



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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 16 Aug

The Lord’s Prayer—Youth Led Reflection

SPEAKER: Youth Led Reflection

READINGS: Matthew 6:5-15



WEDNESDAY SERVICE

19 Aug - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Stan Thorburn

“Reflection on Psalm 49”

NEXT SUNDAY, 23 Aug - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Stan Thorburn

Aging - “Age With Open Heart, Mind, Spirit”

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 Jeremy

Good morning and welcome to St George's this morning! It is so good to have you with us to worship and pray together.

This morning we are led by our **youth**, who will be doing something a bit different—a guided, prayerful reflection on **The Lord's Prayer**.

Seven youth will each take a line of the Lord's Prayer, unpacking their understanding of it, and inviting us into a time of reflection and prayer to consider what the prayer that Jesus taught us has to say to us in this season of our lives.

One thing that has always struck me about the disciples is the request they made of Jesus: **"Lord, teach us to pray"** (Luke 11:1). They saw everything that Jesus did, all his miracles and healing, they listened to his profound teaching and recognised that the source of all this was Jesus' devotional life with the One he called Father. You cannot teach what you don't know, and the disciples recognised in Jesus one who could take them by the hand to the Father.

For a long time, whenever I read this verse, I would subconsciously add the word "how" to their request. "Teach us *how* to pray." But they are not asking Jesus to give them techniques of how to pray. These young Hebrew men would certainly have known *how* to pray. But there was something qualitatively different about Jesus' prayer life that they recognised they needed. "Teach us to pray" means, "give us the motivation to pray that you have. We want to have the same experiences with God that you have when you pray."

I think that is exactly what our young people are longing for today as well—to be taught how to experience the reality of God in their lives. Not just "tell me things about God and following Jesus" but "teach me to encounter the reality of God in prayer." Jesus gave his disciples (and us) a template of prayer, that begins in worship, is centred on the Kingdom of God, but also covers all our needs: our need for provision, for forgiveness and relational restoration, for strength to resist temptation and deliverance from the forces of evil.

Our hope is that through today's reflection, your heart would be awakened to a desire to go deeper in the place of prayer.

On a note of prayer request, there are many people in the congregation recovering from injuries and illnesses. Please keep them in your prayers. Also pray for Josh and his family who are in Bali for their daughter's wedding, that it would be a blessed occasion free from illness.

GIVING

- **DONATION BOX: In the Church.**
- **EFTPOS: Available at the back of the Church**
- **INTERNET BANKING: Bank A/c St Georges Church Epsom**
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Welcome to our service this morning, we're so glad to have you! Please join us in the hall as we look at day 5 of creation in kids church.

Jess, Hayley and the team



Attention new families! If you have a child or youth that has begun attending recently, please complete this registration form so we have all the information we need to best support your family.



**FRIDAY 21 AUGUST
5PM**

St George's church Hall
\$5/child

Pizza, popcorn and some treats for the parents will be provided.

Please let Hayley know if you can make it for catering purposes. 027 4355 488 or haley@stgeorgeseppsom.org.nz

A few spaces remaining!

September 4-6, Flaxmill Bay

REST / RENEWAL / MATESHIP

**Men's
Retreat**

All men ages 13 to 93 welcome

Who am I, REALLY, in the world today?

Price: Food & luxury shared accommodation	Early	Late (after 4 August)
Earners	\$260	\$290
Non-earners	\$205	\$230
Student	\$160	\$180

Steve.barnett.clear@gmail.com

Start forming your teams!

Quiz Night!

Saturday 29th August - 6pm

Teams of 6-8 people

\$20 - Adult

\$10 - youth

Food and drink to purchase

For tickets or more information
please scan QR code



Fundraiser for alongside



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.

**Hold on to your Kids in a Digital World:
Dr Gordon Neufeld on the Real Root of Your Child's Digital Obsession**



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Monday 14 September

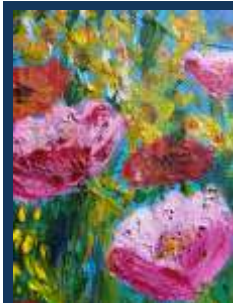
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**St George's
2026
Spring Festival of
Creative Arts
16-17 October**

Inviting works of Sculpture, Furniture,
Visual arts, Fabrics, clothing, Music
composition, Music performance, Choral per-
formance, Dance performance,
Spoken word poetry, Pottery, Kintsugi, Book
binding, Banners, Embroidery
contact lynfarhi@hotmail.com

Please Join Us For Morning Tea

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

Everyone welcome

TEAM 31

This is a team of pray-ers who commit to
praying individually for our clergy on a set
day every month. At present we have
44 pray-ers (double-ups are wonderful)
but no one is specifically praying
on the following days.

14th 22nd 24th

If you would like to know more or join
the 'Team' please contact

Rod or Penny Kestle

027 25 755 25

**St G's 2026
Contact List**

See the list at the back of the Church
to up-date and confirm your details

Please remember to print clearly



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_m_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 ph 021 208 3561