

# Weekly News

16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 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 4:11-16

Mission update - Paul Hibbert from Barnabas Aid

Communion

**Remembrance Walk today.** Bring your own picnic lunch and meet at Lake Kainui at 1pm.

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/new-zealand/waikato/kainui-lake?u=i&sh=uyvjpy>

## NEXT SUNDAY

Iunisi Katoa

Ephesians 5:1-14

## THIS WEEKS EVENTS

**Community Lunch** - Monday at 12.15pm in the cafe.

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

**Cafe Connect:** Tuesday from 9.45am - 11.00am in the cafe.

## Christian Community Foodbank

Paperbags are available from the info desk today. Please fill them (instructions are on the bag) and return to the office by 7<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for your support of those less fortunate.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Ross and Cindy Meyer** - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am in the cafe.

**AGM** - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm

**Community Christmas Lunch** - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 12.00pm

**Christmas Celebration** - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm

**Garage Sale** - Fundraiser for the building fund. Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January



## Ross and Cindy Meyer

Ross and Cindy Meyer have worked in Bangladesh for 35 years (currently Arotahi's longest serving missionaries). They will be doing a 10 day tour around NZ and will be in Hamilton on **26<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Come and hear their latest news at Fairfield Baptist at 10.30am.



## Church Admin

Many of you will be aware that we have been using the Church Admin for our database system. We have now switched over to an alternative to increase security for all our church data. If you have downloaded the 'My Church' app, you can uninstall it as it is no longer in use by us. Our directory is no longer available via an app but we have a pdf version we can email you or print out for you if you would like a copy. Please contact the office if you would like a copy.

Thank you for your patience as we try to keep up with best practice in our admin.

## Kai in the Park

Te Whanau Putahi are looking for a few more volunteers for Kai in the Park on the 10th December. They need about 80 volunteers to make this work so are currently doing an intensive drive to get the numbers up.

Please contact Gaylene Burgess if you can help out with this.

## 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..



Kate Murphy 18th  
Carol Stevenson 22nd  
Tayo Oni 22nd



## 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/>

## **Recap from Sunday's Sermon**

Title: The Life You Gave Up — The Life You Live Now

Text: Ephesians 4:17–32

Speaker: Ross Woodhouse

Date: November 9, 2025

Summary:

Pastor Ross began with Adrian's simple baptism testimony: "I want to give my life to Jesus because He gave His life for me." That declaration captures the essence of Ephesians 4 — a transformed life belongs to Jesus now.

Paul reminds believers that following Christ is not a subtle shift but a complete rebuild of the heart: the old is gone, and a new life begins. While salvation is entirely God's work, daily obedience—"putting off" and "putting on"—is our Spirit-led response.

Ross highlighted two contrasts:

1. The Life You Gave Up — marked by darkness, impurity, confusion, and self-centeredness.
2. The Life You Live Now — renewed in thought, speech, and behavior through the Spirit.

Paul's seven practical marks of the new life are:

1. Speak truthfully — lying harms the body of Christ.
2. Manage anger — don't let anger control or linger.
3. Give generously — from thief to philanthropist.
4. Use words to encourage, not corrupt.
5. Live with kindness, tenderness, and forgiveness.
6. Avoid bitterness, rage, and slander.
7. Be renewed daily by the Holy Spirit.

The message closed with a challenge: "What God needs most today is for Christians to live as Christians."

### **FBC Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 27 November, 6.30pm**

We are looking forward to seeing you at our AGM which will start with a cuppa & cake/biscuits and the meeting will commence at 6.50pm.

The Agenda will include approval of 2024 AGM minutes, Voting, Annual Report Book 2025, Financial Statements, Budget for 2025/26 year, 5-year Vision Plan, Building Renovations update and Hui Report.

Voting will be held for Gerry Schuil and Neville Stevenson as Elders, Gaylene Morgan, Karyn Woodhouse, Derek Greenfield and Gaylene Burgess as Deacons. Please be in prayer about the business of the meeting and the voting.

Apologies can be sent to June, [administrator@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz](mailto:administrator@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz) prior to the meeting.

The annual report book will be available for members this coming week so please check your inbox or pick up a copy from the info desk on Sunday 23rd.



November is our big Joyride month. It's the time of year when we invite you, our incredible supporters, to get active, spread the word and raise funds for our communities.

Your fundraising can help to restore a little of what extreme poverty and modern slavery have taken away. Essential services like education and healthcare, but also social opportunities where people can experience connection and joy.

## Join Joyride

### Anyone Can Join Joyride

You don't need to be an elite cyclist to join Joyride (though we have had a few of those - one team are riding the height of Everest in one day!)

You might be more like 91-year-old Jim and his cat Bob who couldn't manage a bike, but got on the stair master to raise money. Or like 8-year-old Mila who organised a mini market in her community last weekend - selling coffee, baking and her old books and toys.

The whole point is that anyone, of any age, can step up and help to create amazing opportunities and fun memories for people facing poverty and modern slavery.

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.



COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS LUNCH

1ST DEC | 12:00PM

Cost: \$10

RSVP by 24<sup>th</sup> November to office or  
via website

<https://fairfieldbaptist.co.nz/events/>

*All Welcome*

Bring a wrapped gift to the value of \$5





# Christmas Celebration

18th December 2025

6.30pm

\$30 adults, Kids under 13 years old free

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RSVP to church office or via website

<https://fairfieldbaptist.co.nz/events/>

Celebrate the season with us at our festive Fundraising Dinner! Enjoy delicious food, joyful Christmas carols, and warm community as we raise funds for our building renovations. Your presence and support will help us create a more welcoming space for all. Come hungry, come joyful, and come together!

## Ira & Katy Hopkinson are our Mission focus for November



### Praise

- In 1999, Wycliffe came up with Vision 2025 - to have a Bible translation started in every language. This year, 2025, we thank God that 99% of all people have access to at least some Scripture in their language!
- Ira continues his work on the Scripture editor for Paratext. His little home office is the place he connects with team members across the world, strategising, praying together, planning and working on the software. We thank God for the people who pray for us and continue to support us financially.
- Praise that our last child Emily is finishing her school career! (She still has three exams in November.) She intends to work in 2026 and go on to further study in 2027.

### Prayer

- Please continue to pray that all peoples of the world will have access to Scripture. There are still 544 remaining languages, representing 36.8 million people who are waiting.
- November 7-9, New Zealand Wycliffe members will gather for their AGM, to report back on their work, hear about strategy and pray together. Please pray this weekend will be a great time of learning and bonding for members.
- Our Wycliffe NZ director is stepping down from his role due to health challenges. Pray the board will find a new director soon and that we have enough staff in the office to cover all the work.
- Other people working on the Paratext software project are reliant on Ira's editor work. Ira was only just keeping up with his work until a family emergency on 28-29th October. Please pray he can efficiently catch up on the lost days of work so others are not having to wait.
- Pray that our daughter Lucy finishes her first year of studying midwifery well. Some health challenges are presently making this tricky.
- Continue to pray for Ira's younger sister who is still caught in the cycle of addiction.

Thanks for praying for us.  
Ira and Katy