

## 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 Taa.

**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	25th February	3rd March
Door Greeters	Henry & Marlene van Sitter	Lesley & Ako Faumuina
Notices	John Blight	Cherith Telford

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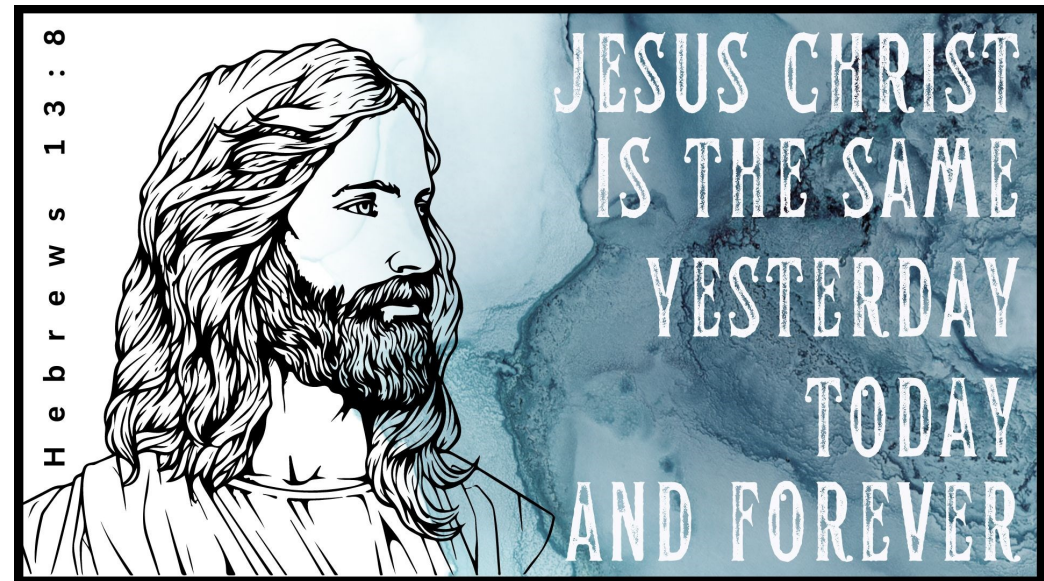
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# RANUI BAPTIST CHURCH



**Sunday 18th February 2024**

### This Week's Service:

#### Sunday 18th February

10 am - Grahame Walker - Gospel of John - In the Beginning

Children's Church - 1 Samuel 16:14-23

### Next Week's Service:

#### Sunday 25th February

10 am - Tai Taa - Tai Taa - He Loved, Washed & Made Us  
(Revelation 1:1-6)

Children's Church On

# Grahame Walker

## IN THE BEGINNING:

John 1: 1-18 has been described by David Ford in his Theological commentary on John as “perhaps the most influential short passage in the history of Christian Theology. Out of the sixty-six books of the Bible, only the opening line of Genesis, the famous “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,” is more well-known. Right at the beginning John offers us so much.

He introduces key themes, images, and categories for his Gospel: God, Word, creation, all things, all people, life, light, darkness, believing, the world, the name of Jesus, flesh, glory, father, only son, grace, truth, fullness, law, Moses, Jesus Christ, seeing and the intimacy between Jesus and his father. For John, these are all large containers into which more and more is poured as his Gospel progresses deepening and expanding their meaning. All aimed at answering one essential question; who is Jesus?

In eighteen verses he covers the framework of God and all things, the drama of the incarnation, and a relationship of deep and intimate love of the father and son. Jesus is sent out of his father’s love for the world and Jesus relates to diverse people from many communities. For John, Jesus is utterly flesh and utterly divine.

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/)



## 30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD:

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World is no ordinary booklet. **It's a prayer guide that inspires.** Filled with stories to help you learn about, love, and pray for Muslim people groups around the world. **Join us in prayer from March 10 – April 8, 2024!** Get the prayer guide, tell your friends, and help us bring 30 Days to more churches, small groups, and families in 2024. See Ronnie Nicolson for more information. Collect a printed copy of the booklet from Ronnie, or visit: [pray30days.org](http://pray30days.org) to download a PDF.

## Children's Church Memory Verse:

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

# Coming Up



## A GLOBAL CALL TO PRAYER FOR UKRAINE



## MISSION WITHOUT BORDERS CALL TO PRAYER:

On February 24th, Ukraine will mark two years of enduring the harsh realities of war, affecting their homes, families, and the entire country. For Churches and individual Christians, we are working to promote a Global Call to Prayer for Ukraine, taking place on February **Sunday 25th**. It is an opportunity for the global body of Christ to come together in prayer, extending our hearts in support and solidarity to those deeply affected by the ongoing conflict.

Set a reminder to join us on SUNDAY, 25 February 2024, as we collectively lift our voices for peace and healing.

MWB prayer guides are available from the foyer.

## BAPTISM SERVICE - 24TH MARCH 2024:

We are excited to be holding another baptism service here at Ranui Baptist Church. If you have been thinking of baptism or would like to know more about it, please get in touch with Pastor Grahame or Pastor Tai.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

The Women's Bible Study Group that meets at Glenda's house will not be happening this Monday. The Bible Study group will resume again as normal on the 26th of February.

# Alpha Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

## 25 February

\$2 per Sausage

Free for School Aged Kids

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