

Weekly News

21ST DECEMBER 2025

TO

18TH JANUARY 2026



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 SAVIOUR HAS COME

Eleanor Chee

1 John:14-18

NEXT SUNDAY

THE SAVIOUR IS COMING AGAIN

Ross Woodhouse

Revelation 21:1-5

4th JANUARY

Iunisi Katoa

Seeking God in the New Year:

All in for Jesus from the start

Matthew 6:33

11th JANUARY

Eleanor Chee

Seeking God in the New Year:

Celebrating the diversity of our cultures

Gal 3:28, Col 3:11, 1 Cor 12: 12-14, Rev 7:9

18th JANUARY

Ross Woodhouse

Seeking God in the New Year:

A Heart for God's Guidance

Proverbs 3:5-6



There will be no service on Christmas Day. Other churches holding Christmas Services on our area are:

Te Whanau Putahi: Christmas Eve 7pm and Christmas Day 9.30am.

St Josephs: Christmas Eve Carols 6.30pm and Mass 7pm.

Chartwell Cooperating Church: Christmas Eve Family service and crafts at 4pm and Candlelight service at 8pm.

The office will be closed from Monday 22nd December and will reopen on Monday 12th January.



SUNDAY LUNCH IN JANUARY

12.30PM

Sunday 4th

Sausage sizzle in the cafe following the service.

Cost: \$3 (proceeds to the building fund)

Sunday 11th - Hosted by the Sami's, 10A Commodore Ave, Flagstaff

Sunday 18th - Hosted by the Cochran's 27 Achilles Rise, Flagstaff

BYO drink and a plate of food to share (enough for your family)

CONGRATULATIONS

to Ruby Palefau who has been accepted at Laidlaw College and Daniel Milburn who has been accepted at Carey College next year.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last". John 15:16

Prayer Chain

All prayer chain requests should be emailed to rose@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz



HELP!

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/>

December

Matt Moreira 21st
June Evans 22nd
Geoff Cranston 26th



January

Clare Morris 1st
Elwin Putt 1st
Elin Dove 5th
Lincoln Dove 9th
Osaiasi Latu 10th
Sophia Rich 10th
Andrew McCormack 11th

Easter Camp

Earlybird Registrations are now open
for Easter Camp.

Would you consider donating so our youth can attend this
amazing event.

Bank details are:
03 0306 0200267 00

ref: ECamp or see lunisi for more details.

Garage Sale

As we do not have
enough volunteers
to help out in
January the
garage sale has
been postponed
until after Easter.

Most of our usual Church programmes are now in recess until early February, however. the
Tuesday morning Prayer Meeting and Cafe Connect will commence again on
Tuesday 20th January. For all other activities please check starting times with your leaders.

Below is the link to the video clip played on Sunday

'An Unexpected Christmas'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TM1XusYVqNY>

If you would like a pastoral visit, or would appreciate prayer support during this Christmas season please do feel free to make direct contact with me to arrange a suitable time and place to meet with you.

**Thanks so much, blessings on all,
Ross.**

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.

Christmas Greetings to you FBC Church Family,

We are now in the season of Advent, engaging with the coming of the Saviour, that the Saviour has come, and the Saviour is coming again. I am reminded that the scriptures we read and reflect on at this time of year are always very familiar to us. But I know, at least for myself, how easily that familiarity can mean missing something new, a fresh insight, a challenge, a necessary truth to grow my love and appreciation for Christ even deeper.

This Christmas season as we read those familiar passages we're reminded that the story we love doesn't just begin in Bethlehem and it certainly doesn't end there. Christmas is the celebration of a promise kept – God with us, Immanuel – and a promise still to come: Christ returning to make all things new.

We rejoice in the lights, the trees, the carols, and the cradle. Yet our joy grows even deeper when we remember that the baby in the manger is also the Saviour who redeemed us, and the King who will one day return. His first coming guarantees his second.

It is not our typical Christmas passage, however Revelation 21:1-7 fills us with such courage and comfort. Be encouraged by these words: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

The apostle John gives us a glimpse – just a crack in the door – of what God has prepared: a new heaven and a new earth, every tear wiped away, no more pain, sorrow, or death. God himself dwelling with his people forever. And everything is made new. What a hope to carry into Christmas!

My prayer for you and your family is that this season will renew your confidence in God's faithfulness. He has come. He is with us. And he will come again. May this sure and certain hope fill your heart with joy, peace, and deep gratitude as we celebrate Christ together.

Folks, have an awesome Christmas; we look forward to worshipping with you in 2026.

Love and Blessings to all, Ross and Karyn

O Come let us adore him...Christ the LORD!

