want to continue their reflection upon the role of technology, A.I. in particular, and the church's response to it. Book club anyone?

### Books

Here are some books that are helpful for thinking about a Christian response to our current digital moment.

- ***Analog Christian*** by Jay Kim—This one goes through the fruit of the Spirit like our series which I discovered after we had begun! Kim pastors in Silicon Valley.
- ***Digital Liturgies*** by Samuel James—An exploration about the way assumptions of our digital world are shaping us.
- ***The Tech-Wise Family*** by Andy Crouch—A practical guide for parents navigating technology in the home)
- ***Fully Alive*** by Elizabeth Oldfield—Not about technology but ties in to the question about fully-aliveness we have been exploring. Oldfield uses the “deadly sins” as a framework.

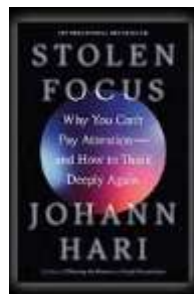


### GIVING

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

**\*To get a giving number for tax receipt purposes, email  
lisad@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz**

- ***The Anxious Generation*** by Jonathan Haidt—Well researched book on the impact of smartphones and social media on us all, but especially on youth and children.
- ***Stolen Focus*** by Johann Hari—Looks at all the ways modern life is eroding our mental capacities to focus.
- Anything from Cal Newport (***Slow Productivity, Deep Work, Digital Minimalism***). Newport provides practical ways to limit technologies impact on our work and productivity for knowledge workers.



### Upcoming Book

- ***Against the Machine*** by Paul Kingsnorth—This book releases 23<sup>rd</sup> of September and its message is in the title. Kingsnorth is a heavy hitter against technology, but there will be rich insights and challenge in here).



### Podcast

***Your Undivided Attention*** from the *Centre for Humane Technology (CHT)*. CHT is a non-profit headed by Tristan Harris and Aza Raskin. Between them, they are responsible for the “like” feature and “infinite scroll” on Social media and other apps. Both deeply regret the unforeseen consequences of their inventions. They are active in calling for safety measures and alignment in AI and their interviews with people in the field are always thoughtful.

### Watch

- Also from the Centre for Humane Technology two powerful things to watch: The first is ***Social Dilemma*** (a Netflix doco on the impacts of social media) and ***The AI Dilemma*** (a TED Talk accessible on YouTube looking at the impacts of AI).
- ***Spiritual formation and AI: A deep dive with Andy Crouch and Jay Kim***—A conversation on YouTube by *Practicing the Way* on the impacts of AI on Christian formation.



### Web

Check out the Substack ***Pilgrims in the Machine*** for practical analogue living, or head over to **[www.freyaindia.co.uk](http://www.freyaindia.co.uk)** for insightful commentary from a Gen Z woman on life today.

Hello & welcome to our service today!



We're finishing our fruit of the spirit series with **SELF CONTROL** this morning



Happy last week of term!

Jess, Hayley and the team



# Couch Conversations # 10:

**Tuesday 16 September - 7.30-9pm, St George's Church Hall**  
**Faith through life's ups and downs**



**Please join us for a cuppa, 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

## BAPTISMS

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.

We will have pre-baptism conversations at  
times that work for the Baptism candi-  
dates. You are welcome to join the explo-  
ration 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 (meals and bedding provided)

Email Jeannie for further details:  
**[jmartin.blaker@gmail.com](mailto:jmartin.blaker@gmail.com)**

## 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](mailto:afong@anthonyfongfitness.co.nz) or 021 297 249

## 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,  
[taylors\\_nz@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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.

**Confidential Prayer Chain:** Contact: Lynette Wood [dandlwood@gmail.com](mailto:dandlwood@gmail.com) or phone 021 208 3561.

