# **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. Prayfollowed 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 Nighter's:** 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.



# Our Staff:



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#### This Week's Sermon: The Life of Samson

Growing up I was right into superhero comics. I got introduced to batman, Superman, Wonder Women and more. A nice fantasy world to belong to. Today I am talking about a real-life superhero. He tore lions apart with his bare hands. He would take on 30 men, barehanded, like it was child's play. He caught 300 jackals, tied them together in pairs of two by their tails, tied torches to where he tied their tails, and turned them loose to destroy a nation's entire harvest.

When tied with ropes, he broke them like string. He picked up the jawbone of an ass and used it to kill 1,000 warriors. He tore up a city's entire iron entrance gate from its walls. Literally, tore it from its buried foundations and carried it over thirty miles, along with the posts and parts of the wall it was attached to. He carried it up on to a hill overlooking the city. These were gates meant to demonstrate the city's defenses and strength against attack. He did it just to make a point. That it was no defense against him. I think it worked.

His last, and perhaps greatest, deed was single-handedly tearing down the foundations of an entire fortress, killing thousands of his enemies in the process. His is the most legendary name of all when it comes to raw strength. You may have guessed that name is Samson.

Not only was he the greatest superhero of history but he was also probably the most flawed person God ever used. I'm not sure who else came close. He was a womanizing, short-tempered loner who was disrespectful of his family and disloyal to his God. In fact, by the time he was done, he had broken every vow he ever made to God. So much so that in the end, God left him and when God left, so did his strength. Which makes him one of the most important lives to learn from in the entire Bible. Not for his successes, but for his failures. For what could have been. Samson gave up on his mission from God. He wasted his life.

Grahame Walker

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

#### Weekly Prayer Focus:

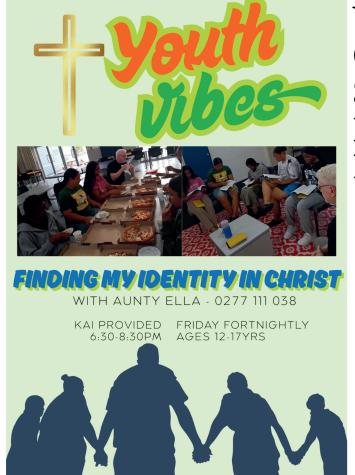
Please pray during the prayer time and the week for the following people & ministries.

- Pray for the children and youth ministries.
- Pray for all those who received Jesus during Easter, that God would protect them and reveal more of his love to them.
- Pray for our government.
- Pray for our police and defense force and first responders.



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

NOTICES



Youth Group Starting Back May 9th

### Term 2 Updates:

- The Op Shop & Op Shop Cafe, Foodbank & Mainly Music are operating again.
- Sherilyn is on leave 28<sup>th</sup> of April back on the 29th of April.
- Robert is back on the 28th of April

## NEXT WEEK: 10am - Grahame Walker

The Life of Gideon (Children's Church On!)



**Door Greeters:** 

**TBC** 

Notices: John Blight



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