

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
Office Manager



Sherilyn
Office Admin

Elders: Peter, Rob, Kristen, John



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This Week's Sermon: Pastor Grahame

What's the Difference between Islam & Christianity

We're in a series on the difference between Christianity and other major world religions. Today, we're going to explore Islam. Almost everything we know about Muhammad comes from sources written by Muslims after his death. When he was about forty, Muhammad reported an encounter with the angel Gabriel. He gave him verses of poetry to recite. This was the beginning of his religious awakening. For the next twenty-three years he received more poetry and after his death the verses were compiled together to form what is known as the Quran.

In many ways the central characteristics of Islam were set by the character and role of Muhammad at the very start of the religion. He combined in himself the role of high priest, chief justice, general of the army and head of the state. Spiritual, legal, military and political power were unified in one person, and this deeply affected the course of the religion. Islamic tradition knows no distinction between religion and politics. A core duty of any head of state in an Islamic society is to use available power to promote and impose Islamic faith and observance.

In Islam, right action is more important than right belief. The five practices of the Islamic faith, also known as the five pillars. 1. Reciting the "Shahadah" 2. Prayer 3. Annual Fast 4. Give Alms 5. The "Hajj" (pilgrimage to Mecca) 6. Jihad. While Islam itself implies peace, as Muslims will quickly tell you, the Qur'an itself contains clear calls to violence. When Islam is opposed, the Qur'an states, and I quote, "Fight them [meaning the non-believers] so that Allah may punish them at your hands, and put them to shame." (Qur'an 9:14).

Many Arab Muslims observing the mayhem and destruction cause by ISIS in Iraq and Syria have said this, "If that is real Islam then I don't want to be a Muslim". They said that the Qur'an had produced profound disillusionment because it accentuates "God's punishment more than his love, and the use of violence to impose Islamic laws." Further, Muslims can never be certain of their own forgiveness and salvation as Christians can. They were attracted to the idea of God's unconditional love. The idea of God's love coming to us free of charge, no strings attached.

You can collect a copy of the sermon notes from the foyer on Sunday mornings
This series of sermon notes is not available on the website.

Please Pray:
Please pray for Ella and all the youth that will be attending the Christian camp happening next week. Please pray that all will be impacted by the messages shared and that they will form strong friendships.

Staff Leave:
Sherilyn will be on leave the 2nd & 3rd of October. Robert will be on leave on the 30th of September. Grahame will be working from home most of next week, he will be in the office on Tuesday the 30th of September.

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT RBC						
TODAY 28/09	MON 29/09	TUE 30/09	WED 1/10	THUR 2/10	FRI 3/10	SAT 4/10
Preservice Prayer	Women's Bible Study (offsite @ Glenda's)		Intercessors	Thursday Nighters	Foodbank	
1PM Samoan Church				Men's Group	Friendship Group	
3:30PM Private Hire						

School Holiday Update:

During the school holidays there will be no Seniors Exercise group, Op Shop, Op Shop Cafe, Mainly Music, Children's Church or Youth Devotions.

Monthly Prayer Walk:

The monthly Ranui Prayer Walk will happen this Saturday on the 4th of October. Meet at Church at 8am, to walk for approximately 1 hour. See Rachel or Shannon for more info

Fundraising for MWB with Derek:

Free & freshly processed (fizz-free!) grapefruit juice available for the Church family in the cafe following the service. See Derek in the cafe to purchase his yummy preserves and support the fundraising efforts for MWB.

Please return any clean jars & lids to Derek so he can make more preserves!

Latest Series - Sermon Notes & You Tube Update:

The latest sermon series will not be available publicly on you tube. Each week you will need to either follow the new weekly link through the email newsletter or scan the new weekly QR code from the newsletter. The sermon notes will also not be available on the website to download- so if missed out on collecting a copy from the foyer on Sunday you can request one from the office via email.

NEXT WEEK:

10am - Pastor Tai - Topic TBC
(Children's Church On)

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Door Greeters:
Ako & Lesley

Notices:
Rob

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Door Greeters:
Barb & Jess

Notices:
John