

Weekly News

19TH APRIL 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 WEEK'S EVENTS

Craft: Monday at 10.00am in the youth room

Community Lunch: Monday at 12.15pm

Cafe Connect: Tuesday at 9.45am in the cafe.

Bowls: Tuesday at 12.45pm. All welcome

HAMILTON PRAYER BREAKFAST

Early bird tickets are available now at a cost of \$30 each for the Hamilton Prayer Breakfast. If you would like to attend this year please let the office know before 27th April so we can purchase them while they are cheaper.

KIRIKIRIROA
HAMILTON PRAYER Breakfast

WEDNESDAY | 16 SEPTEMBER 2026
CLAUDELANDS EVENTS CENTRE
06:30 - 9:00 AM

Anchored & Active
HEBREWS 10: 23 - 25

In partnership
HAMILTON **NZ CHRISTIAN NETWORK**

THIS SUNDAY

Small Group Series Week 1

Neville Stevenson

We are Known, Loved and Cared For

Romans 12:9-16

NEXT SUNDAY

Small Group Series Week 2

Ross Woodhouse

Devotion to One Another

Acts 2:42-47

NEW PEOPLE'S LUNCH Sun 19th

If you are new to the church and haven't been to a lunch before then this is for you. Come and meet the leadership team and find out what we all do. Meet in the youth room at 12pm.

CALLING ALL LADIES OVER 50

Are you concerned about your balance, leg weakness, pelvic floor issues etc.

Come and join me in the upstairs lounge on Tuesdays at 10.30am and get stronger and fitter.

Gaylene B Ph: 027 213 2292

GARAGE SALE

A number of you are wanting to have a church garage sale. At this stage, however, we do not have anyone to organise and run this. If this is something you would like to volunteer to do please contact the office on office@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz

Wherever you found yourself, be it at home, in nature, or even at a camp alongside thousands of young people, we hope you found time to sit with the story of Easter.

This week has been a volatile one for our world. War and violence have upended the lives of people throughout Iran, the Middle East, and beyond. For us in Aotearoa, New Zealand, we are far removed. It can be hard to know how to respond, or even how to hold what is happening. And yet, the Easter story beckons us in.

It is a story that didn't rush past suffering. The disciples had seen their Christ brutally killed, and the days that followed were dark, filled with grief and waiting. In recent weeks, many have found themselves in this same dark space. Iranians waiting to see if their homes will be spared. The downed soldier waiting for rescue. Those living in poverty waiting to see how much more they will be stretched. And the rest of the world, watching and waiting too.

The story of resurrection didn't erase the wounds of the cross. Christ is not distant from suffering. Our world longs for the fullness of the resurrection story where hope and peace are, yet for conflicts like this, it is hard to know how it will unfold. So, we hold this: Christ is risen, and He is risen indeed

AROTAHI

RENEW TOGETHER 2026

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi—with your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive.

We reckon God's mission isn't a solo one, but one that each of us chooses to be involved in; we are grateful for your partnership.

We'd love for more of you to join us, to dive deeper into the unique ways God is at work in your communities.

Happening 10th, 17th & 24th May at FBC

Prayer Chain

All prayer chain requests should be emailed to Sue Frauenstein

prayer@fairfieldbaptist.co.nz



HELP!

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



No birthdays this week



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 April is the Hopkinson Family

The beginning of April heralds Easter, when we remember the amazing sacrifice of God in sending Jesus to us. He is the epitome of life and hope and there are many things to be thankful for.

Ira has a new role. He's now leading some of the software developers who were previously his peers. He works with the software product owner, his engineering manager, and the developer team to work out how to build the software and ensure the quality is good. He isn't coding as much as before but he is enjoying working with others and meeting the challenges.

At church, Ira is enjoying leading a group of Y13 (senior) boys on Wednesday nights when the youth group breaks into small groups after the main session. He is also a singer in one of our worship bands. Pray for wisdom as Ira leads both the software team and the youth group boys.

Katy has really enjoyed a change of pace over the last three months. She has been at a private language school in the Mount, teaching English as a Second Language to foreign students. She's had many interesting conversations, faced new challenges, and made new friends. This was a temporary summer job and now she's back to relieving at preschools, while searching for something more permanent. She invites your prayers about this.

Silvia is in her second year as a nurse at Auckland hospital in the renal and liver transplant ward. Work is challenging as there is a chronic shortage of healthcare workers in NZ.

Jonathan has just been promoted to department manager at McDonald's and is enjoying his new e-bike.

Lucy is in her second year of midwifery training and is flatting with the friends she made at her hostel last year. She's keeping up with her work and has her practical placement in a month.

Emily finished high school last year and is taking a gap year to work, make money, and figure out what's next. Please pray she'll find full-time work soon.

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.

Easter Camps

We're so grateful for everything that happened during Easter Camps and the ways God showed up in the lives of young people across the country. It was amazing to hear so many share how His mission is on their hearts—it was so encouraging to hear & see.

Annie, Troy, and I spent time at EC Central at El Rancho in Waikanae, leading two seminars on the topic "Why Mission?". The camp just unified, with a strong sense of God's hand at work. We led 2 seminars over the weekend.

Please join us in prayer:

We thank You, Lord, for what You are doing in the lives of young people across our country.

We pray that those who attended camp would continue to grow in faith and boldly share Your love with others.

We give thanks for everyone who served—may they be strengthened, encouraged, and reminded that their faithfulness makes a lasting difference.

We pray that each young person would continue to encounter You in real and personal ways, knowing they are seen, loved, and invited into life with You.

Peter & Leonora

"We were surprised to hear the New Zealand national anthem outside our flat, only to discover the T20 Cricket India vs New Zealand final being broadcast nearby!

During the cooler season, we've welcomed visitors from Russia, the Netherlands, the U.K., America, and New Zealand. It's been wonderful sharing local highlights like the College, Mission Church, riverside walks, wood carving, block printing, and our "City of Joy." Please keep us in your prayers as the weather heats up."

NEICCWA day of prayer - Tripura

The North East India Christian Council, formed in 1937 to foster fellowship, cooperation, and unity among churches and Christian organisations in North-East India, includes many denominations working in mission, education, peace, and social justice.

Their annual Day of Prayer falls on the 21st of this month—a significant day for Tripura Theological College. We invite you to join them in prayer now and over the coming weeks as they prepare and pray alongside neighbouring communities.

Placement + Noelle

We praise God for Noelle, who is now in Bangladesh, stepping into teaching at Chandpur Mission School for the next 4–5 months. Please pray for her as she embraces the first week of this new role.

Please also reach out if a placement like this is on your heart—there are many ways you can partner with what God is already doing globally!