



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

SUNDAY SERVICE, 18th Oct

Home Coming - “Home Where You Find Yourself”

SPEAKER: Jeremy Woods

READINGS: Jeremiah 29:4-7; 1 Peter 2:11-12; Matthew, 6:25-34



WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 21st Oct - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Judy Carey

“Living in Submission”

1 Peter 2:18-3:7

NEXT SUNDAY, 25th Oct - 10.00am

SPEAKER: Josh Jones

Home Coming - “Preparing to go home”

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

Today we continue the journey of our sermon series on the many expressions of how we experience 'homecoming'. We thought we'd share one of the most well-known poems on this theme. "Ithaca" is a 1911 poem by Greek poet C. P. Cavafy

As you set out for Ithaka
hope your road is a long one,
full of adventure, full of discovery.
Laistrygonians, Cyclops,
angry Poseidon—don't be afraid of them:
you'll never find things like that on your way
as long as you keep your thoughts raised high,
as long as a rare excitement
stirs your spirit and your body.
Laistrygonians, Cyclops,
wild Poseidon—you won't encounter them
unless you bring them along inside your soul,
unless your soul sets them up in front of you.

Hope your road is a long one.
May there be many summer mornings when,
with what pleasure, what joy,
you enter harbours you're seeing for the first time;
may you stop at Phoenician trading stations
to buy fine things,
mother of pearl and coral, amber and ebony,
sensual perfume of every kind—
as many sensual perfumes as you can;
and may you visit many Egyptian cities
to learn and go on learning from their scholars.

Keep Ithaka always in your mind.
Arriving there is what you're destined for.
But don't hurry the journey at all.
Better if it lasts for years,
so you're old by the time you reach the island,
wealthy with all you've gained on the way,
not expecting Ithaka to make you rich.

Ithaka gave you the marvellous journey.
Without her you wouldn't have set out.
She has nothing left to give you now.

And if you find her poor, Ithaka won't have fooled you.
Wise as you will have become, so full of experience,
you'll have understood by then what these Ithakas mean.

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Good morning and welcome to our service today.
Please join us in the hall for kids church today.

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.



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.

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how we can best support you in getting connected.



The Working Bee Needs Your Help!

The faithful working bee group are looking for more help.

We would like to make a plea for some more assistance. Most of our team are in their mid-70s or 80s, with a couple of exceptions who are in their late 60s. The sort of work we do is not too onerous but 2 or 3 extra workers would ease the load on our aging bodies.

The work mainly consists of weeding, racking leaves, hedge trimming and other general gardening chores.

Next Working Bee!
Wed 28th Oct

Please contact Robin Hulford if you would like to help.
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Tāmaki Makaurau
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Eco Church Gathering

14 SATURDAY NOVEMBER

Felt Room, Te Ara i Tautahi / Ambury Regional Park
10am – 2pm

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Lead Scientist, Marine
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Please Join Us For Morning Tea

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

Everyone welcome

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

