

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 Youth Group: Fortnightly on Friday's at 6:30pm. Contact Ella Kaihau 0277 111 038

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



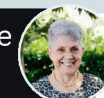
Mainly Music: Thursdays 10am in the Hall. Music, dance & fun for under 5's & their parents. Contact Sarah 021 116 7379

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 those living locally. Donate Items to the trolley. To volunteer contact Elesha 027 7111 032

Preservice Prayer: Every Sunday, 9:15-9:55am in the Prayer Room. Contact Rosanne Martin 022 128 4890



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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Welcome to the first of four Sundays where we will study the Book of Jonah together. Interestingly, Jonah does not carry prophetic Oracles or sayings as we find in other prophetic books. It's a narrative that brings the word of God to bear on a human life. To proclaim the will of God in a particular set of circumstances. It has to do with summoning, announcing and calling. Most of the time prophets were the bearers of warning and judgement. In Jonah we see God, one on one dealing with a human being and through Jonah we get insight into God's dealings with us. We also gain a glimpse of the heart of God for all people.

"The word of the Lord came to Jonah sons of Amittai: Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me". Jonah 1:1. Here we have the call of God on Jonah's life. "Go" in the Hebrew language is used here and means, God said get up right now and get going, right this moment! In verse three we have Jonah's response. **But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD. Jonah 1:3.**

So, Jonah runs from the call of God on his life. If we jump ahead in our story we will find out why. Jonah is explaining to God why he didn't want to follow God's call. **He prayed to the LORD, "O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Jonah 4: 2.** Jonah fled because he didn't want the mercy of God to break out. He didn't want the grace of God to be extended. He did not want the heart of God to go out to the people of Nineveh.

It's almost unthinkable to have such a callous indifference to the lost. I want to tell you this morning that knowing or not, intentional or not, it's the spirit of Jonah. Every person who had the Gospel come to them was from someone who made a sacrifice to bring it to them. Maybe this morning you can recall how the Gospel came to you and who made that sacrifice in your life.

Grahame Walker

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

Brian & Moira Andrew:

A reminder from Brian & Moira Andrew - who visited and spoke with us earlier in the year. They are still waiting for some payments from people who brought books. There may have been an issue with banks warning people that the bank details weren't correct, but they are! Bank details below;

MR B M ANDREW + MRS M M ANDREW

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Hui ā Māori 2025

The annual hui of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Iriiri Māori (Baptist Māori) is being hosted in Te Tai Tokerau. Our kaupapa, theme this year is 'Hawaiiki Hou'. Leading up to hui, we will share some thoughts around this theme as we prayerfully consider how God might be leading us together. We look forward to this hui that is scheduled during the Matariki season. Nau mai, haere mai.

Dates: Friday 4 – Sunday 6 July, 2025

Venue: Whitiara Marae (128 Te Tii Road, Te Tii, Kerikeri)

Koha: \$80 per person, \$160 per whānau.

Over the next month we'll continue to send out communications with more details and invite you to register. **Luke Kaa-Morgan**

Alpha Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Today - 25 May 2025

\$2 per Sausage

Free for School Aged Kids

Alpha

NEXT WEEK: 10am - Grahame Walker

The Book of Jonah #2 : The Interventions of God on a Life
(Children's Church On!)



Door Greeters:
Ako & Lesley

Notices:
John Blight



Door Greeters:
Barb & Jess

Notices:
Rob Kidd