



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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 2 November

## NEW SERMON SERIES - BEING WITH

SPEAKER: Jeremy Woods

READINGS: Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 3:13-17

VERSE OF THE DAY: Psalm 32:1-2 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.



WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 5 November- 10.00am SPEAKER: Glenys Brookbanks

" ......the truth will set you free." John 8 v 32.

NEXT SUNDAY, 9 November - 10.00am SPEAKER: Charmaine Braatvedt 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. Josh Jones

Morena everyone and a very warm welcome to St George's in what's been another week of experiencing the transformative presence of God in our community.

On Thursday Jeremy, Hayley, Jess, Judy Carey and myself all attended the 10<sup>th</sup> annual *Auckland Prayer Breakfast* at Eden Park, home of the All Blacks. From 7am until 9am churches of all denominations, NGO's and businesses endeavouring to be the salt and light of Christ in our city and nation, came together in prayer.

On a personal level it was interesting to see that one of the main prayer themes was a call for *unity in the church* and two of the featured readings were the ones I preached on last Sunday. This included Jesus' impassioned final prayer on earth that all his followers be ONE. It felt like the Spirit's confirmation of what both Jeremy and I have experienced these past weeks and it was so good to share all of this as a ministry team.

Yesterday I had the privilege of leading a wedding ceremony, today we celebrate 4 baptisms and tomorrow we remember the rich life of Joy Stewart who sadly passed away last week. A wedding, baptism and funeral in three days is a beautiful reminder of how all these occasions have one sacred connection. They are all about the gift of life, the preciousness of relationship and the centrality of love.

#### **BAPTISM OF SUSAN, JAMES, MARGARET & AVA**

2025 has been quite a year for baptism's here at St George's and we give thanks to God for the Spirit's movement in people's lives. Everyone of them has their own individual story of how the Spirit's prompting has brought them to this moment but the privilege for all of us today is to share in their commitment to walk with Jesus Christ.

#### **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

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Hello & welcome to our service today



Kids will be staying in the service for the Baptisms this week. We're looking forward to seeing everyone.

Have a wonderful week!

Jess, Hayley and the team





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

# 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

#### **Newcomers Lunch**

NOVEMBER 23rd AFTER THE SERVICE



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

Advent Lunch on the Lawn

14th December





Celebrating the season and end of the year - Bring a plate

# 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).



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 Mängere Bridge, Tämaki Makaurau

Cost: \$20

Register: https://tinyurl.com/2fsy2duf

## 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: imartin.blaker@gmail.com



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