

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 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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SUNDAY 4 MAY 2025

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This morning, we will look at another Judge called Gideon. The first five books of the Bible end with the death of Moses, and the people of Israel getting ready to enter the promised land. Then we read about Joshua, the successor of Moses, leading the people of Israel into that land and taking possession. Joshua eventually dies, and as the people begin to settle, they appoint leaders known as Judges. Sadly, the books final verse sums up what happened. **In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit. Judges 21:25.**

Gideon was weak physically and spiritually. Yet, he was who God picked, and who God used. Despite all Gideon's issues, God used him in a mighty way. In fact, with an army of only three hundred men, Gideon defeated the Midianites. He then became the first Judge of Israel, even being known as the warrior judge, known for strength and bravery and faith in God. Obviously, his whole life was a God-thing.

God took Gideon who lacked faith and needed constant reassurance that he could do what God asked of him. Here is what God tried to instill into him. **When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." Judges 6:12.**

The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" Judges 6:14.

The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive." Judges 6: 16.

Now all the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples joined forces and crossed over the Jordan and camped in the Valley of Jezreel. Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him. Judges 6:33-34.

Catch the theme? You can do what I have asked you to do. You have strength. You can do great things. That's what God sees in you. That's who he made you to be. That's first. Then God adds, "And I am with you. Whatever weakness you have will be compensated for with my strength." I want to say this morning that both are true for us this morning.

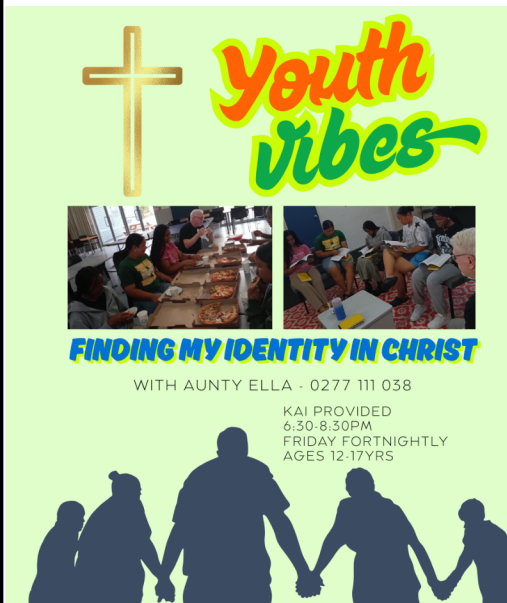
Grahame Walker

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



Our wonderful sister in Christ, **Glenice Jensen**, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday. She has been a huge part of our Church Family and was our longest serving member, joining our Church back in December 1968, almost 57 years ago! She was a faithful prayer warrior and was always looking for ways to encourage and uplift those around her. She will be greatly missed! Funeral details to be announced.

Starting Back May 9th



Coming up next Week!



Alpha Host Training:

Sam and Sally are running an Alpha host and helpers training on this **Tuesday the 6th of May** in their home in Westgate. Are there any cooks available to help with preparing a meal for 10 people. If you are able to help, please get in touch with **Sam Johnson-Chung 022 0128 165.**

Fundraising for MWB Ukraine:

See Derek in the cafe following the service to purchase his preserves and help fundraise for Ukraine. Remember to return any empty jars & lids.



Uili & Norah Stevenson-Tuuga have been visited for membership - Second Notice

NEXT WEEK: 10am - Tai Tauga
Mother's Day Service
(Children's Church On!)



Door Greeters:
Jill & Pat
Notices:
Rob Kidd



Door Greeters:
Heather & Maggie
Notices:
Rob Kidd