

"Empowering people to be Christ's followers in the world."

SUNDAY SERVICE, 26 October
PROPHETS—Warning and Hope

SPEAKER: Josh Jones — The Great Oneness

READINGS: Isaiah 2:2-4; Revelation 7:9-10; Ephesians 4:1-6;

John 17:20-23; Matthew 7:15-20



WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 29 October - 10.00am SPEAKER: Judy Carey The Triumphal Entry — Mark 11:1-11

NEXT SUNDAY, 2 November - 10.00am SPEAKER: Jeremy Woods Being With

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 the Rev. Jeremy Woods

Good morning, nau mai haere mai, welcome to St George's this Labour Weekend. A warm welcome to out of town visitors with us today! And we pray for protection on all our whanau who are travelling this long weekend. That includes my family as we're in Napier celebrating with my grandfather, Ben Applegate, for his **100th birthday today!**

I wanted to take this opportunity to share what I was up to last weekend on Great Barrier (Aotea), and reflect upon **unity** in the Church. Given our connection to the church out there (St Johns—which Buzzy's mum pretty much runs), part of our ministry is that I'm on the roster to take services out there a few times a year. The church on Aotea is a remarkable witness to unity, with four partner churches (Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist) working together to support the local church. I came on the team with a burden to see a greater co-operation for the sake of the community of Aotea. Last October key people from the partner churches met, and as we prayed for the island, the Holy Spirit was palpable in the room. I suggested a retreat on Aotea to listen together for a shared ministry on the island going forward. So last weekend, the representatives of the four partner churches gathered out there to pray, discern and listen to what God new thing wants to do. This is a first in the 39 years of this shared arrangement. God is doing something new on "The Rock."

The working together across difference is exactly what the Church is called to. Jesus' final prayer for his followers was: "that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (John 17:23). It seemed timely that this retreat, themed 'together in Christ,' occurred against the backdrop of threats of schism and division. Unity does not mean we are all the same or must believe exactly the same. But this is our calling: to work for that which Jesus prayed for in his final words:

"That they may be one."

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Hello & welcome to our service today



We're looking forward to seeing everyone up in the hall for KidsChurch this morning!



Have a wonderful week!

Jess, Hayley and the team



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 Josh or **Jeremy** know if you are interested.

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



ST G'S KIDCHURCH NIGHT SAVE THE DATE!

Friday 7th November 5pm for 5.30pm movie start \$5 / child

Build a burger, popcorn & iceblocks provided & some treats for the parents too!

Please RSVP to Hayley 027 4355 488

Join us for our end of year women's event Table Talks!

Get to know the amazing women in our church -five minutes at a time!



We'll be mixing, chatting, and moving around the table for a night full of laughter, stories, and new friendships.

Thursday 13 November 7.30 - 9pm

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

Term 4 Classes have begun!

Every Tuesday - English classes from beginner to advanced levels Thursday - English classes using the Bible

Classes are from 10am-12 pm in the church hall and youth rooms. If anyone would like to be involved in this wonderful ministry please

Contact: Jo Bissett 0211055347, David Blaker 0273165173 or Lynette Wood 0212083561



PILGRIMAGE to The Coptic Church of St Mark Beach Haven Thursday 4th December

This 12 km pilgrimage begins at Northcote Point and ends at Beach Haven Wharf, with ferry rides at the start and finish. The route includes three bush sections and stops at points interest along the way.



The Coptic Church traces its origins to St Mark in first-century Egypt and has endured through centuries of persecution. Today, around 10% of Egyptians remain Coptic, making it the strongest Christian presence in the Middle East.

To register, contact Greg Smith (09 524 2926) or Glen Candy (027 336 8358).

Lukas' Ordination Service to Office of Deacon

Saturday 29th November at 10am

At Holy Trinity Cathedral

St George's are required to supply eight plates of finger food. If you can help out, please email office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz



Join us as Te rangatira Te Mape Haimona, and Tangata Tiriti speaker Sir David Moxon help us to faithfully consider the ways in which the legacy of Wiremu Tāmihana might lead us into the future

Date & Time: Tuesday 18th November, 6:30-9pm

Location: St James Māngere Bridge, Tāmaki Makaurau

Cost: \$20 Register: https://tinyurl.com/2fsy2duf



Please Join Us For Morning Tea You are invited to stay for morning tea in the Hall after the service.

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 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