

## Happening

**GROUPS UNDER TRAFFIC LIGHT ORANGE:** *(Please note - you may only attend groups if you are well.)*

**Toy Lending Library:** Open during the term fortnightly. Monday 11am-1pm. Contact Janet Kidd.

**Second Chance Op Shop:** **NOTE: They are taking donations of good quality second hand Winter clothing, linen & household items only.** Open Tuesday's 10am—2pm. Contact Elesha Thomas for more information.

**Transformation Youth Group:** Wednesday 4.45pm-7pm. **On hold.**

**Mainly Music:** Thursday 10am. Contact Sherilyn 021 298 2762.

**Son-Shine Club:** Thursdays 3.15pm till 5pm. Contact Tino Segi 027 239 0448.

**Friendship Group @ Ranui:** Friday from 10am till 12pm. Morning Tea provided. Contact Myra Dormer or Ph. Church office 833 7815.

**Missions Prayer Meeting:** 1st Sunday of the Month after Morning Service. Contact Ronnie Nicolson.

**Women's Bible Study Group:** Mondays 10 am - 12 pm at Glenda's home in Massey. Contact Glenda Winn 022 647 0021

**Young Adults Group:** Every 2nd Tuesday, 7-9pm in the Café. Contact Matt Osborne.

**Monday Night Prayer:** Monday 7.30pm-8.30pm, prayer room. **On hold.**

**Intercessors:** Wednesday 10-11.30am in the Prayer Room. **On hold.**

**Men's Home group:** Thurs 7.00-9.00pm in the Café. John Blight or Tai Taua.

**Women's Fellowship, Worship, Prayer, and Bible Study:** "The Thursday Nighters" on Thursday evenings 7 pm - 9 pm in Ranui.

There's a Facebook Messenger group associated with the Thursday Nighters that helps us keep in touch. This group warmly welcomes all women in our church and their friends. Contact Ronnie Nicolson 021 027 07540

**Moneymates:** Tuesday or Wednesday 10am—12pm. Contact Glenn Harris on 021 0902 7110 or gharris@careranui.org.nz .

Duty Roster	17th July	24th July
Door Greeters	Pat Sharman & Myra Dormer	Henry & Marlene van Sitter
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## Sunday 10th July 2022

**This Week's Service**

**10 am**

Lloyd Ashworth - Celebrate Diversity & Grow up into Maturity

**6 pm**

Ranui Winter Worship Evening

**Next Week's Services**

**10 am**

Lloyd Ashworth - Ephesians #5

# Lloyd Ashworth

## EPHESIANS 4 - CELEBRATE DIVERSITY AND GROW UP INTO MATURITY!

The first three chapters of Ephesians speak of what God has done to and for us, and the second three chapters are about what we do for Him! The first part is what God works into us and the second is how we work this out in our daily lives. So the book is really very practical and we now turn to live out these awesome truths day by day.

Today's message has two main points: Celebrate the Diversity we are and then Grow up into maturity in your relationship with God and each other. It constantly amazes me how God takes such huge risks with us. He trusts us to keep the faith and embrace ways of living that are counter-culture to the world's way. That he should gift us with such diverse gifts, personalities and drives is a recipe for disaster. How can this kind of diversity exist on earth without destructing? Instead of minimising differences, God seems to go overboard with making us even more diverse than telling us to live and relate together in loving harmony!!! Is it any wonder that many churches and organisations fail exactly at this point. And the only way to manage and keep the wheels on is to resort to control, rules, statements of faith, and gathering like-minded people together. Nothing could be further from the truth as far as the kingdom is concerned. A good example of this is women in ministry – we have found it easier to either ignore this or suppress it because it is just too difficult – yet how can we in the light of the teaching of scripture? The Timothy passages about women and authority and keeping silent in the church clearly has a cultural explanation and is never intended to be used in the way it has been!

