

# Weekly News

26TH 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 SUNDAY

### Small Group Series Week 2

Ross Woodhouse

Devotion to One Another

Acts 2:42-47

## NEXT SUNDAY

### Small Group Series Week 3

Eleanor Chee

The Witness of our Love

John 13:34-35

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

**Craft:** No craft this week

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

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

## AROTAH

### 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May at FBC

## 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

Ross will be away on study break and annual leave from 30<sup>th</sup> April until 25<sup>th</sup> May. The elders are available for any urgent pastoral needs in his absence.

Tax receipts have now been emailed out so if you have not received yours please let June know.



Ladies, we invite you to join us at our

# ROYAL

womens conference

Friday 19th June from 7pm and Saturday 20th June from 9am until 3:30pm.  
The Village Church, 10 Martin Lane, Horsham Downs

*hosted by the Daughters Team at The Village Church*

This is your reminder that you are warmly invited to come and be part of something special. We're expecting a beautiful time together at ROYAL 2026, don't miss it.

Register today using the link below;

<https://thevillagechurch.elvanto.com.au/form/f3a66c06-005e-4391-ba1b-51b48337c93d>

- Dates: 19-20th June 2026
- Registration cut off: 5th June 2026

## Mothers' Day Autumn Festival

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 10am to 4pm**

Come and enjoy the TreeChurch and the surrounding gardens in all their Autumn finery. Live music, foodtruck and coffee cart, Autumn art installations.

Book a mini family photoshoot here <https://www.curatemediaco/tree-church-minis>

Pony/unicorn rides, noon to 3pm, \$5/ride, bring cash [Facebook](#)

No need to book, pay admission as you enter (cash, card, Paywave)

Adult \$20

Child 5 to 14 years \$10

Child under 5 free

Family of up to 2 adults and 2 or more children \$50

Enquiries to [info@treechurch.co.nz](mailto:info@treechurch.co.nz) 021 813 861

## 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..



Kristi Cureen 19th  
Grace Ram 23rd  
Sitanimoa Latu 25th  
Tony Mace 27th



## 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.

Rāpare (Thursday)	Please pray for Renew Together 2026. May it create spaces and conversations for people and churches to explore the missio dei (the mission of God).
Rāmere (Friday)	Give thanks for the connections that Brian and Gay are forming. This past week they celebrated the Bengali new year with over 100 people (many of them were boys from the hostel) by having a picnic. Give thanks for this fun!
Rāhoroi (Saturday)	Luke and Ray from Te Whāriki are visiting Sean in Motueka this week. Together they will be chatting about the work of Mahi Pai and what's next. Please give thanks for all the work of Mahi Pai, and pray for wisdom as they dream and consider the next steps.
Rātapu (Sunday)	The Cup began as a space where women in our communities could drop in. Now Joyya also uses this space to offer vocational training to women. Please pray that these skills would bring more freedom and opportunities for these women.
Rāhina (Monday)	Please pray for Noeline. She has landed in Bangladesh and is there to support the work of the Chandpur Mission School. She is in the midst of her orientation. Please pray for her as she settles into her new surroundings, for good health, and for good connections.
Rātu (Tuesday)	Please pray for the Baptist YA and youth camps (M28 & KB2026). May these be spaces where young people feel a deep connection with God and the mission of God in the world. <b><u>Iunisi and 7 of her emerging leaders will be attending KB2026 on Kings Birthday weekend.</u></b>
Rāapa (Wednesday)	Today is Earth Day around the world. It's a day to recognise this planet as our common home, and to consider how we can be good stewards of creation. Please pray that we would consider how we can best care for creation and be good stewards.