

## 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 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 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:** Monday 10am at Glenda's house, 6 Mantra Road in Massey. Contact Glenda Winn.

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

Duty Roster	10th July	17th July
Door Greeters	Lesley & Ako Faumuina	Pat Sharman & Myra Dormer
Notices	John Blight	Kristen Bettany

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## Sunday 3rd July 2022

### This Week's Service

**10 am**

Lloyd Ashworth - Grace and Mercy, the Culture of the Kingdom

& Communion

### Next Week's Services

**10 am**

Lloyd Ashworth - Ephesians #4



Our hearts are more pure and ready to pray in faith when we've first adored God, confessed our sins, and thanked Him for what He's already done for us.

**Living the Battle Plan**

# Lloyd Ashworth

## GRACE AND MERCY, THE CULTURE OF THE KINGDOM:

Does it disappoint you how sometimes people who say they love Jesus also love to speak and act in ungraceful ways? Why is the Church today across our country so divided even though we worship the same Jesus? We have got ourselves into our own 'church bubbles' where others are welcome as long as they believe the same things. Then there is the way we treat people who fail and lose their way especially if they are believers, we often find ourselves distancing ourselves from them. Read again the gospels and the way Jesus relates to people who fail and mess up, He is truly remarkable in the way He supports the person but somehow doesn't condone the sin. But underlying all his speech and interaction with people are – mercy and grace. In fact, this coming King which is 'upside down' to the world's way of doing things is characterised by mercy and grace.

So next time when a situation confronts you – ask yourself if you responded with grace and mercy instead of judgment and indifference. I know it's difficult but it's the only way the Church here can take on the 'upside down' Kingdom and we can be seen to be a very different way to the rest of the world. We need more of the kingdom in the Church.

Today's verse I want to share with you is from Ephesians 3:2,4,8,10

But God who is so rich in **mercy**...

It is only **by God's grace** you have been saved....

God saved you by his grace **when you believed**....

He has created us anew in Christ Jesus so we can **do the good works** he planned for us long ago.

**There it is: In Mercy by Grace through Faith for good works!!!!**

**I hope you enjoy the parable of Babette's Feast!!!!**

**Pastor Lloyd**

## RANUI WINTER WORSHIP EVENINGS:

We are planning to start a series of Sunday Services over the winter months and run these every 3 weeks. The first one will be on **10 July at 6 pm** with a light supper to follow.

These will be a series of curated evenings, providing Worship, Praise, Fellowship & Prayer. At each service, we will also have several members of our church family bring a short pre-prepared word or thought piece to share. Put this in your calendar now and we look forward to seeing you on the 10th!

## ALPHA COURSES:

We are planning on running some Alpha courses in our church. Penelope has already done a lot of work to prepare for this within the Women's Ministry, and if you are interested in joining a women's Alpha group which explores the basics of faith then please see her. Additional to this we are wanting to start some other Alpha groups which will be led by Sam Johnson-Chung. Sam recently began in his new role in our church as Outreach Ministry Team Leader. We are seeking people who have had some Alpha experience already to act as leaders and also any other who might like to attend an Alpha group made up of mixed genders. If this is you then please see Sam Johnson-Chung on Sunday! This will take some time to organise but we are hopeful of starting some Alpha groups in the next couple of months.



# Notices



## RBC WINTER THANKSGIVING MEAL - JULY 24TH

Our mid-year spit roast meal together will be a time of connection and thanksgiving. Thank you to those who have offered to help in the kitchen so far - much appreciated! We still need a few people to help clean up after the event, so please see Jackie Demeter or Marian Blight if you can help with this. Those who help in the kitchen will receive a free meal. Tickets are \$7 each and can be purchased on Sunday's after the service in the cafe or through the office during the week.

## SECOND CHANCE OP SHOP:

The second chance op shop is now taking donations for; Winter Clothing, Sheets/Linen, and small household items. Donations need to be made through their opening hours; Tuesdays 10 am - 2 pm.

## 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](mailto:admin@ranuibaptist.org.nz). Once you've submitted your annual reports will receive a peanut slab! **Thank you!**



## PATCHWORK CAFE - STARTING 12 JULY 2022:

This is a new women's ministry outreach group - happening on the 2nd Tuesday of the month! This group will run alongside the op-shop being open. And these wonderful ladies from our Church who attend this group will be available to talk with and encourage those who attend from the community. Free coffee & morning tea for those who come! For more information, contact Elizabeth Holman.

## CAFE HEATING:

The café heat pumps will be installed mid-July. This decision was approved by the elders and will help to make our café much more comfortable

