blockhouse bay
community church

Weekly Update

Friday 9 October 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

***FILL YOUR CUP* AUTISM PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**
Saturday 10 October | 10.30 am

CAP MONEY COURSE
Wednesdays 14, 21 & 28 October
7.30 pm

PRAYER WALK
Saturday 17 October | 10.30 am

BLOCKHOUSE BAY CHRISTMAS MARKET
Saturday 21 November
4-8 pm

BIRTHDAYS

Paul Pandian – 11 October
Vamshi Kanaparthy – 13 October
Reema Sonala – 13 October
Ron Maddox – 14 October
Mark Chambers – 15 October
William Osborne – 15 October

ANNIVERSARIES

There are no wedding anniversaries this week that we're aware of, but if we've missed yours please let us know!

FILL YOUR CUP – AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

Tomorrow 10 October | 10.30 am

We're looking forward to another morning of connection, encouragement and simply spending time with other parents and caregivers who understand the journey.

It's been so lovely seeing new families join us, and we pray God continues to bring along those who could use some friendship, support and a place to belong.

Know someone who might benefit? Invite them along tomorrow – they're very welcome!

For more info, contact May at may@bbcc.org.nz

SUNDAY

We'd love to have you with us for a morning of worship, connection and encouragement as we continue our **Blockhouse and Beyond** series.

This Sunday, we'll hear more about the ministry in North India, started by our very own Pervez & Shirin David, as well as the work of our Alliance Global Partners around the world.

Come along, bring the family, and be encouraged as we worship, pray and celebrate what God is doing beyond our walls!

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." — Mark 16:15

CAP MONEY COURSE – LAST DAY TO SIGN UP IS THIS SUNDAY!

The **Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Money Course** is back this month to help people of all ages and stages get more in control of their finances. This includes designing a workable budget which empowers people to understand their current commitments and reach their goals faster.

We're offering this course over **three Wednesday nights in October**, led by Vanessa Blackie, Jan Nyemetz and Pastor Andrew. The course is free to attend.

Dates: 14, 21, 28 October

Time: 7.30 – 9.00 pm

Location: Blockhouse Bay Community Church

To attend, you need to register through the CAP Money website and set up an online profile, which will be used to help you design your budget. **Please click here to register** before this Sunday 11 October.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT BBCC (11-15 JANUARY 2027)

December marks the end of our "ministry year". After a very busy November and December, our volunteers and staff are spent and in need of a time of rest. This means January is a time when we press pause on many of our regular programmes and avoid holding special events.

However, next January we are bringing in a short-term missions team from the US to help us host a FREE 5-day long Christian holiday programme for our community. This will provide a valuable and much appreciated ministry for families in Blockhouse Bay (and beyond), both Christian and non-Christian, who are trying to manage work and childcare, while schools are on holiday and many kindys are closed. Our hope is that our holiday programme will **(1)** expose kids and families to the truth and love of Jesus Christ; **(2)** form new connections with families in the community; and **(3)** strengthen existing connections with our neighbours.

Want to join the team?

There are two ways you can help out. You can join our Prep Team or our Programme Team.

The Prep Team is responsible for preparing the decorations and supplies for the holiday programme, from now till January. If you like to be hands on and behind the scenes, this is a great way to serve.

The Programme Team will join the US Team in hosting the Holiday Programme from 11-15 Jan. If you like to work with kids and are available during this time, this is the place for you.

Meetings for both the Prep and Programme Team begin in September so please let Pastor Tyler know if you're interested by emailing him: tyler@bbcc.org.nz

PRAYER WALK

Saturday 17 October | 10.30 - 11.30 am

Come join us for our monthly Prayer Walk next Saturday from 10.30 - 11.30am. We'll enjoy a little exercise while praying God's blessing over our neighbourhood and community. Prayer makes a difference!

We'll also be handing out flyers for our upcoming Christmas Market, so it's a great opportunity to connect with our neighbours and spread the word.

No experience needed – just bring yourself and your walking shoes!

We'd love to have you join us!

OUR BBCC T-SHIRTS ARE A HIT!

