

HOMECOMING

st George's
EPSOM

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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 11th Oct

“Home Coming”

SPEAKER: Josh Jones

READINGS: Psalm 1:1-3; Romans 12:1-2; John 4:19-26; John 17:20-23

VERSE OF THE DAY: Luke 12:34 “And Jesus said, for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”



WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 14th Oct - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Judy Carey

“How to live in a Pagan world”

1 Peter 2:11-17

NEXT SUNDAY, 18th Oct - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Jeremy Woods

Home Coming -“Home Where You Find Yourself”

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

**“When I am away from Liturgy for too long, I find I burn for it now,
for the steadiness of the calendar, the ‘words’ that ring out in repetition.**

When I return each week, I am coming home again.

Liturgy is written into my flesh, sinking into my skin and my spirit.”

Angela Doll Carlson

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

Today we begin another exciting journey of a new sermon series exploring what it means to make a journey that involves a **'Homecoming'**.

There are many expressions of how we do this and over the coming weeks we will explore how our faith should shape and inform these human experiences.

1. Jeremy will unpack what it means to 'be at home' wherever you may find yourself.
2. I will explore how our faith informs how we approach the final pages of our life in this earthly realm as we prepare to 'go home' to the heavenly realm in peace with God.
3. Chris Clarke will ask how we 'make a home' when we find ourselves in unexpected places and perhaps foreign territory.
4. Karen Spoelstra will look at the prodigal Son and his decision to 'come home' to the Father in the spirit of repentance
5. Jeremy finish with the truth revealed in Revelation of God's 'homecoming' **'to be with his people'** in the New Creation.

It's a series we are very much looking forward to and today I will begin by exploring why the core journey we should always be making is about **'coming home to the heart of worship'**.

Why do we have a **liturgical tradition** that's been central to the worship life of the World-wide church for centuries and how important is it that we are intentional about engaging and embracing with this central truth of our worship life?

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Good morning and welcome to our service today.
We're meeting for kids' church in the hall
to kick off term 4!

Jess, Hayley and the team



Upcoming Baptism Service

We currently have three people keen to get baptised on November the 8th. If you are interested in exploring baptism, or have a young person who might be interested in getting baptised. Please contact Josh or Jeremy.

2026 Contact List Book

now available
at the back
of the Church

Next Working Bee!

Wed 14th Oct

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

Please Join Us For Morning Tea

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

Everyone welcome



A request from Jane Vogels for an interactive flower art project
Does anyone have any blue flowers or silver-grey foliage they would be willing to share with me for my exhibit next week? Eg teucrium, Dusty Miller, or similar, agapanthus or blue wisteria would be amazing (I can collect these on Thursday 15th if this is convenient, or they could be left at church on Friday afternoon.) Please contact me by email on vogelsjane@gmail.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 dandlwood@gmail.com or ph 021 208 3561



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.





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

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. Contact Steve at steve.barnett.clear@gmail.com
- **Watercolour Workshop:** *Sorry this class is now full*
- **Scripture Memorization Workshop:** Facilitated By Maria Carbines. 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! Contact Maria at carbines@orcon.net.nz

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