### 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.

**The Op Shop Cafe:** Tuesday's 10am - 12pm. Contact Elizabeth Holman 832 2259 or Myra Dormer 021 172 0546

**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.

Duty Roster	28th April	5th May
Door Greeters	Jill Bice & Pat Sharman	Heather Rowe & Maggie Henry
Notices	Kristen Bettany	TBC

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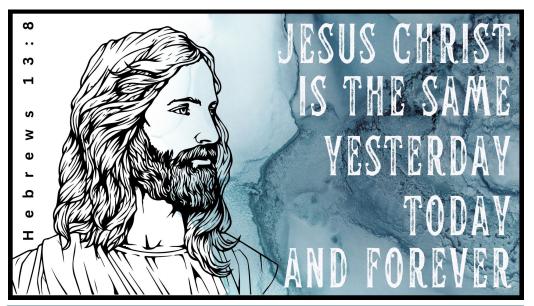
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# RANUI BAPTIST CHURCH



## Sunday 21st April 2024

## This Week's Service: Sunday 21st April

10 am - Grahame Walker - The Raising of Lazarus

Children in Service (School Holidays)

## Next Week's Service: Sunday 28th April

10 am - Tai Taua - Introducing Jesus Christ

Children in Service (School Holidays)

## **Grahame Walker**

#### RAISING OF LAZARUS SYNOPSIS:

Here we read the story of the most dramatic, provocative miracle in John's Gospel. Death does not have the same finality for Jesus as it does for others. In John's sign, this is certainly the most dramatic. Those who have difficulty with the miraculous find themselves stumbling here. However, John's whole Gospel aims to affirm that God has indeed intervened in the history of the world. An incarnational theology at once makes room for a story like this where God has power over natural human events.

Jesus issues a practical command, "take off the grave clothes and let him go". Lazarus is literally set free, restored to physical life for a few more years, but assured of eternal life. What a spectacle it must have been witnessed by a growing crowd of people. This would have left the crowd stunned. The Lord of life demonstrates that he is victor over death while his enemies plot to take his life. The raising of Lazarus is the seventh and final sign of Jesus.

The story of Lazarus empty tomb anticipates the story of Jesus empty tomb. The Lord who has power over life has power over his own life too. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. John 10:17. If the raising of Lazarus is the final climatic sign of Jesus how much more will be his resurrection from the dead.

> 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/



## **OPEN NIGHT**

22 MAY | 7PM

**HENDERSON CAMPUS** 

### LAIDLAW COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT:

Are you wanting to deepen your faith or prepare for ministry?

Join us to explore your study options at our Theology Open Night on Wednesday 22 May 7pm on our Henderson campus.

Laidlaw College has been training men and women to renew their communities in the light of the Gospel for over 100 years. We'd love to talk with you about how study could equip you to outwork God's call on your life.

Visit: https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/ events/open-night-theo-may-2024/

### **STAFF ANNUAL LEAVE:**

Robert will be on leave from 20 to 26 April, please contact Sherilyn during this time if you have any office-related inquiries.

## **Coming Up**

## Feijoas Wanted!

Family,...let your generosity in supporting the Ukraine go deeper into the roots of the effort by bringing in sound, healthy, ground-fallen feijoas for me to make chutney.

Just bring in a bag or two on Sunday, or drop them off at my place, or I can even come pick them up from you if necessary. Call Derek on 0211178834 or touch base with

him in the Café on Sunday.

#### FUNDRAISING FOR UKRAINE WITH DEREK'S KITCHEN:

Come and see Derek in the cafe following the service to purchase some delicious preserves and support his efforts to fundraise for the ongoing aid work in Ukraine through Mission without Borders. Please remember to bring back your clean jars 250-300ml only.



### Supporting M.W.B in Ukraine



Today from Derek's Kitchen...



**BBQ Chipotle Sauce (Hot)** 



TomApple Chutney (Mild)



FeijApple Chutney (Mild)



Orange Marmalade (Yum!)



Lime Honey (Yum!