Mark and Faye Griffiths
are our Mission focus for
January.



Dear friends,

We are very grateful to the Lord for bringing us safely back to our home here at Danja. All our flights connected with no problems and we even had no problems in the arrival process bringing a suitcase of medicine, a gift to be used in the hospital from an organisation that supplies medicine for our kind of situation.

Settling in: We enjoyed a month here with life as usual. It was lovely to reconnect with the church and greet the rice man, the fruit man etc etc! Everyone was so pleased to see us back and it was really encouraging to feel a part of the community.

What has changed? Due to increased risk of kidnapping, we have been asked to stay on our compound. Fortunately, we live on a large compound which contains not only the hospital but a small local church as well. We feel that this compound is a safe place to live and that we can continue in our ministry. We can't go out but others can come in. Mark still has plenty of opportunity for evangelism in the hospital itself.

Rebuilding of flood damaged houses for Ex- leprosy patients: we were so excited to see how so many of you gathered around and contributed to the cause to build new houses. Many folk in our area lost housing in the flood last year, when many mud brick houses simply collapsed. We couldn't help everybody but we concentrated on collecting finances for ex-leprosy patients. We're excited to announce that this project has received all the funding it needs and a contract has been signed for all the building. SIM Niger has been able to provide a large amount from funding collected for this kind of need. We are also very thankful to the leprosy mission of New Zealand for their generous contribution and we thank the Leprosy Mission of Niger for helping us pull this all together.

Prayer and Praise:

- ❖ Please pray for Kevin and the situation here.
- ❖ Pray for ourselves and the other missionaries on this compound that God would give us grace and that we would be able to support each other at this time. Pray for those who are uncertain as to how to go ahead in their ministry, help them develop pathways within the context that we are now in.
- ❖ Pray for a quick processing for our residence permits.
- ❖ Pray for the new hospital director and the ongoing ministry of the hospital.
- ❖ Continue to pray for 'A', the young man that Mark has been discipling. He still has some ups and downs but is doing well at the moment and is integrating more into the local church!
- ❖ Please also be praying for the work of the church in West Africa. The rapidly deteriorating security situation is significantly affecting local believers and forcing the reduction or closure of ministries. Pray for wisdom, boldness and peace in this time of significant change.

<p>Joyya</p>	<p>We're excited to be supporting Joyya as they run their incredibly important community carnivals. These days bring so much joy & hope, to children in their neighbourhoods. Please pray for the events that are coming up!</p>
<p>Advent Readings</p>	<p>In the season of Advent, we're excited to share this years readings, a chance to slow down, pay attention, and open our hearts again to the One who brings love, hope, and new life to every people and every place. 🌟 Download and pray with us!</p>
<p>Tripura Theological College</p>	<p>One significant joy was hearing how the gospel is reaching new communities. Below you'll see boxes holding over 2,000 Bibles printed in the heart language of a small tribe that has had very little exposure to the gospel. Our whānau in Tripura have worked hard to make this possible, but now face the challenge of safely distributing them with current restrictions on Christianity. Their prayer request is simple: please pray for new opportunities and safe pathways to get these Bibles into the hands of those who need them.</p>
<p>Sam and Jazz</p>	<p>We were so encouraged by those of you who warmly welcomed Sam and Jazz into our whānau. We're thrilled that they'll be heading to Bangladesh early next year to join Brian and Gay. Some of you may have met them or heard their story at Hui — we were deeply encouraged by their clear obedience to God and the way they're stepping out in faith. Please pray that God would continue to lead them with confidence, surround them with strong support, and prepare the way for all that's ahead.</p>
<p>Brian and Gay</p>	<p>Brian and Gay are enjoying some precious time in NZ with their family, and last week they welcomed their 6th grandchild! Please pray a blessing over this special time with the whānau. "We are doing great, loving having times with our families and grandchildren, little Otis is very cute. Our visas are on their way back to us, we hear. Hooray! We are absolutely loving being here in summer and in Christmas. We are loving catching up with churches and people interested in working globally or supporting this focus."</p>
<p>Human Rights Day</p>	<p>This week held Human Rights Day, which marked the final day of the "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence". Gender-based violence is rooted in inequality. When people are denied opportunity, safety, or aren't listened to, these cycles continue. Education is a powerful tool for change. It builds knowledge, shifts power and creates new opportunities. It's a human right, and it strengthens people's ability to realise their other rights. Our global workers and partners support education initiatives in many ways: safe hostels, youth groups, community development forums, vocational training and more. If you would like to know more about this work, please get in touch 🌟</p>