Having put a bomb into the mix in the opening verses of chapter four the second half explains how unity can be maintained with this 'diverse freedom'. And the key is looking up and worshipping the same Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is the trinity that pulls us upwards and keeps us focussed on kingdom and not our gifting or gender. The chapter closes with all kinds of illustrations of how kingdom people should live as children of the light. Here's the question for you today! Will you allow the teaching of the scriptures to shape your thinking and change your prejudice or will you relegate these matters to the 'too hard' basket of your mind?

**Pastor Lloyd**



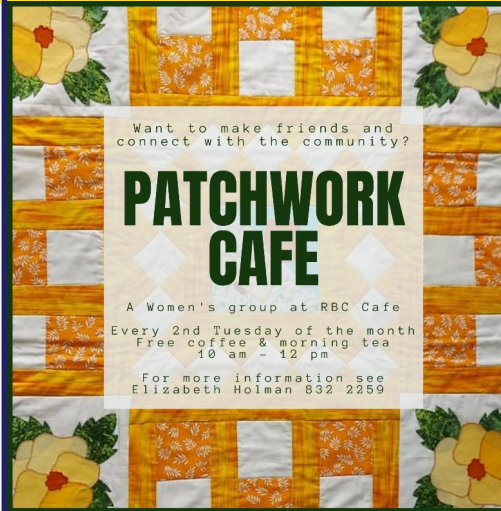
## RBC WINTER THANKSGIVING MEAL - JULY 24TH

Our mid-year spit roast meal together will be a time of connection and thanksgiving! Tickets are \$7 each and can be purchased on Sundays after the service in the cafe or through the office during the week. Don't miss out!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADER – CHARLENE PEHI

Thank you Charlene for being obedient to God's prompting in your life. We are seeking to build a team around Charlene as she starts children's ministry in our church next Sunday. She will lead the children present next Sunday out after the notices and together with a small team of helpers provide a children's program for them during the church service from around 10.25 am until 11.15 am. We are still looking for people to join the team with her and please can you see her **today** after the service.

# Notices



## PRAYER MINISTRY MTL LEADER – ROSEANNE MARTIN

The elders are pleased to announce that Roseanne Martin has been endorsed as the new MTL prayer ministry leader. Please support and encourage Roseanne in this vital area of our church life. She will be bringing some leadership to this area of our church life over the coming months. May I take this time to encourage you to come to the church to pray each Sunday at 9.15 am. We are seeing some good answers to prayer but there are many areas where we need to see some breakthroughs. Thank you to those of you who faithfully pray at other times for our church, staff, and ministry in the community.

## WOMEN IN MINISTRY

For many years the issue of women in ministry has been awkward and divisive across churches and denominations. This morning I want to acknowledge, encourage, and profile some of the amazing women in ministry in our church. I will also attempt to speak about this in the message from Ephesians 4. My view is that women can hold any role, ministry, and position in church ministry and they should not be viewed as any different from men. I think the New Testament scriptures will support this. However, having said this there are some leadership roles that will be difficult to fulfill for many women – in particular, a senior pastor's role in a church staff. While such an appointment should not be precluded it might be unwise to pursue because of our sense that it doesn't easily sit well. We have women elders, women in leadership MTL positions, and women gifted in many areas of church ministry and volunteerism. All these should be celebrated and endorsed and in no way viewed as different or unusual. If it wasn't for women we would lose at least 50% of our people whom God has gifted. So this morning, I'm sensing I want to just make a statement of affirmation of the many women in our church who have faithfully served God. We thank you, love you, and stand with you to become all that God has put in your hearts to be and share with us as a congregation.

**Pastor Lloyd**

## ALPHA COURSES:

We are planning on running some Alpha courses in our church. Penelope is leading some Women's Alpha groups and is keen to speak to any women who would like to join them. For men and couples alpha groups please see Sam Johnson-Chung.



Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
forgiving each other,  
just as in Christ God forgave you.

**Ephesians 4:32**