

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 9:30-10.45am in the Prayer Room, followed by tea & cake. Contact Rosanne Martin.

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	31st July	7th August
Door Greeters	Barbara & Jessica Kidd	
Notices	Rob Kidd	John Blight

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Sunday 24th July 2022

This Week's Service

10 am

Lloyd Ashworth - Ephesians #6

Next Week's Services

10 am

Tai Taua - Baptism, New Testament Style
& Baptismal Service

6 pm

Ranui Winter Worship Evening

Lloyd Ashworth

EPHESIANS 6 – YOU ARE IN A BATTLE!

As I thought and prayed about the message this week I didn't want to say the same things we hear every time someone opens Ephesians 6. But somehow I felt drawn to the six pieces of armour that are spoken of in this chapter we know so well. So it's not so much about knowing what each piece is but Are we wearing the armour and winning in the fray? I remember travelling to Prague some years ago and up on the hill opposite the city is the history museum. I wandered up there and found myself surrounded by soldiers and battles from centuries ago. Full sets of armour we on display with details of the winners and losers, and the bloody stories of valour and death. I felt somewhat out of my comfort zone!

Now zoom forwards several hundred years to 1990 – the location is now Suffolk England and the American Air Force base at Lakenheath. The F111 fighter bombers left and flew to Turkey where they refuelled for the assault on Northern Africa. Bombs were dropped from several thousand feet and 'guided' to their target. We saw some so accurate they could be fired right down a chimney and we watched this war from our lounges at home. How war has changed. Yet one thing is for sure the war is not won until there are feet on the ground. It's this kind of close fighting that is spoken of in this chapter. Not a battle of days gone by like Prague, or fought from some aircraft miles high – but one on one, hand to hand, fighting against a common foe in a spiritual dimension that is as real as what we can see taste touch and smell. How are you travelling in the fight? Are you wearing your armour well? The final few verses are very revealing where we see a very human Paul ask for prayer for the task God has given him as Ambassador for the kingdom. I hope this encourages you. We finish our visit to Ephesians today with this message.

Pastor Lloyd

AGM REPORTS: CHURCH & TRUST:

I know what you're all thinking, haven't we just had an AGM?! It is the time of year for all Ministry Team Leaders and Group Leaders to prepare their Annual Reports. We need these no later than the end of August. We would like the following included: Summary of what is happening, Outcomes (Results), and Plans for the coming year. Please email reports to Sherilyn Sampson at admin@ranuibaptist.org.nz. Once you've submitted your annual



THE NEW BAPTIST NZ APP:

Replacing the printed Baptist magazine, there is now a new app that will share our stories of gospel renewal to people and places, articles that encourage, inspire and inform, as well as podcasts and videos to support and resource. It also includes discounts to more than 30 retailers, including Bunnings, Noel Leeming, Warehouse Stationary, and Pita Pit. To install search 'Baptist NZ' on your app store. There will also be a printable email every two months full of content from the app for those who don't use devices or need to read from paper, sign up for this newsletter at <https://baptist.nz>



Notices

BAPTISMAL SERVICE - SUNDAY 31ST JULY 10 AM:

We have 3 people so far who have requested baptism. If there are any others then please see Pastor Lloyd or text him on 027 277 8448 so you can be included on this special Sunday.

Bring your family and friends and any people who you think might like to see and hear the stories of those being baptised....PRAY for those being baptised and those attending.

THE ALPHA COURSE:

Lots of us will have heard about and even taken part in an Alpha course. Did you know that since the early days it's been massively updated, and as of 2022 has been translated into 112 different languages for use all over the world? In New Zealand, we have our own stories, korero from local people who have experienced an Alpha Course and say it has made a big difference. You know, it's not a difficult thing to run. There's easy training available for all of us whether we want to host or help.

An Alpha is basically eating a meal together, watching a 30-minute video about the Christian faith, and then discussing it in small groups. Food, video, discussion - that's all. No pressure to think in a particular way. We don't 'make' people come to Alpha, we just make the invitation, pray for them and maybe offer them a ride.

Perhaps you have friends or family you'd like to invite to an Alpha course this year. Take a look at some of these 2 - 4 minute kiwi videos, they'll give you an idea about Alpha, then let's talk about running some Alpha courses. Speak to Sam (ph 022 0128 165) or Penelope

RBC WINTER THANKSGIVING MEAL - HAPPENING THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday the 24th of July is our winter thanksgiving meal! This is a ticketed event & Sales are now closed! Thank you to all who made the thanksgiving meal happen.....especially Jackie Demeter & Marian Blight, Jane Fityus, Sherilyn Sampson, Sam Johnson-Chung & all our hard working Kitchen volunteers!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH THROUGH THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

During the School holidays, there will be a movie playing in the hall. Remember to please see Charlene Pehi if you are able to help out with the children's ministry in any way.

INTERCESSORS

LET'S GET
TOGETHER
TO
Pray
FOR RBC

Wednesday mornings at
9:30 am-10:45am in the
prayer room