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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 1 February

10.00am

***“Locating Ourselves - People”***

SPEAKER: Jeremy Woods

READINGS: Galatians 3:27-29; Revelation 7:9-12; Mark 9:38-41

VERSE OF THE DAY: **Ephesians 3:10** “His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities **in the heavenly realms.**”

NEXT SUNDAY, 8 February - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Jeremy Woods

***“Locating Ourselves - Past”***

**VISITORS ... It’s great to have you worshipping 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

Kia Ora everyone and a very warm welcome to St George's this morning.

As people begin to fully return from breaks we do hope that you are feeling refreshed and restored.

Today we return to our usual 2 page newsletter format which includes all the many heartbeats of our church community life. We also have our first Sunday back in the Hall with our rostered team of volunteers serving tea, coffee and goodies. Can we encourage you to make your way to the Hall after the service and take the opportunity to catch up and get to know each other a little better.

Last week we began a 4 part sermon series exploring the four fundamental pillars of traditional human culture that have always been essential for a meaningful life.

### The Four Pillars Explained

- **Place:** Deep connection to a specific location, rootedness in the land, and living in harmony with nature.
- **People:** A strong sense of community, belonging, and shared identity, rather than isolation.
- **Past:** Honouring our heritage, cultural continuity, and stories passed down through generations.
- **Prayer:** A connection to the divine and a sense of something greater than the self.

Author Paul Kingsnorth contends that in this increasingly transitory, migratory, individualistic and technological age, we have become increasingly untethered and uprooted from our sense of connectedness to nature, with each other, with ourselves and God. This in turn is fueling our sense of dis-location and loss of meaning.

In this series we will ask ... **how does our Christian faith speak into this challenge of living meaningfully within these four pillars?**

**What wisdom can we glean from scripture on how we resist the forces that can lead to a spirit of dislocation?**

#### 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 and welcome to Kids Church 2026!

We look forward to starting the year together this morning and catching up on your holiday news



Jess, Hayley and the team



## Flower Roster



Anyone interested in joining the flower roster is warmly invited to let the office know or have a chat with

**Julie Macdonald (PH 027 444 2577)**

The role involves arranging the vase of flowers at the front of the church for two consecutive weeks, approximately every 2–3 months.

We lost several helpers at the end of last year and would love to boost our numbers. Please consider helping if you're able—it's a lovely way to share the load and contribute.



## Working Bee!

**Wednesday 4th February**

The team will meet between



## City Mission Needs Our Help!!

**Families are struggling to make ends meet.**

On a Sunday, if you are able to bring a can of spaghetti, tomatoes, vegetables, soup, fruit, meat, fish, sauces, creamed rice, etc. for the



**City Mission to help Aucklanders in desperate need!**

Wednesday  
Morning  
10am  
Service



## Our Wednesday Services resume on the 11th of February

# Welcome Back Lunch



Bring a  
plate to  
share!

## 15th February

Please join us as we celebrate and share kai together at our welcome back lunch on the lawn - February the 15th after the service.

Please bring a plate of food to share - a number of people missed out at our last potluck, so let's make sure we have enough food to go around!

**If you are able to help out with setting up and/or cleaning up after, please contact the office.**



### 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](mailto: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 [dandlwood@gmail.com](mailto:dandlwood@gmail.com) or phone 021 208 3561

### Please Join Us For Morning Tea

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

**Everyone welcome**

