

Happening

GROUPS UNDER TRAFFIC LIGHT RED:

Please note - you may only attend groups if you are well. If you have any symptoms (cough, runny nose, fever, body aches, etc) you must stay home.

Limits of 25 persons per group.

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

Second Chance Op Shop: **NOTE: They are taking donations of good quality second hand clothing only.** Open Tuesday's 10am—2pm. Contact Marianne Hunt for more information.

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

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

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: Monday 10am in the Prayer Room. Contact Glenda Winn. **On hold until Orange Light.**

Young Adults Group: Every 2nd Tuesday, 7pm-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, Prayer and Bible Women's group: There is a Facebook messenger group of ladies within our Church. They are meeting on a Thursday evening on zoom 7-9pm and are finishing the last part of an alpha course at the moment. They pray, fellowship, and encourage one another. This group is open to all women in our Church and their friends.

If you'd like to be added to this group contact; Penelope Dawson on penelopeanne.d@gmail.com or on Facebook messenger or contact Ronnie Nicolson.

Moneymates: Wed 10am—12pm. Contact Glenn Harris on 8325961. **On hold.**

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Sunday 13th March 2022

This Week's Service

10 am

Pastor Lloyd Ashworth - What do you See? Part 7
A Future that Motivates Me! - Hebrews 11.8-10

& Communion

Next Week's Services

10 am

Pastor Lloyd Ashworth—What's your Shape?

Lloyd Ashworth

A Future that Motivates Me! Hebrews 11.8-10

This is the final message in the current series 'What do you See?' I have taken you on a journey through different parts of the Bible asking this question. We finish today with probably the greatest visionary of all – Abraham. He is an interesting character in that he is the father of faith for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Here is where these three major world religions meet. So what was it about Abraham of whom it is said that his faith was counted to him as righteousness! It was this great statement that 'the righteous shall live by faith' that was the turnkey moment for the reformation led by Martin Luther. For so long the Church had become corrupt and sins could be forgiven by paying money, the priesthood was about power and control and the people in the street had no access to the Bible nor the truth it contained. And it was faith (not works) that reset the church and Abraham's faith, in particular, that was the example to follow. Today I will give you in the message three points to remember which enabled Abraham and all those down through the ages to carry a sustainable faith that motivates right through life to the end.

I don't know about you but there have been times for me during the past forty years when I have wondered whether it's all worth it, when people have let me down and disappointed, when I'm misunderstood and people seem intent on believing something untrue despite my protest. These weigh heavily upon me and I suspect on you too. Where do we go when things like this occur? For me, I've dug deep into the few simple but profound truths of the gospel – I am loved, I am filled with the Spirit of God, I am being shaped, I am called to be faithful (full of faith)! Nothing else really matters. This is what has got me through difficult times. I guess I'm really just digging down until I strike the rock (Jesus) and upon Him, I stand. You see I hold this rather old-fashioned, radical view that I'm motivated by a future I cannot see, smell or touch. But it inspires me to be faithful.

In my message today I use the illustration from David Attenborough's documentary which I saw last week. It was on how trees in the driest desert have learned how to survive without rainwater. While everything else dies around them, this tree has an underground (out of sight) root system that links up with other trees and together they store moisture that they together draw on to get them through the drought. What a wonderful illustration of the Church family this is. My life is linked to yours, my future and yours are the same. We share the same sustenance of the Spirit of God that motivates us to hold on through tough times.

Have a great week Church!
Pastor Lloyd



Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV)

Notices

CALL COMMITTEE:

Pray for the Call Committee as they make important decisions and conduct interviews over the next two weeks. It's important to know clearly God's choice. Pray that the person of God's choice will come clearly to the fore.

PASTOR LLOYD & JUDY:

Pastor Lloyd and Judy's last Sunday with us will be **March 27th**. They are traveling to the South Island for six weeks in their caravan from April to mid-May. We hope they have a wonderful & refreshing time away! We are so thankful for all that they have done for us in helping us navigate through these tricky times!

THE HOPE PROJECT:

We were involved with this last Easter & we are currently assessing our capacity to be involved in this again this year. More information coming next Sunday.



30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD:

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World starts on the 2nd of April! If anyone is interested in having a copy of the booklet visit; **www.prayer30days.org** or get in touch with Ronnie Nicolson ASAP so she can order you a copy, cost \$5.
ronapon1@outlook.com or 021 0270 7540

WEST AUCKLAND EVENING AGLOW ZOOM MEETING:

Who: Pastor Rachel McQueen will be sharing about 'Navigating this Storm'
Date: Friday 18 March 2022
Time: 7.30pm start (prayer from 7.15pm)

ALL WELCOME!

Zoom entry details (click on link):
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86499213050>
[pwd=Q3JlbXpHemhuOHpaZHZRQUY4Umdkdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86499213050?pwd=Q3JlbXpHemhuOHpaZHZRQUY4Umdkdz09)
Meeting ID: 864 9921 3050
Passcode: 294067



Rachel McQueen is an author, a prophetic teacher and a pastor at Valley Road Church, Mt Eden. She is passionate about leading people to encounter the love and the truth of God. I hope you can join us on Zoom and be encouraged by what Rachel has to share. If you would like to contribute an offering towards our Aglow ministry, which includes blessing our speakers with a koha, the West Auckland Evening Aglow ASB account details are; 12-3071-0366871-00 (please include as a reference: Donation).