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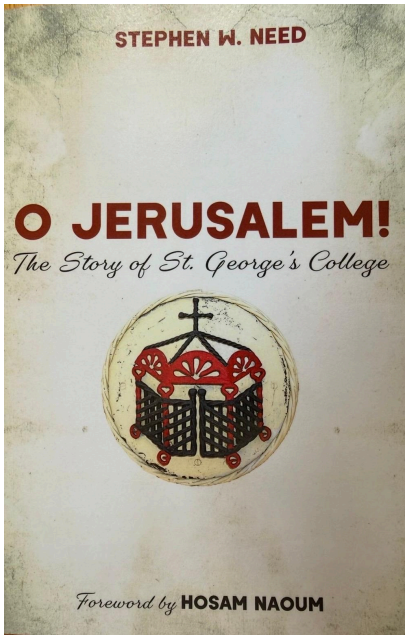


Dean's Message

Summer holidays are over for another year and we would dearly love to be able to launch into busy pilgrimages with visitors from all over the world. Sadly, we are still not yet quite at that place. The region continues to be rather volatile and no one is exactly sure what the trajectory is. Israel and Palestine both have elections in the following weeks which is making the present time especially febrile. Neither election is likely to make a dramatic difference to the situation but it may give a clearer sense of the likely direction of travel. As ever, we live by faith in the midst of the pain of the present reality and the joy of the promises of the God of all hope and peace.

Where Are We Now?

It has been true for most of the College's modern history that the context in which it operates is uncertain and careful judgements have to be made on safety issues regarding travel to Israel/Palestine as well as the specific places which can or cannot be visited on any particular day. This will remain the case for the foreseeable future. And so, we commend to our friends throughout the world, the idea of beginning to consider if they are able to sign up for one of our study pilgrimages in 2027 or 2028. All the courses are up on the College website.



O Jerusalem – The Story of St. George's College

We are delighted to announce that former Dean of the College, Revd. Stephen Need (2005-11) has writen a history of the College. It begins at the very start with arrival of the first Anglicans in Ottoman Palestine in the mid nineteenth century and continues up to the present day. It is wide-ranging and detailed and describes the characters, both local and international, that have made the College what it is today. As a former College Dean who is still a regular visitor to Jerusalem and also a seasoned author, Stephen is better equipped than any to tell the comprehensive story of the College.

The book, published by WIPF & Stock, should be available in most countries via good bookshops and trusted book suppliers. Also available as an eBook.

We share sad news of three deaths of former members of staff of St George's College:

The Rt. Rev. Bob Gordon Jones, the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Wyoming died in August, aged 93. Bishop Bob became Dean of the College in 1996, following his retirement as the bishop of Wyoming. He served in Jerusalem, alongside his wife, Mary Page until 2001. Bishop Bob served throughout his ministry with great distinction and he is remembered in the College and in the Diocese of Jerusalem with much affection. He is survived by his wife, Mary Page, by his children and by a large number of grand- and great grandchildren.

Rev Canon Kamal Farah was born into a Maronite Christian family in Kefar Bar'am in Upper Galilee. He later became an Anglican and served in different capacities in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. One of these roles was as College Course Director and later as Senior Lecturer; roles he filled with distinction between 2002 and 2012. No one who was taught by Fr Kamal could fail to remember his personal warmth, spirituality and deep knowledge of the land. He also died in August, aged 83.

In September we received tragic news of the death of Rev Dr Hector Patmore who died in a hill-walking accident aged 45 on the Isle of Skye in Scotland. Hector was Course Director from 2017-2018 and remained on the Cathedral staff for a further year. Everyone who was taught by Hector was impressed by his deep biblical knowledge, humour and engaging personality. College and Cathedral staff today remember him with great affection and are heartbroken by his untimely death. Hector leaves behind his wife Lydia and their two boys, Duffy and Bertie.

We celebrate all three great servants of Christ, grateful for the part they played in the life of the College over these past decades. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

New Resources

We will soon be sharing exciting news of a film series produced by Rodney and myself for Advent and Christmas. Filming will commence soon and we hope that individuals and groups will use the material to enrich their devotions for the poignant season of waiting for and receiving God's transformative gifts.

We are also very pleased to share that the College website is currently being redesigned. When completed, this will give a much brighter and more dynamic experience and will be easier to navigate. The new design will be launched in October.

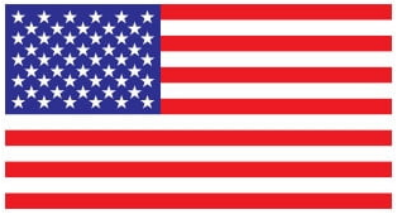
St. George's College Asks For Your Continued Support

We give thanks for all who have joined in to support St. George's College through the "Let Light Shine Out of Darkness Campaign".

Friends of St. George's College from across the Anglican Communion are invited to participate in this holy and vitally important campaign to sustain our ministry of a Christian presence in the Holy Land. If you have not done so yet, please read about the campaign and consider a gift now.

Depending on where you live, **donations to our Regional Committees may have tax advantages**. For this to happen it

is essential that your gift be made to the relevant Regional Committee.



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North American Committee for St. George's College
PMB163
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Alexandria, VA 22304

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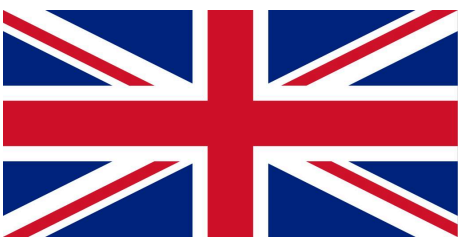
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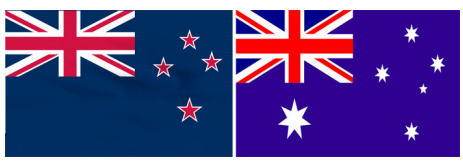
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Treasurer, ANZ Regional Committee for St George's College Jerusalem
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Torquay, VIC 3228
Australia

Email:
JSizer@adfmelbourne.org.au

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Donors in the United States may receive tax benefits by donating their Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) to the North American Committee of St. George's College. Consult with your tax advisor for tax guidance.

For information on making a planned gift please contact Dean Richard Sewell at **dean@sgcjerusalem.org** or in North America contact Laura Simmons, Executive Director of the North American Committee for St. George's College at **execdirnac@gmail.com**.

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