

## 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:** Wednesday 10am—12pm. Contact Glenn Harris on 021 0902 7110 or gharris@careranui.org.nz

Duty Roster	17th December	24th December
Door Greeters	Henry & Marlene van Sitter	(no morning service)
Notices	Rob Kidd	(no morning service)

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Nativity figures created by the wonderful children at children's church

## Sunday 17th December 2023

### This Week's Service:

### Sunday 10th December

10 am - Grahame Walker - The Arrival of Jesus  
Children's Church Party - last one for the year

### Next Week's Service:

### Sunday 24th December

6 pm - Family Carol Service

(There is no morning service on the 24th)



# Grahame Walker

God chose to come as a baby. The gentlest, most approachable, smallest way imaginable. He did not want us to fear him. So, in an infant God found a way to relate to human beings that didn't involve fear. God wants us to approach him, to come to him for a relationship. He knows what you are going through now and what you will face in the future. He is not somehow removed, distant, or clueless about what it means to be human.

The Bible records prophecies, given hundreds of years before Jesus, about the coming of the Messiah, the coming of the Christ. Mary's response is full of faith, worship, and trust. She worships God for being in her life. She submits to what God has planned. In the midst of huge pressure and stress, she digs down deep into her faith in God. Don't ever tell me that teenagers can't have a very strong faith. We do not have the honour of giving birth to the saviour of the world but we do have the blessing of becoming one of his children.

If you'd like a copy of the sermon notes you can collect them from the foyer.

Or visit our website [www.ranuibaptist.org.nz/sermons/](http://www.ranuibaptist.org.nz/sermons/)



**CHRISTMAS**  
*Carol*  
**Family Service**  
**6PM - DECEMBER 24TH**  
**Followed by supper**

## RBC LUNCH THANK YOU!

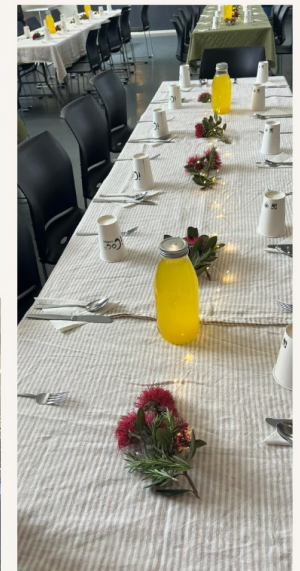
Thank you to all for attending our Christmas lunch last Sunday. It was a great time of community coming together & celebration! A special thank you to all of those who helped in the kitchen through the weekend to make this event happen - we are so appreciated of all the hard work & love that you put into this event! If you have any photo's you'd like to share from the lunch, please send them through to [admin@ranuibaptist.org.nz](mailto:admin@ranuibaptist.org.nz). Thank you!

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FEEDBACK 2023!

*"Please pass on my gratitude and thanks and love to the committee at Ranui Baptist Church for the beautiful hamper we just received, my kids eyes lit up as they unpacked everything. We're all so happy, blessed and grateful to receive such a beautiful gift before Christmas So thoughtful of you to think of my family and I, Lots of love to you all"*

**Mum, Dad & 8 children**

# Coming Up



Ranui Baptist Church Christmas Lunch

THANK YOU!