## Happening

**Toy Lending Library:** fortnightly in School term. Tues 11-1pm. Contact Janet Kidd. **Second Chance Op Shop: NOTE: They are unable to accept donations of clothing at this time.** 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

**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	28th May	4th June
Door Greeters	Barbara & Jessica Kidd	Heather Rowe & Maggie Henry
Notices	John Blight	Cherith Telford

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# Sunday 21st May 2023

### This Week's Service:

## **Sunday 21st May**

10am - Grahame Walker - Inspire #1 (Esther)

6 pm - Ranui Winter Worship Evening

### **Next Week's Service:**

## Sunday 28th May

10am - Grahame Walker - Pentecost Sunday

## **Grahame Walker**

The book of Esther is named after Esther who became queen in 479 B.C. in Persia. The key personalities are Esther, Mordecai, King Ahasuerus (or Xerxes), and Haman. Its purpose is to demonstrate God's love and sovereignty in all circumstances. It is a post-exile story about Jews who were carried off to Persia. Babylon was conquered by Persia and Esther miraculously becomes the queen of the land and saves her people.

Esther was personally chosen by the King. Mordecai (Esther's guardian) refused to bow down and pay homage to Haman a high official of the king. Haman becomes infuriated and plots to destroy all the Jews in the kingdom because of his pride. Mordecai hears of the plot and reports this to Esther. At the risk of her own life, Esther outwits Haman and takes her petition to the king and pleas for the protection of her Jewish people from Haman. The king spares the Jews. Esther's faith and courage saves her people.



**RSVP** to the church office by the **31st of May** & let us know of any dietary requirements

#### **CLEANING JOB VACANCY AT CHURCH:**

We are looking for a new cleaner for our church building. Ideally, you would be available to work Monday, Wednesday & Friday for 2 hours each day days & times negotiable for the right person. You would be responsible for the basic cleaning of the building



including toilets, vacuuming & mopping. If you're interested in finding out more please speak with Marian Blight. A job description is available from the office.



#### **SCRIPTURE UNION NEW ZEALAND HOLIDAY CAMPS:**

As we turn the corner to Winter, we look forward to cooler weather and our upcoming SUPAKidz camps. SUPAkidz camps combine action, games, and crafts with exploring the Bible together. Leaders are carefully selected and well-trained. Children work in small groups and make friends quickly. A sure way to beat holiday boredom! Meet new friends as you have fun being a secret agent. Break the codes, play awesome night games, and make cool stuff.