Weekly News

2ND & 9TH NOVEMBER 2025

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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)

Commit to sharing Christ's love with others

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

Care for one another

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

Contribute to the life and mission of FBC

Serve God in a ministry this week

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Community Lunch - Monday 3rd November 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.

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THIS SUNDAY

Guest Speaker - Stu Corlett - SCAAW Communion

NEXT SUNDAY

Neville Stevenson Ephesians 4:11-16

16th NOVEMBER

Ross Woodhouse Ephesians 4:17-32 Communion

BAPTIST HUI

Is in Palmerston North from 4th - 8th November. All of the staff except June will be attending and the office will be closed for the week. Any queries during this time please contact June. Note that this newsletter covers a 2 week period.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hamilton Christian Foodbank - Once again we will be supporting the foodbank. Bags will be available for pickup on Sunday 16th November and will need to be returned by Sunday 7th December.

AGM - Thursday 27th November at 6.30pm

Community Christmas Lunch - Monday 1st December at 12.00pm

Christmas Celebration - Thursday 18th December at 6.30pm

Garage Sale - Fundraiser for the building fund. Saturday 31st January





Important Notice from Leadership

Recommendations for two elders and nominations for five deacons are being sought to be voted in at the AGM on 27 November. Neville Stevenson and Gerry Schuil are both completing a two-year term at the end of the year. The portfolios for Children & Families (Karyn Woodhouse), Pastoral Care (Simone Schuil), Host (Gaylene Morgan), Missions (Gaylene Burgess) and Small Groups (Derek Greenfield) all finish their two-year term at the end of this year. Please prayerfully consider and get your recommendations and nominations into the Church Administrator by Mon 3 Nov at the latest. Forms are available from the church office or from June. Only church members are able to recommend or nominate.



Ruth Day 4th, Karyn Woodhouse 4th, Karen Beachen 7th, Rose Gilling 8th, Kevin Ward 8th, Denis Horner 10th, Neil Ellis 11th, David Stevenson 13th

Prayer Chain

All prayer chain requests should be emailed to roseefairfieldbaptist.co.nz



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





Giving at Fairfield Baptist Church

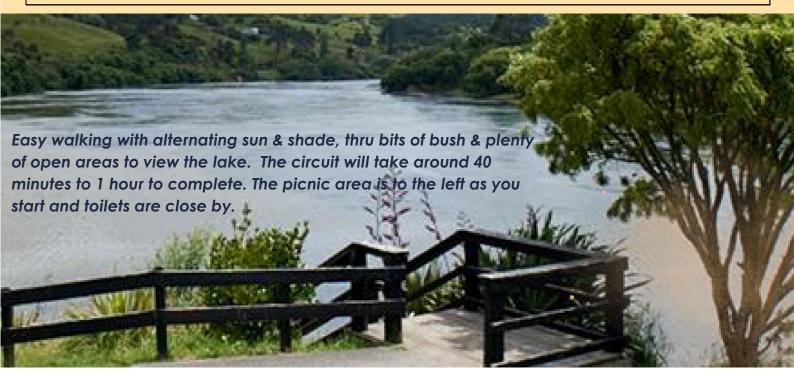
Online banking: 03-0306-0200267-00 Use your name as a reference Donation Box in foyer at church
Online via website at https://fairfieldbaptist.co.nz/giving/

Rememberance Walk

Join us on Sunday 16th November at Lake Kainui, Horsham Downs Road, at 1pm for a picnic lunch (weather permitting) and walk as we remember all of those we have loved and are no longer with us.

Why Lake Kainui? This was a special place where Donna Mullins enjoyed walking and spending special time with her family.

Please carpool if you can and bring your own picnic lunch.



<u>Summary of Business Meeting, Sun 19 Oct 2025</u>

There was a good attendance of 65 members, 8 non-members with 12 apologies received. Ross Woodhouse welcomed all and Neville Stevenson opened the meeting in prayer. Minutes of last Business Meeting held 13 April 2025 were approved.

We were delighted to welcome four new members into our church, Nathaniel & Jyothi Chinta transferred from Milford Baptist and Ian & Paulene Stratford from Te Awamutu Baptist.

A brief administration/finance update was given with the Church Administrator saying that we had a good year with general offerings being over budget and we finished the year with a small surplus. Full details of the Annual Performance financial statements will be presented at the AGM on 27 Nov along with a new budget for the 2025/26 year.

Ross spoke briefly about the 5-year vision that the leadership team had worked on at their retreat in July/August and more information will be given at the AGM. Ross Cochran, Building Deacon, presented the Concept Plans drawn up by JCC Ltd for making some changes at the rear of the building and refurbishment work in the main hall. Approval was given by the members for further investigations relating to engineering, council consent and design estimates to be done. It is hoped that more detailed plans and estimate of costs will be available for the AGM.

Do plan to come along to the AGM on 27th November and be informed about the ministries of our church.



Ira & Katy Hopkinson are our Mission focus for October



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 <u>Paratext</u>. 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 <u>Paratext</u> 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