You asked... so we're ordering more!

It's been great seeing so many people around church in their BBCC T-shirts – you're looking pretty smart, church family!

They've been super popular, so we're putting through another order!

If you missed out last time (or decided you need another one), now's your chance!

Orders are open now – get yours in soon!

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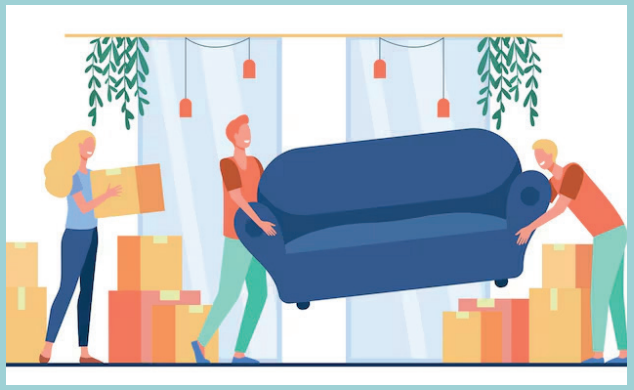
PRACTICAL HELP FOR A BBCC FAMILY!

John and Jasmine are a new family at BBCC, and are new to New Zealand too, and they need some help getting set up.

If you can help donate any of the following items, please contact Pastor Tyler (tyler@bbcc.org.nz)

- Dining table
- Couch
- TV
- Vacuum cleaner
- Double/Queen Bed
  Cot or Mattress
- Shoe Rack
- Wardrobes



PRAYING FOR OUR KINDERGARTEN

We opened Blockhouse Bay Christian Kindergarten in 1996 to meet the early childhood education needs of our community, and this ministry has now provided a wonderful service to hundreds of families. Our Centre caters for children aged 2-5 and is committed to providing firm foundations for life using Christian principles throughout each child's learning experience.

We recently asked our Centre Manager, Cindy Watkins Barlow, how we could pray for the Kindy, and here is what they shared with us:

- That the children would learn Christian values and principles that guide them through life.
- That seeds would be sown in the children's lives at Kindy that are part of the step in leading them to Christ.
- God's blessing on bible story time.
- There are a large number of children starting school. We need new enrolments- 2, 3 and 4-year-olds.
- For the Kindy staff and their families.

Please join us in praying for this important ministry.

SERVING AT BBCC

At BBCC, we believe everyone has God-given gifts and talents and that we're called to use them to serve others. On Sundays, this might be welcoming people as a Greeter, serving as a Tech on our Worship Team, helping in our Children's Ministry, or preparing refreshments or communion elements.

Serving is a way of loving God and loving others. Your service makes a difference.

Find out more here: bbcc.org.nz/serve

Giving at BBCC

Thank you for honouring God with your finances.

bbcc.org.nz/giving

LOST PROPERTY

We have a new space for lost property – near the bathrooms.

Please make sure you check this space from time to time as we will only keep lost and found items for three months, then they will be moved on.

CONNECT & GROW lifegroups

bbcc.org.nz/life-groups

Life Groups

Want to connect with people and grow in your faith? Why not join one of our Life Groups?

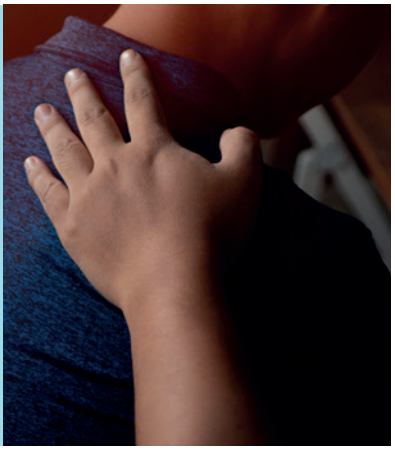
We have mixed groups and also groups for men, women, youth, young adults and seniors, and every group is open to new people.

Prayer Ministry

We make prayer a priority at BBCC and have plenty of opportunities to pray during the week with you!

If you have a prayer request, email prayerchain@bbcc.org.nz

bbcc.org.nz/prayer



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