

# Weekly News

27TH JULY 2025



fairfield baptist church

Connect, Care, Commit, Contribute

## Fairfield Baptist Church

In unity be a fully functioning Biblical community, demonstrating the love, grace and truth of Christ, through our worship, walk and witness.

### Connect with those inside the church and beyond

Do a random act of kindness this week (RAK)

### Care for one another

Encourage someone in the church with a card, note or small gift

### Commit to sharing Christ's love with others

Offer to pray or share your faith with someone not part of the church

### Contribute to the life and mission of FBC

Serve God in a ministry this week

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## THIS SUNDAY

The Treaty and the Church (Pt 1)

Guest Speaker: Carl Pilkinton

## NEXT SUNDAY

Ross Woodhouse

**New Series: Ephesians**

**"Being a Church that Loves Christ"**

Ephesians 1:1-2

## THIS WEEKS EVENTS

**Craft Group:** Monday at 10.00am in the Youth room. Our guest is Alick Ashby from Mission Without Borders.

**Community Lunch:** Monday at 12.15pm

**Cafe Connect:** Tuesday from 10.00am - 11.00am in the cafe.

**Bowls:** Tuesday at 12.45pm in the hall.

Here is the link for last week's sermon:

<https://fairfieldbaptist.co.nz/sermon-audio/?sermon=the-importance-of-being-a-gospel-sharing-church>

**Val Carlson** and family want to say a big thank you to the church family for their love and practical support before and after Ian's passing. We really appreciated your prayers which were of great comfort to us all.

## SMALL GROUPS

Whether you are young or old, single or a couple we have the small group for you. Our small groups are groups of a few people who get together regularly to support each other while they do a bible study, establish friendships and strengthen their faith in Jesus. If you would like to join a small group please contact the office or Derek (our small group deacon)

## TEARFUND

A big **thankyou** to all those who supported our Tearfund Pizza and Quiz evening.

If you weren't able to come but would like to support this worthy cause you can put your donation into the church bank account 03 0306 0200267 00 ref Tearfund by 30<sup>th</sup> July.



THE FIRST HYMN is a powerful journey into history, faith, and music. When Professor John Dickson discovers an ancient papyrus buried in the Egyptian desert, he unearths more than just lost lyrics - he finds clues to early Christian beliefs. Joined by acclaimed worship composers Chris Tomlin and Ben Fielding, Dickson travels across continents to breathe new life into this ancient song - reimagining it as a worship anthem for today.

Sessions are strictly limited from 31 JULY to 3 AUGUST. Book now and experience the hymn that time almost forgot.

#### Times & Tickets

### **MEET AND HEAR THE MAYORAL CANDIDATES**

**DATE AND TIME: SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY @ 4.00 – 5.30PM**

**VENUE: TE WHĀNAU PŪTAHI, 37 OXFORD STREET, FAIRFIELD**

**ENQUIRIES: 855 0990 (TUESDAY – FRIDAY 9.00AM – 3.00PM).**

**PLEASE NOTE: A GENEROUS AMOUNT OF TIME WILL BE ALLOCATED TO Q & A.**

**See the noticeboard in the foyer for more details**



### **HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY**

The Chaplaincy team at Waikato Hospital are urgently seeking expressions of interest for the roles of Chapel Co-ordinators. See noticeboard in foyer for details.

### **DISABILITY CARPARKS**

We wish to remind you to display your card if you are using the disability carparks. If you do not have a card then please leave these parks for those who do need them.

## The Pham family are our Mission Focus for July

July prayer update



2025 has proved to be a very intense year so far as the Lighthouse Leadership Institute continues to grow and the framework of the Institute takes shape. Each month has been packed and there is just not enough hours in a day to achieve all we hope to do. It is so fulfilling to work with leaders from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos who share our passion to see the gospel go out to every corner of our region.

At the end of April, Anthony held a training co-operating with the Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia (EFC) from with 25 business leaders and church leaders. Half of the participants were businessmen and half were students of the on-going Lighthouse leadership training program. An experienced teacher from the Philippines taught about doing business with a Kingdom mindset, seeing entrepreneurship as a calling, learning Kingdom values for business and growing small and medium enterprises God's way. All the participants have a heart to reach the nation of Cambodia for God. Anthony shared his experience with the business community in Laos in how to support the ministry through business.

In July (9-13th) Anthony will attend the South East Asia Medical Missions Conference in Thailand called Reconciling Our Broken World. Anthony will lead a workshop group about mission and community development.

### Lighthouse Institute Cambodia and Laos July

At the end of July, Anthony will travel to Cambodia with Bruce McDonald for a 3-day training. They will gather the Lighthouse students and teach on life and ministry, building a strong mission vision. Then they will travel on to Laos and meet a missions team that includes Malcolm Calder, Darren, and Susan Green, and two members Paul and John from Singapore. Anthony is organising two separate 3-day seminars: one track led by Bruce McDonald will learn how to build a missions vision. The other track is made up of pastors who will gather for the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of History Makers focusing on developing effective leaders.

