



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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 23 Aug

“Spirituality of Aging”

SPEAKER: Stan Thorburn

READINGS: Psalm 71:9-18; Psalm 92:12-14; 2 Corinthians 4:13-18;
Luke 12:22-31



WEDNESDAY SERVICE

26 Aug - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Stan Thorburn

“Forgiveness”

NEXT SUNDAY, 30 Aug - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Jeremy Woods

Awe and Wonder - “The Transcendence of God”

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! Josh and I greet you from a distance as Josh continues to celebrate Tamara's wedding in Bali, and I take the service this morning out on Great Barrier Island.

Today Stan Thorburn is bringing a reflection on the **spirituality of aging**. As I reach middle age (just a spring chicken!), I think more and more about what faith looks like for the long-haul. A lot of Christian practices and theology that I grew up with really tapped into the energy (and the anxieties) of youthfulness. The spirituality of my late teens and 20s often felt like a sprint, running from big moments to the next. There was an urgency to theological conversations, as we discussed how we could change the Church, or the Church could change the world, (and wondered when Jesus might be coming back!). I think it is appropriate that this sort of thinking is done by young people, who bring fresh energy and perspective to the Church. However, we also need a spiritual container that can sustain us for the 'long obedience in the same direction.' A spirituality that is less of a sprint, and more of a marathon of long-term impact and faithfulness.

This is something that draws me to **Anglican** spirituality. The rhythms, daily offices of prayer, the centrality of the Eucharist, the ability to lean on—and spring board off—prayers that have been prayed for centuries, the marking of sacred rhythms of the year and of life. The fact that it is not dependent on my feelings or energy is a huge relief. Don't get me wrong, I still love and long for charismatic, experiential moments with God—but it is a spirituality that holds us through the valleys, even the valley of the shadow of death. I look forward to listening to Stan's wisdom on a spirituality for the long-haul.

Upcoming Sermon Series

Next week we begin a new sermon series called **Awe & Wonder**. This series is in a sense a continuation of the last series 'fully alive.' We will be exploring how important it is for us living in a world of digital distraction to open ourselves up to the sacrament of the present moment and the living world around us. To remind ourselves of how God is both utterly transcendent yet also so close, present to us in all things. In our disenchanted and rationalist world, we hope this series will help you cultivate a sense of awe, wonder and gratitude for the gift of life.

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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Good morning and welcome to our service today
We look forward to seeing you up in the hall
as we look at day 6 of creation!



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.



September 4-6, Flaxmill Bay



Who am I, REALLY, in the world?

REST / RENEWAL / MATESHIP

Men's Retreat

All men ages 13 to 93 welcome

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

One space remaining!

Steve.barnett.clear@gmail.com

Life-giving conversation

St G's men with the men resident
at Elizabeth Knox Home

Next FRIDAY Aug 28th, 2:00 pm

We need more St G's men!

Join other St G's men in conversation with Liz Knox men. Just bring yourself and a few life stories to share.



For catering purposes, contact Steve Barnett

Email: Steve.Barnett.clear@gmail.com



Quiz Night!

Saturday 29th August - 6pm

Teams of 6-8 people

\$20 - Adult

\$10 - youth

Food and drink to purchase

For tickets or more info
please scan QR code



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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

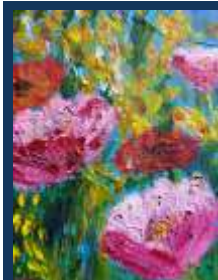
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St George's
2026
Spring Festival
of
Creative Arts
16-17 October

Inviting works of
Sculpture, Furniture,
Visual arts, Fabrics, clothing, Music
composition, Music performance, Choral
performance, 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

Last chance!
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
Thank you

Mainly Music

School Term: Every Friday from 9.30am
St Georges Church Hall



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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, 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 ph 021 208 3561