

Regular Groups:

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



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 or Myra.



Ranui Youth Group: Fortnightly on Friday's at 6:30pm. Contact Ella.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Our Staff:



Grahame
Senior Pastor



Tai
Associate Pastor



Rachel
Children's Ministry



Robert
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This Week's Sermon: Pastor Grahame

What's the Difference between Buddhism / Hinduism & Christianity

This morning, I want to kick off our series on "So What's the Difference?" It's a look at the difference between the Christian faith and other world religions. In this series we will look at, the difference between Christianity and Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Christianity and Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons and the difference between Protestants and Catholics.

We can see the sharp contrast between Christianity and Buddhism by looking at the two "firsts". **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

Genesis 1:1. "To Live is to Suffer" The first Noble Truth of Buddhism. Genesis declares a God so powerful that he created the heavens and earth. Our story is that we fell out with God into sin. God's plan of salvation is centred on his son Jesus Christ dying on the cross for our salvation. When we place our faith in him, he will forgive us of our sins and adopt us as his children and let us spend eternity with him in heaven. **6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6.**

Buddhism sees time as circular. That is, when we die, we will be reincarnated, Christianity supports a linear view of time. Where God is in control with purpose and meaning heading to a conclusion. As there is such diversity found within Buddhism, both in belief and culture, it is difficult to prescribe a universally applicable way to see God's love. However, when we act out of love rather than scorn, are patience and trust in the Holy Spirit's leading it is possible for a Buddhist to not only see Jesus as the way but accept him for their own life.

Now, we turn to Hinduism. Hinduism is very broad encompassing all kinds of diverse ways of practising this religion. However," **Hindu's often hold to the basic belief that every person is divine, yet in the present life they are separated from Brahman, the ultimate divine realty and source of all knowledge and everything that exists."** Jeffrey Brood, *Invitation to World Religions*.

When evangelising Hindu's, we need to keep in mind that they will need strong support from their Christian family after they come to faith in Jesus. A convert comments, **Over the years I have learnt that in personal evangelism, instead of throwing mud I not only lose ground but also get my hands dirty. Glorifying Jesus is far more effective for developing relationships and creating the space in which I can share the Gospel.**

You can collect a copy of the sermon notes from the foyer on Sunday mornings or you can download a copy from our website www.ranuibaptist.org.nz

Belated Birthday Wishes to Pastor Grahame who turned 65 during his holiday!

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT RBC

TODAY 14/09	MON 15/09	TUE 16/09	WED 17/09	THUR 18/09	FRI 19/09	SAT 20/09
Preservice Prayer	Women's Bible Study (offsite @ Glenda's)	Op Shop	Intercessors	Mainly Music	Foodbank	
Children's Church		Op Shop Cafe		Thursday Nighters	Friendship Group	
1PM Samoan Church	Seniors Exercise			Men's Group	7PM - Hall Private Booking	

Baptism Service

21st September 2025

We will be holding a baptism service here at RBC on Sunday the 21st of September. If you have been thinking about baptism or would like to know more about it, please get in touch with Pastor Grahame or Pastor Tai.

Fundraising with Derek for MWB:

Derek's homemade, organic, preservative-free, sweetened, low-pulp, Vitamin C-packed Grapefruit Juice will be available in the Café FREE to the church family in appreciation for their support this year for the people of the Ukraine through Mission Without Borders. Pour into a glass for drinking, seal bottle tight, refrigerate and use within 7-10 days. See Derek in the cafe following the service to purchase his preserves and help fundraise for Ukraine. Remember to return any empty jars & lids.

NEXT WEEK: 10am - Pastor Grahame - What's the difference? Christianity & Judaism*

*(No Children's Church or Youth Devotions - School Holidays)



Door Greeters:
Heather & Maggie

Notices:
Rob



Door Greeters:
Myra & Maurice

Notices:
Kristen