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### Prayer Chain

All prayer chain requests should be emailed to [rose@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz](mailto:rose@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz)



# HELP!

Let the office know if you can help serve in our church..



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Leanne Appleton 21st  
Sally Hibberd 23rd



### Giving at Fairfield Baptist Church

Online banking: 03-0306-0200267-00 Use your name as a reference

Donation Box in foyer at church

Online via website at <https://fairfieldbaptist.co.nz/giving/>

## What is the Lighthouse Leadership Institute?

The Lighthouse Leadership Institute is an on-going training program that brings together pastors, church leaders and business people from the surrounding nations – Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos. Together with these leaders we are forming a missions network with a strong vision to reach the region. Lighthouse provides both a pathway for learning and also brings together missions partners to serve together.

## Lighthouse Academy September

Anthony is launching a one month Lighthouse Intercultural Leadership course in Penang, gathering 15 students from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Myanmar, Nepal and Malaysia. The training will focus on leadership character, discipling nations and mission.

## Kids Zone

John finished up school in June. He is a hardworking student and received a class award for Math and English. Paul and Daniel arrived back in Penang in May. It is so wonderful having all the family together playing board games and baking treats. Daniel is very excited that he got accepted as a Student Leader to be a Resident's Assistant like his big brother, which comes with a big scholarship. Paul will be a Resident's Assistant for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. John is loving having his big brothers back to spend time together.

## Prayer Requests

Pray for Anthony and the advisory team as they make preparations to help organise training for leaders in the IEM church network that he co-founded in Vietnam 35 years ago.

Pray for Anthony as he teaches a weekly Zoom systematic theology class with 12 leaders from the Evangelical Fellowship Cambodia. Pray for the students as it is very challenging to complete assignments.

Pray for the family, that we would have a special time with the boys for the rest of the summer. Pray for Paul, as he heads off first to go back to Arizona for a friend's wedding then has a two week vacation with a friend in Idaho before flying back to start back at Uni. in August.

Blessings Anthony, Dale and Boys

If anyone is interested in baptism and/or membership, please see Ross.

*"And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" Acts 2:38*

Prayer is available after the service on Sunday. Please come to the front and one of the prayer team will be happy to pray with you.

The Monday night prayer meeting is held from 7pm to 8pm in the Oasis room.

Tuesday morning prayer meeting is held in the Oasis room at 9.15am.



P & D (South East Asia)	Each week on Saturday we have a group of friends over for a study, a meal together, and board games. It's a good time for journeying together through the various ups and downs. This group are also like "uncles and aunties" to little Sean, as they see his growth and milestones. Please keep in mind this group - as some friends have had health issues and other life challenges recently. Please keep in mind one friend who is new to things and has been making steps forward with Father.
Brian & Gay (South Asia)	We have gratitude for a new, comfortable flat in Dhaka with both old and new equipment to make a home and place of hospitality, rest and retreat. We are sensing God's help, presence and hope as we talk and work with various people. We have some visitors arriving early in August - pray that they will have a beneficial time in Bangladesh as they are impacted by a very different culture.
Kai with OTBC!	On Monday, friends from our local community came together for a traditional Indian meal, fundraising in support of the mahi were partnering with both here and overseas. This gathering was the first of three held at Oxford Terrace Baptist, and was perfect timing with Mark and Leor visiting from Bangladesh! We're so grateful for this community.
Joyya + Soni	Soni has chosen to share her story with us, and we'd love you to join us in praying for her. Soni was married young, she barely had time to dream before reality took over. A year later, she became a mother, and her education came to an halt, and by the time her daughter was six months old, she was working, doing whatever she could to provide. With nothing but courage and her daughter in her arms, she returned to her parents' home, sharing a space with her brothers and their families. Joyya came as a fresh wave in her life. She now moves with purpose, completing one course and straight into another. Soni's greatest hope is that she could enroll her daughter in a nursing course one day.
Woven Life	When we handed over Woven Life to the local board and stepped back, the decisions of the next steps were in their hands. One of their first big calls was to end the lease on the current office and begin building a new one on nearby church land. Arotahi was glad to contribute toward the building costs, and here's a glimpse of the new office taking shape!
Young Adults Event	Join us in praying for the Here & Now gathering – happening at the end of August for young adults across our faith communities. Pray for those planning and preparing, that things would come together smoothly. Pray for the young people deciding whether to come—that they'd feel welcomed and expected.
Ethiopia	Pray for church planting projects across the country and for the financial, logistical, and material support needed for these new churches. Pray for our theological training programs and ministry workshops aimed at developing biblically sound, theologically trained, and missionally-minded leaders.