



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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 30 Aug

Awe and Wonder - “Turn Aside to the Presence of God”

SPEAKER: Jeremy Woods

READINGS: Exodus 3:1-5; Acts 17:24-28; John 20:11-18

VERSE OF THE DAY: 2 Corinthians 3:16 “But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.”

A graphic with the text 'Prayer and Healing Service' in a red, cursive font. The background is white with faint, swirling patterns.	WEDNESDAY SERVICE 2 Sept - 10.00am SPEAKER: Glenys Brookbanks “We are God’s Workmanship!” - Ephesians 2:10
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NEXT SUNDAY, 6 Sept - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Josh Jones

Awe and Wonder - “Creation The First Incarnation”

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 to St George's this morning - you are welcome here.

Wherever you find yourself this morning, haere mai, come join us in noticing and attending to the presence of God in our midst!

Some of us this week have been at Abide Conference, soaking in worship and absorbing the wisdom of the speakers including Nancy and John Ortberg, and Strahan Coleman. It has been a rich feast around the subject of discipleship and spiritual formation—as well as connecting with friends from across the country.

On Wednesday night, John Ortberg shared on the 12 Step Programme as a good-as-any Rule of Life. He summarised the first three steps as:

I CAN'T. GOD CAN. I THINK I WILL LET HIM.

This is always how we come back to God, recognising our weakness and need (the gift of desperation), we have just enough faith to turn towards Christ once again, and entrust our lives into his care.

Two key takeaways for me from the conference:

1. In the opening pages of Scripture; God is revealed as a worker, and Scripture speaks about vocations and work more than prayer and worship. We spend more time at work than anywhere else. So, how are we forming ourselves in and for the workplace? **Is who we are in our workplace giving people a good first impression of Christians?** Do we show up in our workplace with presence and compassion?
2. This second one is more personal—but I recognised this week that I've been growing prophetically "flabby." My prayer life has been too comfortable, and I have not been 'wrestling with God' for anything. I've been operating more from my own giftings and strength than from God's power that flows from his presence. Perhaps it's not just me, but something others in the church can identify with.

Which is why this new series feels timely. Our prayer lives grow flabby the same way our eyes grow dull to what's around us—we stop noticing. So this morning's invitation, in Awe and Wonder, is a good one for me as much as anyone: to **turn aside** in our daily lives and notice the presence of God in our midst.

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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***To get a giving number for tax receipt purposes, email office@stgeorgeseepsom.org.nz**

Good morning and welcome to our service today!

We look forward to seeing you in kids
church up in the hall.



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)
Earnar	\$260	\$290
Non-earner	\$205	\$230
Student	\$160	\$180

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Mainly Music

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

Enquiries:
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The Working Bee Needs Your Help!

The faithful working bee group are looking for more help. The sort of work we do is not too onerous but 2 or 3 extra workers would ease the load. The work mainly consists of weeding, raking leaves, hedge trimming and other general gardening chores.

Next Working Bee!

Wednesday 2nd Sept



The team will meet between 9am & 12pm.
New helpers welcome!

Please Join Us For Morning Tea

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

Everyone welcome



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

7.30-9pm

St George's Anglican Church

Auckland



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Couch Conversations #14

Flourishing with hope in every season of life
through creative expression.

Tuesday 8th September - 7.30-9pm, St George's Church Hall



Come along for dessert and coffee, a chance to mix and mingle,
and our 'Couch Conversation' with Christine Hallett and Lyn Farhi.

If possible, let Hayley know if you can make it, otherwise just turn up on the night.
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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



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 ph 021 208 3561