

Awe & Wonder

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SUNDAY SERVICE, 4th Oct

Awe and Wonder - “The Joy of Creatures”

SPEAKER: Josh Jones

READINGS: Genesis 1:20-25; Job 12:7-10; John 1:1-5 & verse 14

VERSE OF THE DAY: Romans 1:20 “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”



WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 7th Oct - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Glenys Brookbanks

“Choosing Life Day After Day”

Ephesians 2:1

NEXT SUNDAY, 11th Oct - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Josh Jones

“Home Coming”

VISITORS ... It’s great to have you worshipping with us today. We hope you feel at home, please join us in the hall after service for morning tea.

Refelection from Josh Jones

"All creatures of the family of heaven and earth have, each in its own tongue, an unceasing voice of praise and thanksgiving to the Creator."

St Francis

Morena and a very warm welcome to our St George's worshipping community in Christ.

Today is a uniquely special one in the life of the World-wide Christian church. Each day on October the 4th we celebrate probably the most well known of all the church saints outside of the Apostles. **St Francis of Assisi** founded a religious order that became one of the largest and most influential movements in church history.

It was a movement founded on his own radical embrace of the Gospel Truth and his own vows of poverty, care for the poor, devotion to the ways of peace, and love of nature. His whole life was dedicated to revealing the light of Christ shining in the darkness.

This year is even more special because it's the **800th anniversary** of his passing, marked by major commemorative events including a reinstated public holiday in Italy.

Given all of this, we here at St George's wanted to mark this day by ending our current **Awe & Wonder** sermon series exploring the gift of God's creatures. All of us have experienced encounters with nature that have evoked in us a spirit of awe, wonder and joy so today we will ask how the words of Genesis 1 speak into this sacred connection.

We also send our prayers to Jeremy, Buzzy and the girls in their time away together. As many of you may know last year Jeremy was accepted into the Franciscan order so it's an appropriate weekend to celebrate camping in the beautiful nature of Aotearoa.

"Every single creature is a book about God." *Meister Eckhart.*

GIVING

- **DONATION BOX:** In the Church.
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Good morning and welcome!
As it's school holidays there isn't kids church today, so please feel free to use the facilities in the creche room.

Jess, Hayley and the team



Spring Festival of Creativity 16-17 October

To promote and encourage the use of creativity within the St Georges Community to glorify God, to enhance spiritual growth and to open our eyes and ears to the awe and wonder of God and His creation all around us.

What this weekend offers:

**Saturday 17th October:
Doors open at 10am to view exhibits**

Artwork in multiple media and poetry, on display in our exhibition in the hall.

Matinee of Performance Art

Featuring the Castaways,
and items from St George's cultural groups,
celebrating in poetry, song and dance.
Koha entry to be donated to City Mission.

Concert to start at 2.30pm

If you have an item that you would like to contribute there is still time.

Contact Lyn Farhi lynfarhi@hotmail.com

Note to artists and poets: Please send the details of your contributions, including Artist's name, title, and media used and optionally a note on your inspiration as an artist, or for the particular work. Works can be delivered to church on the Friday 16th October from 12.30pm to 3pm OR Sunday morning the 11th October. Other times strictly by arrangement

Setting up is Friday 16th October from 1pm. Help will be deeply appreciated in whatever way you can contribute.

Collection of works after morning tea on Sunday 18th October. Help would be much valued and highly appreciated

Spring Festival of Creativity

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Workshops on Saturday morning.

- **Poetry Workshop:** facilitated by Steve Barnett. This workshop isn't a "lesson in poetry writing." It will focus on inspiration and the surprising, emergent, creative process of exploring and forming that into a poem. All welcome 10am to 11am
- **Watercolour Workshop:** facilitated by Lyn Farhi. Catering for all, especially beginners. Mary, Dawn, Kirsten and Rosie have helped to put together some exercises and tips to encourage novices 11am to 12.30pm. We are supplying a range of materials. But you are welcome to bring your own brushes, paints and other materials ***Sorry this class is now full***
- **Scripture Memorization Workshop:** Anyone welcome to attend. Particularly suitable for those who are new to faith or who wish to engage more deeply with God's Word. Fabulous memory not required. Focused on engaging with God's Word for personal and spiritual development; not for gaining brownie points, impressing people or polishing haloes. A very brief intro to a range of methods that incorporate all major learning styles. A time for collaboration and fun. It might even help to uncover an unknown talent!

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how we can best support you in getting connected.



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



Please Join Us For Morning Tea

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

Everyone welcome

