

## 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. See Rachel McMahon.

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

**Friendship Group @ Ranui:** Friday from 10am till 12pm. Morning Tea provided. Contact Myra Dormer or Ph. Church office 833 7815.

**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	12th November	19th November
Door Greeters	Jill Bice & Pat Sharman	Heather Rowe & Maggie Henry
Notices	John Blight	Kristen Bettany

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## Sunday 5th November 2023

### This Week's Service: Sunday 5th November

10 am - Grahame Walker - Parables of Jesus – Luke 15:11-22  
(The Lost Sons and their Father)

10 am - Children's Church - Adam & Eve - Genesis 1-3

& Baptism Service

### Next Week's Service: Sunday 12th November

10 am - Alan Telford - Enduring Hope

# Grahame Walker

## Parable of the Lost Sons (Luke 15:11-32)

I will not use the parable's most common name: The Prodigal Son. It is not right to single out one of the sons as the sole focus of the story. Jesus starts the parable, "A man had two sons". The narrative is as much about the elder brother as the younger and as much about the father as the sons. The parable might be better called the lost two sons. The over-emphasis on one son misses an important point; both brothers are alienated from God.

In this parable, Jesus's audience was the Pharisees, not the sinners. He was redefining everything they knew about connecting to God. He is redefining sin, what it means to be lost, and what it means to be saved. The younger brother could have been restored but it came at an enormous cost to the elder brother. Surely the father could not just forgive the younger brother someone had to pay. However, Jesus does not put a true elder brother in the story, one willing to pay any cost to save and seek what is lost. It is heartbreaking. The younger son gets a Pharisee for a brother instead. But we do not.

If you'd like a copy of the sermon notes from this sermon you can grab a copy from the foyer or visit the church website [www.ranuibaptist.org.nz/sermons](http://www.ranuibaptist.org.nz/sermons)



## **Volunteers Needed!**

Our second chance op shop  
needs new volunteers  
for the new year!  
Currently open on Tuesdays 10-2

If you're interested in helping out  
Contact our trust manager;  
Elesha Thomas 027 7111 032  
[manager@careranui.org.nz](mailto:manager@careranui.org.nz)

### **VOLUNTEERS FOR SECOND CHANCE OP SHOP:**

After many wonderful years of faithful service - our beautiful op shop ladies Myra & Pat are stepping down. We are on the lookout for more volunteers who have a heart & passion for serving our community to keep the shop going in the new year. If you're interested in helping, please get in touch with Elesha.

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH MEMORY VERSE:**

*16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**John 3:16**

# Coming Up

## Welcome to the Baptisms of;

**Vaea Tangitau 'Alamoti  
Karena Emma Lord-'Alamoti  
Joseph James Jnr Lord-'Alamoti  
Uili Stevenson Tuuga  
Izabela Marta Prochazka Novy  
Frank Novy**

### **AUCKLAND PRAYER BREAKFAST - 9TH NOVEMBER - ON NEXT WEEK!**

Our guest speaker is ImpactLab CEO and 2021 Xero Hi-Tech Young Achiever Maria English. We will pray for flourishing and LIFE in Homes & Neighbourhoods, Workplace & Education, Government & Society. Don't miss this special gathering of fellowship, prayer, networking, worship, and of course an excellent breakfast! Last day to purchase tickets is Monday 6th of November at midday. For more info see Rosanne or visit; [www.prayerbreakfast.nz/auckland/](http://www.prayerbreakfast.nz/auckland/)

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2023

Donations can be given directly to Barbara Kidd, put in an envelope in the offering, or through online banking - clearly labeled "Christmas Hampers"

**Ranui Baptist Church;  
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