

# Weekly News

10TH MAY 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

Renew Together Week 1

Neville Stevenson

## NEXT SUNDAY

Renew Together Week 2

Peter Foster



A Woman who fears the Lord is to be praised

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

**Craft:** Monday at 10am in the Youth Room

**Cafe Connect:** Tuesday at 9.45am in the cafe.

**Bowls:** Tuesday at 12.45pm. All welcome

Ross is away on study break and annual leave until 25<sup>th</sup> May. The elders are available for any urgent pastoral needs in his absence.

# RENEW TOGETHER

**GOD'S MISSION ISN'T A SOLO ONE, BUT ONE THAT EACH OF US CHOOSES TO BE INVOLVED IN**

WORSHIP - PRAYER - REFLECTION - RENEWAL



*With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive*

OUR RENEW TOGETHER GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$5000.  
This money goes towards the support of the mission arm of our Baptist Movement.

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**NEW** Space is available at a Women's group meeting in Cambridge each fortnight at 7pm.

New members welcome!

Contact Anneka (021-252-5785)



Whoever you are, we all need each other more than ever before.

Our **SMALLGROUPS** are a bunch of people who get together regularly to support each other while they establish friendships, do a bible study and strengthen their faith in JESUS.

If you would like to join or even startup a **SMALLGROUP**, please contact DerekG (027-677-0896) or the FBC Office.



# Business Meeting



Sunday 7 June



11.30am



Join us for the Business Meeting following the service where the main topics for discussion will be finances and the building project.

## TEAR FUND



Save the Date

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

## Prayer Chain

All prayer chain requests should be emailed to Sue Frauenstein

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



## HELP!

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

Ross Cochran 10th  
Gaylene Morgan 10th  
Ashley-Rae Morgan Te Uira 10th  
Lilian Pereira 12th  
Sadie McMullan 13th  
Manny Sami 14th  
Clarisse Tshibanda 16th



## 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/>



**Our Mission Focus for**  
**May**  
**is Mark and Faye**  
**Griffiths**

**Evacuation:** As many of you may know we have been evacuated back to New Zealand on the advice of our SIM leadership, arriving here on the 19th February following a 3 day rest in Istanbul. We were informed of their decision on the 30th of January following the attack on Niamey Airport by Islamic Jihadists. During the attack one of the UN planes that transport us between Niamey and Maradi was damaged. This factor, along with the general deterioration of security around the capital due to Jihadist activity, meant the increased risk of us being cut off from our only escape route. On the balance of risk it was decided by our leadership to evacuate all non-African missionaries from Niger as soon as possible.

So two weeks of tying up loose ends up at the hospital for Mark and passing on administration details to folk at Danja and at the Maradi compound for Faye, along with saying good bye to our African colleagues was quite an exhausting and emotionally demanding time for us. While many of our friends and staff understood the reasons for us going the overwhelming feeling was one of sadness at us having to leave. The hardest goodbyes for me, Mark, were from my Colleagues who were understandably disappointed as we were getting along well as a team in dealing with all the challenging patients coming to Danja. The other hard thing was leaving A and H, the two folk affected with leprosy who have both responded to the gospel over the last couple of years.

It does seem to us that the Lord is giving us opportunity to train in discipleship ministry through an organization called 'No Place Left' here in Palmerston North which I have seen work effectively on the field. It is also an expedient time for us to be home to support our daughter and son in law in their second pregnancy. I am starting part time work in a couple of weeks. We are also talking to the mission about short term ministry opportunities for next year.

Very much appreciate prayer in our decisions that the Lord make His will clear for us and also for the team back in Niger that they will persevere in their good and necessary work of proclaiming the gospel by word and deed.

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>West Bengal Elections</p>	<p>West Bengal has held their state elections this week. Modi(PrimeMinister)andhis party BJP, who have never been in power in West Bengal, are running against Mamata’s TMC. There has been a high turnout of over 90%. Please pray for the results. The decisions and leadership of the state government have significant impact on many of our global people and our partners such as The Loyal Workshop, Joyya, and LCA.</p>
<p>Love Calcutta Arts</p>	<p>We’d love you to pray for the LCA community as they work on new projects, seek more orders, and for Priya as she travels to meet with suppliers and customers. We thank God for the heart of this community — as Chintu shared, “I love working here because it is a good place, I love it because it feels like a big family,” and Jhumka said, “I work to live and earn money, I love working here because it brings me joy and peace.” Please pray that this would continue to be a place marked by family, joy, and peace, and that new opportunities and orders would come their way.</p>
<p>Heather &amp; Ruby to Student Hostels</p>	<p>For many years, Kiwi Baptists have supported students living in Baptist hostels across Bangladesh. Together, we currently support around 120 students. One of Mission Council’s focuses is the quality of care given to students, particularly their safety. This includes ensuring there are strong policies, procedures, and practical systems in place, as well as sensitive, well-trained people at all levels of hostel care. To strengthen safeguarding practices and further develop student-focused care, we are sending Ruby Duncan (Chair of Mission Council) and Heather MacLeod (who has worked in child protection and child-friendly spaces with World Vision for many years) to visit the hostels, work with staff, and consider how current practices can be enhanced. Please pray for wisdom as they prepare and organise the trip.</p>
<p>Tripura Theological College</p>	<p>"Please pray for Tripura Theological Colleges 87th Union Assembly from the 1st–3rd. Pray for meaningful fellowship, wise discussions and decisions, and for God’s guidance and encouragement for all who join us"</p>
<p>Mā Mātou</p>	<p>Mā Mātou is a fledgling community of people across Aotearoa who care about God’s mission, are attentive to what is happening globally, and want to be part of these things. The goal is for this to be just one part of supporting NZ Baptists’ formation in mission. Please pray for the cultivation of this community and for God’s guidance as we look towards gathering later in the year. – Annie</p>
<p>Steve Worsley</p>	<p>We’ve been praying over the past year for Steve Worsley, who pastors at Auckland Baptist Tabernacle and also leads a theatre company creating shows on important global issues. Praise God for recent opportunities with the screening of The Way of the Raukura and auditions for THREE FORTY ONE – The Climate Musical. Please pray for Steve—that these events would have a meaningful impact, that the right people would be drawn in to participate, and that he would have wisdom, creativity, and energy as he continues to lead both in ministry and the arts.</p>
<p>NZ Bangladesh Team</p>	<p>Brian, Gay, Jazz, Sam, Noeline and Ana (soon to join) are part of the Kiwi team who are in Bangladesh, working in the midst of changing and often challenging contexts. Pray for peace in uncertainty, for smooth transitions as people come and go, and for strong team cohesion.</p>