

Happening

Toy Lending Library: fortnightly in School term. Tues 11-1pm. Contact Janet Kidd.

Second Chance Op Shop: NOTE: They are accepting donations of winter clothing and Brick-a-Brack items. Open Tuesday's 10am—2pm. Contact Jill Rattew for more information

The Op Shop Cafe: Tuesday's 10am - 12pm. Contact Elizabeth Holman 832 2259 or Myra Dormer 021 172 0546

Children's Ministry: Sunday mornings during the service. See Rachel McMahon.

Mainly Music: Thursday 10am. Contact Sherilyn 021 298 2762.

Friendship Group @ Ranui: Friday from 10am till 12pm. Morning Tea provided. Contact Myra Dormer or Ph. Church office 833 7815.

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

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

Men's Home group: Thurs 7.00-9.00pm in the Café. John Blight or Tai Taua.

Women's Fellowship, Worship, Prayer, and Bible Study: "The Thursday Nighters" on Thursday evenings 7 pm - 9 pm in Ranui.

There's a Facebook Messenger group associated with the Thursday Nighters that helps us keep in touch. This group warmly welcomes all women in our church and their friends. Contact Ronnie Nicolson 021 027 07540.

Moneymates: Wednesday 10am—12pm. Contact Glenn Harris on 021 0902 7110 or gharris@careranui.org.nz

Duty Roster	9th June	16th June
Door Greeters	Jill Bice & Pat Sharman	Heather Rowe & Maggie Henry
Notices	Rob Kidd	Cherith Telford

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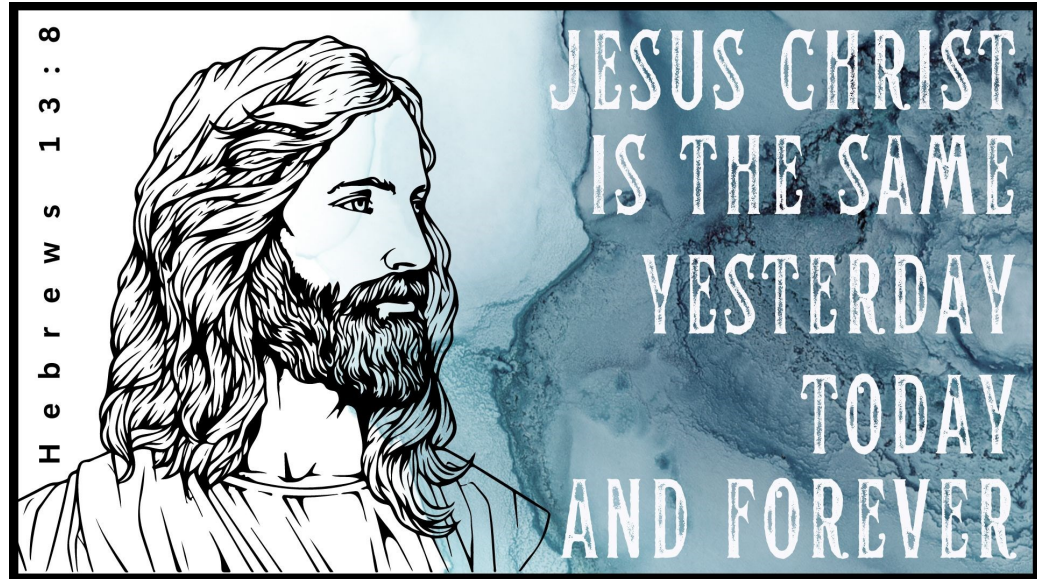
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RANUI BAPTIST CHURCH



Sunday 2nd June 2024

This Week's Service:

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10 am - Tai Taua - "Why I'm sure, and believe in Jesus Christ!" (John 6:60-68)

& Communion

Children's Church - The Life of Paul

Next Week's Service:

Sunday 9th June

10 am - Grahame Walker - Kings 1 & 2 - Spiritual Battle

Children's Church On

Tai Taua

"WHY I'M SURE, AND BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST!" - John 6:60-68:

Today's message has two different approaches to this difficult message. When they heard it, many of his disciples (those following Jesus but not part of the twelve) said, "This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?" ... After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. That's one approach, right? We leave Jesus behind and say, "I'm taking the easy road. This isn't worth the trouble." We can abandon Jesus altogether or leave him at the edge of our lives without taking him seriously. We can become Christians in name only, in a family or social sense. Or, we could stop pretending and abandon the Christian faith altogether. Either way, it probably makes things easier now, right? If we don't have to think about sin and hell, if we don't have to come to grips with our own failures to live up to God's standards, if we can just focus on what we want to do and when and how we want to do it, that makes things easier, at least in the short term.

