

# Weekly News

5TH 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

**No Craft** due to the public holiday

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

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

**REMINDER - DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS ON SUNDAY (PUT YOUR CLOCKS BACK)**

### GOOD FRIDAY - 9.30AM

The story of 'The Cross'

Narrated by Karen Beachen, Stuart Beachen & Gaylene Morgan

### EASTER SUNDAY

Neville Stevenson  
'The Resurrection'

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### Small Group Series

Neville Stevenson  
We are Known, Loved and Cared For  
Galations 6:1-5



JESUS  
HAS Risen

## PALM SUNDAY

A big thank you to those who turned out for the Palm Sunday service. What a great service it was with participation from at least 6 other churches as well as our own and there were approximately 140-150 people in attendance. A big thank you to all those who helped with the dinner. It was much appreciated.

## NEW PEOPLE'S LUNCH

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.

Grab an invitation and put it on your fridge and don't forget to RSVP.

## EASTER CAMP PRAYER

Lord, we pray that our young people experience Your presence in a new way this Easter. Let them feel a deep sense of belonging, and return home more confident in their faith. Draw our young people closer to You, Jesus. Let this camp be a turning point where they experience the joy of Your resurrection and a deeper understanding of Your love. May friendships formed at this camp be encouraging and life-giving. Help them to be inclusive and caring to one another. Lord, strengthen the leaders and volunteers who are giving their time. Grant them energy, patience, and wisdom as they care for the youth day and night. We ask for your protection over every activity. Keep everyone safe in their travels and during the camp. We pray for favourable weather, especially for dry tents and safety during outdoor sessions. Let this Easter camp be a sanctuary from the busyness of life, allowing hearts to be changed and refreshed by the hope of the Resurrection.

## BUILDING FUNDRAISER

### Sweetcorn for Sale

**\$3 for 6, \$4 for 8, \$5 for 10, \$10 for 20**

Prepay to the church account 03 0306 0200267 00 with your name and the reference: sweetcorn or bring cash. Available after the service on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

## 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..



Salome Ratu 6th  
Mark Mullins 8th  
Bruce Miers 9th



## 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 flattening 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.

<p>Jasmine &amp; Sam</p>	<p>Jasmine and Sam have settled into their new apartment in Dhaka. They have begun language school. They say: "It has felt great to be able to pick out a few Bangla words in conversations and we look forward to being able to converse with people even further."</p> <p>As they continue to settle in, form connections, and discover opportunities for involvement, please uphold them in your prayers. Pray that they may sense a strong sense of God's guidance and wisdom. If you would like to support them financially, please contact <a href="mailto:accounts@arotahi.org.nz">accounts@arotahi.org.nz</a></p>
<p>Independence Day</p>	<p>Bangladesh Independence Day is on March 26. It marks the country's independence from Pakistan in 1971. As the nation reflects on its past history, it also finds itself navigating present political shifts. The new Bangladeshi parliament, which was recently formed, has meet for the first time in recent weeks. Please pray that political changes would affirm the dignity of all people and bring widespread peace. Pray for wisdom for our global people and partners as they navigate any changes.</p>
<p>Brian &amp; Gay</p>	<p>"You know you've been in a country too long when you stop taking photos. Here's the only one from this past month. It's Gay on the wharf before we left Dhaka for Chandpur, chatting with fruit sellers: "Where are these strawberries from?"</p> <p>Ramadan has ended, and Muslims everywhere are celebrating Eid Mubarak—"Blessed Eid"—a joyful festival of family, community, and well-wishes. It has a Christmas-like feel, without the Jesus part! We've traveled to Chandpur with Sam and Jasmine for a few days. Dhaka is very peaceful now, as most people have returned to their villages and the streets are quiet." Please pray for Brian as he attends required Board meetings representing Arotahi/NZBMS, and for Gay as she helps host and facilitate a busy season of guests. Pray also for Ana, arriving mid-May to spend two months serving and discerning what's next—that her time would be guided, fruitful, and full of clarity.</p>
<p>Rev. Parimal</p>	<p>"Pray for God's favor and guidance for the proposed Saint Paul's College (July 2026), that approval, leadership, and resources will be granted.</p> <p>Pray also for strength, wisdom, and discipline to complete my Doctor in Ministry thesis successfully by next year, with meaningful and impactful results."</p>
<p>P &amp; D</p>	<p>"Recently P. met with a group of business owners from the international weekend meetup to share experiences and encourage one another. Pray that they would continue to support each other through both technical knowledge and genuine friendship. Pray also for the businesses they are involved in—that they would thrive and have a positive impact."</p>
<p>Joyya</p>	<p>"We'd love prayer for this new partnership. Over the past year, we've seen a growing need for mental health support in our community. We partnered with the Mental Health Foundation to equip our frontline team to recognise early signs of distress and connect people with support. After just two training sessions, staff are already identifying concerns and helping children access care sooner. This is only the beginning, but an important step.</p> <p>At Joyya, we're committed not just to employment, but to building stronger communities where people can choose dignity, stability, and hope."</p>
<p>The Loyal Workshop</p>	<p>"My life now is much more beautiful than before." When Raima talks about what's changed since joining The Loyal Workshop, she speaks about her daughters, her health, her stability, and the pride she takes in her stitching. It's a reminder of what dignified, long-term employment can mean for a woman and everyone around her."</p> <p>Pray that Raima would continue to experience stability and joy, and that many more women would have access to opportunities like this across the many communities God is working in and we get to partner with.</p>

# **Council** in the **Community**

## **Meet your local councillors in your local place**



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City Council**  
Te kaunihera o Kirikiriroa

**Starting 7th April**

See the noticeboard for details of where our  
Councillors will be or check out

<https://hamilton.govt.nz/your-city/share-your-voice/meetcouncil>