

Happening

Toy Lending Library: fortnightly in School term. Tues 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.

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	26th March	2nd April
Door Greeters	Pat Sharman & Myra Dormer	Lesley & Ako Faumuina
Notices	Rob Kidd	Cherith Telford

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Sunday 19th March 2023

This Week's Service:

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10am - Grahame Walker - Philippians 1

Next Week's Service:

Sunday 26th March

10am - Grahame Walker—Philippians 2

& Special Members Meeting following the Service

Grahame Walker

The Unstoppable Gospel. Paul is both thankful and excited to receive news of the church at Philippi which he has enjoyed a close and loving relationship with. He also introduces a main theme of his letter Joy. He will go on to use this word 14 times in this letter more than any other letter he writes.

Paul wants them to know that despite his imprisonment the news of the Gospel has spread. He is not worried about those who oppose him or his status with the secular authorities. The question of whether he lives or dies is moulded by his commitment to the advancement of the gospel. The Gospel is like a mighty river flowing down a river. Nothing can stand in its way and this fills him with Joy. Paul is encouraging the Philippians in the face of a hostile community and real persecution to stand firm in their faith and not to be scared by the opposition. They are called to be united by the spirit in belief and in their suffering.

SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING 26 MARCH 2023:

As many of you will be aware, flooding of the café has been a big problem for the last few years. So much so we have our own stock pile of sandbags ready to be deployed at any moment! The property team have been exploring options on how to fix this in the long term. This will be an expensive project! **We will be holding a special church meeting to discuss the proposed plans directly after the morning church service on the 26th of March.**



EASTER HOPE PROJECT DELIVERIES 2023:

We have the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus by delivering "The Hope Project Booklets". We will be meeting next **Saturday the 25th of March at 10am** to deliver them together. Please put your name in the clipboards in the foyer or see Sam Johnson-Chung to sign up.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Charlene Pehi has stepped down as children's ministry team leader. We are looking for a new person to take over as Children's Ministry Team Leader, as well as looking for volunteers to support the new children's MTL. Ideally, we would have a team of volunteers helping the ministry team leader and helpers could be rostered once a month.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE:

If you haven't already - please take some time this morning to check the details we have for you in the church directory. The current directory details we have for you are in the foyer. If they are still up to date - give them a tick. If we don't have your details or your details are incorrect - please fill in a details update slip & leave on the clipboard. We want to make sure we have everyone's details correct when it comes to producing your tax receipts in a few weeks time. Thanks!

Coming Up

THANK YOU RANUI BAPTIST CHURCH FROM LLOYD AND JUDY ASHWORTH:

Judy and I want to thank you for the very special farewell you gave us recently. The words of appreciation, the shared meal, and the pounamu gifts we both received were amazing. While many of you expressed gratitude for ministry among you over these last two and half years, you can be assured that we have received also much from you as a church family. You took us into your hearts and gave us the opportunity to speak into your lives. We had the privilege of leading the church through the Covid pandemic with all its challenges. I can truly say we have received more from you than we have given. We already miss you all a lot and we pass the church into the capable hands of new leaders who will bring you forward into this next season.

Since finishing at Ranui our time has been busy, a suicide funeral, three fishing trips (with 34 fish caught in total! - well the disciples counted the fish too!!!), a trip down musical memory lane at Whangaparaoa church, visiting several people who are old or sick (including my GP who had a detached retina) and then of course plenty to do around the house (I'm doing some paint touch-ups) and getting the caravan ready for our next adventure in the South Island starting in 14 days' time. We have also had three approaches from churches outside Auckland for us to consider an interim or transitional ministry but I didn't think they were right for us. We are going to take some time out and travel again!!! Well, I must go, the fish are biting again this Friday morning.

With affection, warmth, and Aroha
Lloyd and Judy Ashworth



30 DAYS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS:

The 30 days of prayer for the Muslim World starts next week on the 22nd of March. Use the link below to download your free copy of the guide. Or if you'd like a printed copy please see Ronnie Nicolson.

<https://mission.fit/30days/>

PK ONLINE EVENT - 25 MARCH - 7:30-8:30:

Author and Speaker Phil Strong will share on how we can Reset and Go Forward with Purpose. In this interview, Phil will talk about what he's learnt from his own life after hitting rock-bottom, searching for God and finding new direction and hope. He's a humorous and interesting storyteller who speaks about faith and overcoming challenges. We look forward to having you join us online for this free event. Visit promisekeepers.org.nz to register.

