

Weekly News

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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)

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 3

Eleanor Chee

The Witness of our Love

John 13:34-35

Communion

NEXT SUNDAY

RENEW TOGETHER WEEK 1

Neville Stevenson

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Craft: Monday at 10am 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

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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.

Happening 10th, 17th & 24th 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 is now away on study break and annual leave until 25th 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.

Bangladesh is really feeling the effects of the fuel shortage at the moment. It's not just transport—it's impacting factory work, employment, electricity, and the production and distribution of food. Some universities have even had to close early, food prices are rising, and everyday services are under increasing strain.

Please hold Bangladesh in your prayers, along with other places around the world facing similar challenges. Pray for wisdom, compassion, and strength for leaders as they navigate these difficult decisions, and for those most affected in their daily lives.



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.

NEW Space is available at a Women's group meeting in Cambridge each fortnight at 7pm. New members welcome! Contact Anneka (021-252-5785)

Mothers' Day Autumn Festival

Sunday, 10th 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 021 813 861

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..



Beth Hooper 2nd
Murray Adams 2nd
Andrew Ross 2nd
Alan Frauenstein 4th
Gul Pervaiz 5th
Jenny Kerr 8th



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>RT26</p>	<p>Renew Together is our annual appeal, and many churches will be launching RT26 in the coming weeks. We're praying for each of them as they explore missio Dei—the mission of God—through the stories of our global people and partners.</p>
<p>Brian and Gay</p>	<p>Recently we celebrated Bengali New Year here in Chandpur. Below are some photos from the day. The top image is an attempt to spell out "Jesus," and there is also what is meant to be an auto rickshaw (see the handlebars and two headlights!).</p> <p>Bangladesh relies heavily on oil for its power supply, and as a result we're experiencing frequent power cuts—recently up to 10 in a 24-hour period, ranging from 10–20 minutes to over an hour. It makes coping with the heat more challenging, but we're thankful for air conditioning when the power is on, and for an IPS (battery backup) that runs a fan and light in each room—though not the fridge. Please keep these challenges in your prayers.</p>
<p>Peter & Leonora (South Asia)</p>	<p>"Over the past four years, I (Peter) have been interacting with doctoral students from the wider community, helping them access library resources while they assist me with other research sources. This has grown into meaningful mentoring and deeper conversations.</p> <p>One young man from a prominent family within the majority religion has been exploring how people are changed when they accept the Good News. Recently, he was struck by a testimony of the first known Bengali believer, noting how completely his life was transformed. He also shared that his aunt had made a similar step years ago and experienced significant change.</p> <p>That same week, I came across a 1901 record of a seventeen-year-old who studied the Good News, chose to respond, and was later taken from the College and never returned. Remarkably, I later discovered that both stories involve members of the same family, sharing the same name and home.</p> <p>It is still early days, but these connections feel like signs of a "rising tide," and we are hopeful he will consider the same step as his forebear and aunt. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers."</p>
<p>Heat</p>	<p>Some of the Joyya whānau have asked for prayer for strength as they're facing very hot temperatures. Their weather app is saying it "feels like 47°C"! Please pray for strength in the heat, protection in daily life, and for others in our wider whānau and places our people are serving who are facing similar conditions.</p>
<p>Mahi Pai</p>	<p>It's been an honour to witness how relationships and community in Motueka have grown from strength to strength.</p> <p>Last week, Luke and Ray spent time with Sean and Paul from Mahi Pai. They shared how the fruit of their leadership is reaching into schools, art collectives, marae, and the wider community. It's a rich and hopeful story of good work taking shape. We would really value your prayers for Mahi Pai and for the many lives being impacted.</p>
<p>Noeline</p>	<p>Please pray for Noeline and Ana, two wāhine who have said yes to global placement.</p> <p>Below you will see Gay (left) and Noeline, a retired teacher. Noeline is currently in Chandpur, Bangladesh for four months, supporting teachers and students at Chandpur Mission School by helping develop English skills and sharing teaching methods in a Bangla-medium school. After arriving, she contracted a virus which has slowed her down. She is now recovering but has lost about a week. Please pray for her continued recovery, adjustment to life in Bangladesh.</p>

