

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	25th December	1st January
Door Greeters	NO SERVICE	Pat Sharman & Myra Dormer
Notices	NO SERVICE	John Blight

Ranui Baptist Contact Information

Interim Pastor: Lloyd Ashworth

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Sunday 18th December 2022

This Week's Service:

Sunday 18th December

10 am - Lloyd Ashworth—Timeless Series:
The Greatest Verse in the Bible - John 3:16
& Christmas Lunch (ticketed event)

Next Week's Service:

Friday 23rd December

7 pm - Family Carol Service

Sunday 25th December

NO SERVICE TODAY!

Lloyd Ashworth

Dr. Billy Graham was once asked, "why do you recite John 3:16 when doing the microphone test before a large meeting"? He replied, "because that's the opportunity for the sound desk technicians to hear the gospel"! Never one to lose the opportunity to share the message! Christmas is truly the fulfilment of John 3:16 which is today's Timeless text. I suppose if there was a verse in the Bible that was the most well-known it would be this, it has been well-used at public gatherings and sports games by well-intentioned passionate believers. However, think for one moment about this verse and all the 'parts' of it. Which astounds and impacts you more? The God so loved?... That whoever believes?... should have eternal life? For me, it's the fact that God so loved that he gave Jesus. God's love did something astounding and actionable. That Jesus left heavens glory with the Father and Spirit and came here to be born in human form – incredible!!!! Somehow we must get this message known amidst all the competing voices of commercialism and greed that has overtaken Christmas. Even Christ is lost in the rush and bustle of the event that bears His name. This week on Wednesday I had the thrill of taking some of the food hampers out to families in the community and delivering them with Barbara Kidd. What impressed me about those homes we went to was the joy and in some cases, the relief felt by the recipients, we were hugged and thanked and even given a garland of chocolates by one lady! In every case, we invited the families to next Friday's carol service. I can promise you that in every home the food hampers will be opened and received – that is what you do with a gift!

Coming Up

Ranui Baptist Church
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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



CHRISTMAS HAMPER UPDATE:

This week the hampers were lovingly made & delivered by Barbara & her helpers! It is always a joy to see them come together so well. We have had some lovely feedback from one family who said that the hamper had really helped to boost morale amongst the family, as they were all home sick with covid! Thank you to all of you who donated money towards the hampers to make them possible!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

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

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH TODAY:

If you did not get a ticket then you will need to wait to let those who have tickets be served first and you might still be able to buy one if there is enough.

CAROL SERVICE:

Come along and bring your family and friends! A short traditional carol service with readings, carols and some YouTube clips telling the real story of Christmas. **Thank you** to those who delivered the promotional leaflets to the community.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Church Office Closes 21 December 2pm
- Church Office Reopens 16 January 9am
- Pastor Grahame Walker's Commissioning Service – 12 February.
- Pastor Lloyd Ashworth's Farewell Event – Friday evening 10 February in the Café
- The men's group has finished for the year and starting back on the 12 January.
- The Thursday Nighters are finished for the year and starting back on the 19 January.
- The Monday Morning Women's group is finished for the year and starting back on the 16th of January.

Hospitality Events	
18th December	CHRISTMAS LUNCH - \$7 TICKET
25th December	NO SERVICE TODAY!
1st January	TEA & COFFEE
8th January	TEA & COFFEE

FULL TIME POSITION AVAILABLE:

Ranui Christian Preschool need an enthusiastic person to fulfil a multi-task role that includes van driving, marketing for the preschool and some teacher aide work with the children in the preschool. The role is a full-time position, 40 hours per week and a vehicle is provided. The applicant should have a current full driver's licence, enjoy working with children and have some experience working with Christian organisations or a Church. The centre has a maximum of 52 children, operating 46 weeks, and is for 2 to 6-year-olds.

For more information please phone the preschool head teacher, Janine Rahui 832 0844 or 020 4026 1986.

How to apply:
Please send your CV to;
Tony Bracefield
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021 217 3837

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