But what does it do for the long-term, the eternal term? Suppose we just abandon Jesus altogether or don't really care what he says about sin, death, and hell and our spiritual needs. In that case, we find ourselves trading eternal security for temporary ease, and that's not a good trade at all. Jesus said clearly to those pondering on leaving him, "The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh does not help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." In other words, "You might not like it, but you need what I am giving you. It may not be easy, but it's absolutely necessary for your eternal security. The things of this life pass away and end up being meaningless. What I do for you and give to you lasts forever." We see it in Peter, being a spokesman for the twelve. When Jesus asked them, "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Peter's response is clear and to the point and I totally agree when he replied, "Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

So let us continue to encourage one another as we walk this path together because there is nowhere else for us to go. Jesus alone has the words of eternal life. May those words that speak of his work in our place be our prime focus and delight now and forever. Amen.

THE OP SHOP CAFÉ & THE SECOND CHANCE OP SHOP CLOSED NEXT WEEK:

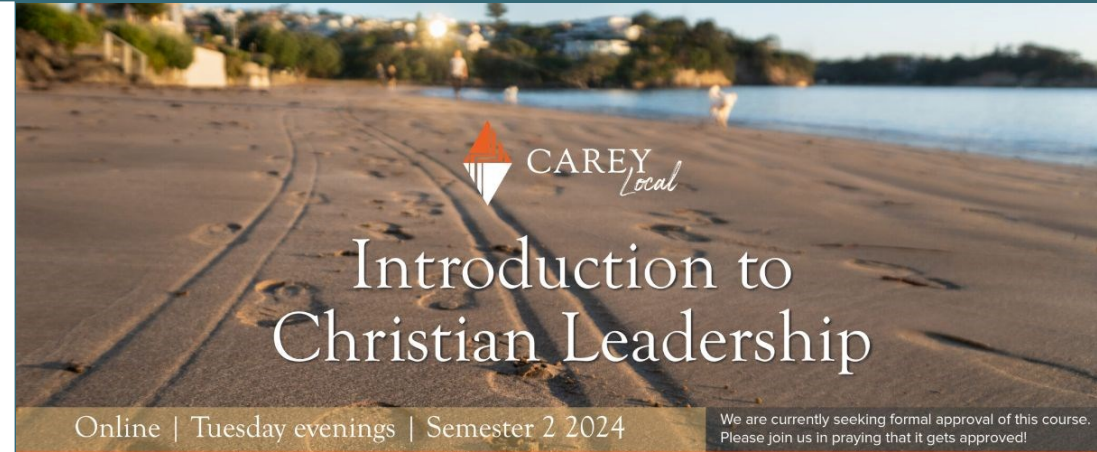
Due to the Kings Birthday holiday weekend, the op shop and the op shop café will not be happening next week. Returning as normal on the 11th of June.

BAPTIST NZ PHOTO COMPETITION:

What does gospel renewal look like in your community? Can you show us in a photo? Should you accept this challenge, you will take your camera outside your church service and capture something of what God is doing in the 'every day' of your local church and neighbourhood. Entries close on the 30th of June, for more information on how to enter and the list of prizes available visit Baptist.nz/photocomp



Coming Up



NEW CAREY LOCAL COURSE - CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP:

Carey Christian College is currently developing a new course, in response to making Christian Leadership training more accessible. This course will be distinctive in that it will provide a robust biblical and theological framework for understanding and practicing Christian leadership, and it will be taught by an ensemble cast of Carey's world-class scholar-practitioners.

Date & Time: Semester 2 2024, Tuesday Evenings

Location: CareyLocal Cohorts or individual distance students

Price: \$240 (Discounted from their usual rate of \$800)

Topics;

- Definitions of leadership, power, and manaakitanga
- Biblical understandings of God as a leader
- Our calling as participants in God's leadership
- The impact of the fall and rebellion on leadership
- Looking to Jesus: upside-down kingdom and leadership
- The Spirit empowering and leading the family of God
- The character and integrity of the leader: understanding ourselves
- Leadership as caring for others: the power of flourishing
- Developing cultural intelligence: leading amid difference
- Discerning strategy: how communities listen to the Spirit
- Building teams and collaboration
- Navigating through conflict

Register your interest in the course by visiting www.carey.ac.nz/careylocal/