



LOCATING OURSELVES
PLACE. PEOPLE. PAST. PRAYER.

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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 8 February
10.00am

“Locating Ourselves - Past”

SPEAKER: Jeremy Woods

READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 2 Timothy 1:3-7 and 3:14-15;
Luke 22:14-20

VERSE OF THE DAY: **Romans 15:4** “For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

Wednesday
Morning
10am
Service



WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 11 February - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Judy Carey

“Joseph and his brothers”

Genesis 37:1-17

NEXT SUNDAY, 15 February - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Josh Jones

“Locating Ourselves - Prayer”

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.

There's no doubt that for all our Ministry Team this has been a difficult week to process. After last Sunday's service we received the shocking and heartbreaking news that one of our long time members Christine Mangold had died. It is with full permission of her family that we share the news that Christine took her own life after a long and distressing journey with the darkness of depression.

We would ask that all of our St G's family hold husband Tim, son Sam, mum Steph, sisters Paula and Antonia very tightly in our prayers and love at this incredibly difficult time. The funeral will be held tomorrow at St George's 10.30 am.

Today Jeremy will continue the 3rd part of our 4-week 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 age, we have become increasingly untethered and uprooted from these four pillars. This in turn is fueling our sense of dis-location and loss of meaning. Today Jeremy will unpack the importance of **'past'**.

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

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Hello and welcome to our service this morning 🌞
We look forward to seeing you all in the hall for
kids church today 🎉
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.

Morning Tea Roster



There are 2 or 3 people who are no longer able to serve. So.... we have a limited number of vacancies on our dynamic team. If you'd like to be part of it we'd love to hear from you!

please contact Anthea Ph 022 658 7721



St George's ESOL Classes

Term 1 Begin

Tuesday February 10th and Thursday February 12th

Where: In the St G's hall. **When:** 10am -12 pm

Tuesdays: learning English and making friends.

Thursdays: learning English through the Bible.

Levels: Beginner to Advanced English speakers

Please pray for our team and our students and welcome those who come along to church. Tell your friends and neighbours about ESOL, especially if they are lonely and want to learn English.

If you would like to be involved or require more info, please contact:

David Blaker 027 316 5173, dblaker7@icloud.com

Jo Bissett 021 105 5347, ianpbissett@gmail.com

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 dandwood@gmail.com or phone 021 208 3561



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 pot-luck, 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.

Come and join us for St George's

PANCAKE Picnic

Tuesday 17 February, 5.30pm
Griffin Ave Reserve*

Grab a picnic rug, pack some pancakes (or whatever you choose) and come along for some family fun for Shrove Tuesday.



* If its raining we will be in the St George's Church Hall, 19 Rainfury Rd.

Ash Wednesday Feb 18th - 7:30pm

Join us as we begin our Lenten journey with a reflective service

2026 AGM

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 18th March 7.30pm

Please Join Us For Morning Tea

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

Everyone welcome

