

## Happening

**Toy Lending Library:** fortnightly in School term. Mon 11-1pm. Contact Janet Kidd.  
**Second Chance Op Shop:** NOTE: They are taking donations of good quality second hand Summer clothing, linen & household items only. Open Tuesday's 10am—2pm. Contact Elesha Thomas for more information.

**Children's Ministry:** Sunday mornings during the service. For more information Contact Charlene Pehi 021 0233 7644.

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

**Son-Shine Club:** Thursdays 3.15 -5pm. Contact Ella Kaihau 027 390 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.

**Intercessors:** Wednesday 9:30-10.45am in the Prayer Room, followed by tea & cake. Contact Rosanne Martin 022 128 4890.

**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	18th December	25th December
Door Greeters	Heather Rowe & Maggie Henry	NO SERVICE
Notices	Rob Kidd	NO SERVICE

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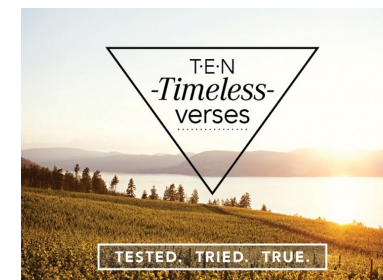
## Sunday 11th December 2022

### This Week's Services

10 am - Lloyd Ashworth—Timeless Verses Series -  
Galatians 2:20

### Next Week's Service

10 am - Lloyd Ashworth - Timeless Verses Series #7



# Lloyd Ashworth

## The Choice that Keeps Choosing Galatians 2:20

Something about choice doesn't always sit right with me. I love the idea of choice and that I have this freedom to choose because you see I would be the first to complain if I had no say in my life choices. But then once the matter is settled that I do have a choice, then I feel the pressure of having to make the right choice. Why is it, that I cannot just settle the matter with one 'big' choice? Does God want to be impressed with me keeping choosing Him? Then I saw something in this reoccurring groundhog day experience (If you don't know what groundhog day is you need to see the movie). This 'keeping on choosing' is what the Bible means when Jesus spoke of taking up the cross daily and following Him. It's not about making a 'big choice' once and for all, it's about making a daily choice to keep choosing Him and not me! The need to do this is not for God's benefit but for mine! It is me that needs to be reminded of who I am following and why. This last week I spoke with my 15-year-old granddaughter about baptism. She had resisted being baptised for some years but asked me some weeks ago if I would baptise her on Boxing Day when all our families are together. We spoke about the meaning of baptism and 'choosing' to follow Jesus and then living out that choice day by day. What a thrill to share this truth with her. When Paul wrote to the Galatian believers in this letter he was trying to explain this same principle. "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me" – and I keep choosing Him daily and in doing so am a walking example of dying to my old life and living the new life in the power of the Spirit. Will you say with me – Jesus today I keep choosing you over all else! It's not a choice that leads to stuffy, boring, rules-based faith but an exciting, liberating, and abundant life.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

18 DECEMBER 2022 - 12 PM  
RBC CAFE - \$7

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### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- 12 February 2023 - Pastor Grahame Walker's Commissioning Service .
- 10 February 2023 evening - Pastor Lloyd Ashworth's farewell event.

### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:

Thank you to those who worked hard to get the Christmas decorations up for us all to enjoy!

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH TICKETS – NEXT SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER:

This week we need the final numbers for our Christmas lunch next Sunday. You need to buy your ticket today so we can have definite catering numbers. The Cost is \$7 per person or \$25 for a family. After the service today there will be two places you can buy your tickets. In the front of the church with cash, and in the café with the Eftpos machine. We need you to buy today please or if you cannot you may ring the office up until Tuesday.

**YOUR URGENT ATTENTION IS REQUESTED ON THIS MATTER PLEASE**

### VOLUNTEERS NEED FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to help Jackie & Marian in the kitchen! Our Christmas lunch is only a few Sunday's away! If you think you can help in any of the areas above, please sign up on the clipboards during the service. Or see Marian or Jackie for more information - thank you!

# Coming Up

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Celebrate  
**Christmas**  
With Us!

**FAMILY CAROL SERVICE**  
23rd December 7pm

followed by complementary Cake, Tea & Coffee

464 Swanson Road, Ranui, 0612  
www.ranuibaptist.org.nz

### CAROL SERVICE LETTERBOX DELIVERY

Thank you to those who have signed up to deliver the leaflets to letterboxes. We could still do a few more please, you can sign up on the clipboard at front of the church on the stage after the service. We will be doing the leaflet drop next SAT 17<sup>th</sup> December from 10 am until 12 noon. Meet at the church, Sam will have maps, gloves, and masks enough for all. Please wear a hat and bring a water bottle. Thank you.

### MILFORD BAPTIST 110th ANNIVERSARY:

15th January 2023 10 am @ Milford Baptist  
Thanksgiving service followed by a pot luck lunch. They would like former members to join for the day! They ask that you RSVP if you intend on attending so they can organise enough seating. 489 9559 or office@milfordbaptist.co.nz

### NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE AT 10AM - A FAMILY SERVICE WITH A CHRISTMAS THEME:

As we are not having a service on Sunday 25th, next Sunday we will have a family-type Christmas service. Come as a family, we will sing some carols and hear again the Christmas story.

**COVID REMINDER:** We have had a number of our Church congregation unwell with covid recently. A reminder to stay home if you're feeling unwell. We have RATs & masks available for free in the foyer or from the church office should you need some. We hope everyone is recovering well & that nobody else gets covid for Christmas! If you need any pastoral care or assistance during this time please call the office.

**Hospitality Events**

11th December	CAKES & BISCUITS - KOHA
18th December	CHRISTMAS LUNCH - \$7 TICKET
25th December	NO SERVICE TODAY!
1st January	TEA & COFFEE

### MARIE GOCK:

Our sister in Christ, Marie Gock, passed away this week. Many of you will know her well as she has attended Ranui Baptist on & off for many years. She had many health ailments but this didn't diminish her keen heart to volunteer or her love for people. If you'd like to attend the funeral please contact the office for details, at this stage we don't know the details.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER UPDATE:

**Thank you** so much to all of you who have generously donated so far to the Christmas Hamper appeal. So far we have received just over \$6000! Barbara & her helpers look forward to putting these hampers together & handing them out next week!