

Regular Groups:

Women's Bible Study Group: Mondays 10am - 12pm. Bible Study & Prayer @ Glenda's home in Massey. Contact Glenda 022 647 0021



Second Chance Op Shop: Tuesdays 10am–2pm in the Café. Quality clothing & household items for sale. Contact Jill or the Church office

The Op Shop Café: Tuesdays 10am - 12pm in the Café. Friendship & morning tea. Contact Elizabeth 832 2259 or Myra 021 172 0546



Ranui Toy Lending Library: Tuesdays 11am-1pm (fortnightly). Hire toys - School term only. Contact Janet Kidd or the Church office.

Intercessors: Wednesdays 9:30-10.45am in the Prayer Room. Pray followed by tea & cake. Contact Rosanne Martin 022 128 4890



Mainly Music: Thursdays 10am in the Hall. Music, dance & fun for under 5's & their parents. Contact Sarah 021 116 7379

Men's Home Group: Thursdays 7-9pm in the Café. Fellowship, bible Studies & prayer. Contact Tai Taua or John Blight 022 655 8400



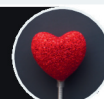
The Thursday Nighters: 7-9pm in the prayer room. Women's prayer, Fellowship, Worship & Bible Study. Contact Ronnie 021 027 07540

Friendship Group: Fridays 10am-12pm in the cafe. Play games & have fun, morning tea provided. Contact Myra Dormer 021 172 0546



Foodbank: Open on Fridays 9:30-11:30am to locally living residents. Donate Items to the trolley. To volunteer contact Elesha

The Prayer Chain: A chain of faithful prayers in our church. For prayer requests contact Marlene 027 848 6948 or Grahame Walker.



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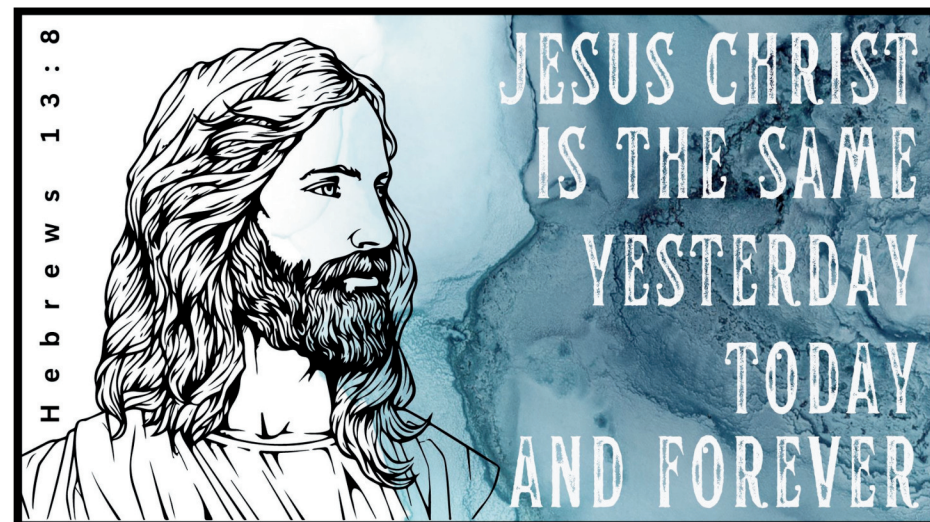


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We're in a series on Jesus' final week on earth. A period known as the passion, or the ordeal, of his crucifixion. However, there was more to his last week than that. There were conflicts and confrontations, betrayals and beatings, visits to the Temple and even visits to Hades. **On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers. Mark 11: 15-17.**

The Temple was the centre of Israel's worship and was viewed as the very dwelling place of God. The outer court of the Temple was for everyone interested in what the Temple represented which was finding God, connecting with God. It was open to anyone, Jew or Gentile. Anyone could enter, pray, walk through it. In fact, that is what it was designed for.

Its purpose was to provide a place where non-Jews could encounter God and get right with God. However, there is a problem. That's where the money changers and animal sellers had set up shop. That's the space they took over. So, the inner court of the temple has been taken over by commercial activity. Jesus immediately begins to drive out all who are buying and selling. He overturns tables of money changers and benches of those selling doves. The noisy commerce prevents the temple from being a house of prayer for all nations.

In Jesus' day the temple had become a nationalistic symbol that served only to separate Israel from the nations. If it was to become what God intended, that is, "a house of prayer for all nations" walls would have to crumble. Indeed, walls will soon crumble, and barriers breached. When Jesus dies, the temple veil is split from top to bottom and a gentile confesses that he is the son of God. **The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" Mark 15:38-39.**

Grahame Walker

You can collect a copy of the sermon notes from the foyer on Sunday mornings or visit our website

Margaret Asher Farewell:



Our condolences to Glenn Harris and his extended family on the passing of his beloved Mum, Margaret Asher. Margaret was a former attendee of Ranui Baptist. She loved to share her faith and & she was an absolute prayer warrior! Her funeral will be held at Ignite Faith Centre in Stanmore Bay on Monday the 10th at 11am. Please pray for Glenn & his family during this time.

"But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV)

RANUI BAPTIST YOUTH

FRIDAY 14 MARCH

6:30PM

FORTNIGHTLY ON FRIDAYS

BIBLE STUDY & KAI FOR HIGHSCHOOL STUDENTS

CONTACT GRAHAME WALKER

AWA CLEAN UP RĀNUI GARDENS

Whiti Te Rā - Rising together for Rānui's future
12th March 2025 | 1pm - 3pm
22 Marinich Drive, Rānui

Women's Bible Study Group:
The Monday morning study Group is restarting on the **10th of March**. See Glenda Winn if you're interested in joining the group - **All Women Welcome to join.**

Weekly Prayer Focus:
Please pray during the prayer time & during the week for the following people and ministries:

- Pray for businesses and their owners, self-employed, and those in leadership roles outside of the church.
- For all employees
- Those seeking employment and that God would open the right job for them.
- Pray for a continual supply of customers, wisdom, good communication, and enjoyment in their jobs. Ask for God's favour and the ability to solve the problems that come their way.

NEXT WEEK:

10am - Grahame Walker
The Passion #3 - Five Convicts
(Children's Church On!)

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Door Greeters:
Ako & Lesley

Notices:
Rob Kidd

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Door Greeters:
Henry & Marlene

Notices:
John Blight