

# Weekly News

24TH AUGUST 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

Ross Woodhouse  
Ephesians 1:15-18

## NEXT SUNDAY

Iunisi Katoa  
Ephesians 1:19-23

## THIS WEEKS EVENTS

**Craft Group:** Monday at 10.00am in the Youth room.

**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:



Sorry, there was no recording made due to a technical glitch.

## SERMON NOTES

If you would like to take sermon notes during the service we have a booklet available at the info desk for you to use. This is created specifically for our study on Ephesians.

## Baptism Service

5<sup>th</sup> October

If anyone is interested in baptism please contact Ross

[ross@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz](mailto:ross@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz)

Small groups...



Can fulfil your God-given purpose.

Become a member today!



## WELCOMING OUR GROWING FAMILY

Greetings FBC Church family.

We give thanks to the Lord that we are seeing a good number of new people visiting FBC most Sundays now. Last Sunday 129 people gathered for worship, not including our children. What a blessing it is to see so many familiar faces and, even more exciting for us to welcome new friends into our community of faith.

FBC's growth is something we have been and are praying for, and I believe God is answering our prayers. This growth, however, comes with a gentle call to action for all of us. As our numbers increase, we need to be mindful of how we make room for everyone. We want every person who walks through our doors to feel warmly welcomed and able to find a place to sit comfortably, especially newcomers who may already feel a bit nervous.

Let's make it a habit to move to the centre of the rows, leaving the seats on the ends open. This simple act of kindness makes it so much easier for latecomers and families to find seats quickly without causing disruption. Similarly, being willing to shift down a row or two to create space shows our love and hospitality to those who are just beginning to connect with us.

In coming Sundays you'll see a few rows at the back with "Reserved" signs. This, again, is to make it easy and inviting for new folk to come in and find a seat.

This isn't about being uncomfortable; it's about being adaptable and open-hearted. It's a chance for us to show that we truly desire for our church family to grow. Our hosting and hospitality are powerful testimonies to the love of God, and sometimes that love is shown through the simple gesture of making room for someone new.

Do also take time to meet and greet new folk to FBC. Invite them to join you in the café for morning tea. I have every confidence this is the kind of hosting and hospitality that honours the Lord.

Thank you for your willingness to help us be a warm and welcoming home for all. Let's continue to be a church that not only prays for growth but actively makes space for it.

Blessings on all,

**Ross**

### 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

Nigel Bannin 26th  
Hannah Mullins 27th  
Mary Robinson 27th



### 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/>





## The Georgiou family are our Mission Focus for August

### Please pray with us:

- Pray for the new chaplains who completed their GSCA Training, and are positioned to serve in different clubs. Some of them work in dangerous places.
- Pray for Lau from Angola. He feels called to full-time Christian ministry and is pursuing theological studies and further studies in Sports Chaplaincy.
- Pray for the direction of GSCA, especially regarding the GSCA chaplaincy training.
- Pray for the complete healing of my eye. I am struggling, especially with computer tasks.
- Pray that the upcoming conference in the UK would be a blessing to every one attending, including Ross and myself (Roula)
- Pray that we will get a good summer break after that. We are looking forward to special times with God.
- Pray for a complete recovery for Ross's dad, who had a hip replacement surgery today. He seems to be in good spirit,
- Pray for complete healing for Roula's mum, who suffered a heart attack 2 days ago due to pneumonia. She is on the way to recovery.

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.



## **MAORI WARDS**

Between 09 September and 11 October, 42 local authorities will hold referenda about whether to keep Māori wards, alongside their local body elections. As the Church was pivotal in shaping the Treaty relationship, Christians have a unique role to play in this conversation in each local government area.

Common Grace Aotearoa is equipping and educating faith communities with resources to have curious, gracious, and informed conversations —grounded in our faith and guided by the wisdom of Tangata Whenua. You will find a very helpful and informative video via the link below. This is simply my invitation to you to prayerfully consider your engagement with this.

[Learn about the value of Māori wards from a faith perspective. — Common Grace Aotearoa](#)

Blessings on all,  
Ross.



### **Marriage Ministry**

Tuesday 7.00 - 8.45pm

Hamilton – West Hamilton Community Church – 27A Rifle Range Road

See the noticeboard for details.



There is just 3 weeks until the 2025 Kirikiriroa | Hamilton Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, 9 September at the Claudelands Event Centre and we have 10 representatives attending. Please keep the preparation of this event in your prayers over the next 3 weeks.



Brian and Gay	We thoroughly enjoyed friends from Tauranga visiting us last week. We enjoyed a busy and interesting time. We took the launch to Chandpur, visited some village pre-schools where we were sung to and shown how the children are learning.
College of Christian Theology Bangladesh (CCTB)	Thank God for the 20 students from different church denominations who have successfully completed the on-campus Worship and Mission course. Pray that the truths learned will shape their ministries and deepen their devotion to God.
Village Aid Bangladesh	Mark has shared an update on the economic development and livelihood work in rural Bangladesh. Please pray for these initiatives, that they will continue to empower communities.
Sponsorship	We are looking for someone to support Samuel!! He is 8 years old and recently joined Feni Boys Hostel. He comes from a small village in the Chattogram hills where schools and opportunities are very limited. Please pray for the right person to say YES!
Peter and Leonora (South Asia)	Peter and Leonora are working on creative projects for their business. Please pray for genuine relationships and partnerships to form—ones that will bring growth and open doors for their work. Pray also that these efforts would bear lasting fruit and be a blessing to the communities they have relationship with.
Joyya Job Opening	Please pray for Joyya as they seek a new Head of Business—a leader with wisdom, vision, and compassion. Pray that the right person will be drawn to this role, bringing strong skills and a heart for social impact.
Priya (South Asia)	Sunday School has now been running for a few months, and around 12 children continue to come along each week. It's been a joy to sing, dance, play games, and learn together. Please keep praying for these children—that their faith would grow and that they would know God's love in a real way.