

FULLY ALIVE

st George's
SEPSOM

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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 5 July
Fully Human Fully Alive - Envy
SPEAKER: Jeremy Woods



WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 8 July - 10.00am
SPEAKER: Judy Carey
“Jacob’s Burial and Joseph’s Death”
Genesis 50

NEXT SUNDAY, 12 July - 10.00am
SPEAKER - Josh Jones
Fully Human Fully Alive - Sloth

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 Josh

Morena and a very warm welcome to our St George's worshipping community,

I am writing this on the Friday but yesterday (Saturday) our church governing body (Vestry) spent our annual retreat day away at the Friary Hillsborough. It was an opportunity reflect on our own spiritual formation within the privilege we have of our collective leadership and spiritual responsibility for this community. The general theme was around how we can '**Trust in the slow work of God**'. The slow work that often takes place beneath the surface.

For our own lives and for ministry we often pray for fruit, clarity, usefulness, and moments that feel significant. We rarely ask for the slow work God does in the ***hidden places no one sees***. Only later do we begin to understand that the deepest formation often happens long before anything becomes visible. That the unseen growth is often the most important growth.

Jesus walked a long road of hidden preparation. Before he ever preached a sermon or called a disciple, he lived nearly thirty quiet years in Nazareth. The Incarnate Son did not avoid obscurity; he lived in it.

Jesus' hidden years show that God doesn't waste the seasons we consider insignificant. Jesus teaches this in **Mark 4: 26–29**. The kingdom grows in hidden ways. A seed is buried in the ground long before anyone sees a harvest. Night and day, while no one watches, it sprouts and matures. The farmer cannot explain how; he only trusts that something real is happening beneath the soil.

We asked each Vestry member to bring along anything that symbolises how they have come to recognise the slow work of God in their life. An object, poem, piece of artwork or quote that speaks into a season they thought was unproductive, insignificant and challenging. But in hindsight they now see God's slow work was happening. We will have finished the day as we always do on these retreat days with a time of extended prayer for our community and all our kingdom endeavours

Today we continue our sermon series ***Fully Alive*** with Jeremy exploring how the life-diminishing spirit of ***envy*** can affect all our lives in subtle and not so subtle ways. Scripture has many high-profile stories reflecting the insidious nature of envy and its power to diminish relationships and our own spirit of content, peace and joy.

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Welcome to our service this morning! 😊

It's the school holidays so there's no kids church today, please feel free to use the activities in the creche room. 🌸



Jess, Hayley and the team



*If this is not a place where tears
are understood,
where do I go to cry?*

*If this is not a place where my
spirits can take wing,
where do I go to fly?*

*If this is not a place where my
questions can be asked,
where do I go to seek?*

*If this is not a place where my
feelings can be heard,
where do I go to speak?*

*If this is not a place where you'll
accept me as I am,
where do I go to be me?*

Please Join Us For Morning Tea

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



SUNDAY JULY 19th after the service

New here and keen to get connected?

Scan the QR code and fill out the form to let us know how
we can best support you in getting connected.



REST / RENEWAL / MATESHIP

Men's Retreat

All men ages 13 to 93 welcome

steve.barnett.clear@gmail.com

SEP 4-6, Flaxmill Bay



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!

A huge thank you to all who support this wonderful cause.



Next Working Bee!

Wed 8th July

The team will meet between 9am & 12pm.

New helpers welcome!



Waikato Pilgrimage Series

Wiremu Tāmihana - The Peacemaker

8am - 5pm Saturday 8th August

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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 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