blockhouse bay
community church

Weekly Update

Friday 16 October 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRAYER WALK
Saturday 17 October | 10.30 am

***FILL YOUR CUP* AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP**
Saturday 14 November | 10.30 am

BLOCKHOUSE BAY CHRISTMAS MARKET
Saturday 21 November
4-8 pm

BIRTHDAYS

Rishaan K – 18 October
Lila Haitoua – 19 October
Deepthi K – 20 October
Praful Rambhai – 20 October
Grace Rao – 22 October

ANNIVERSARIES

Rob & Mila – 18 October
Abhinay & Swapna – 22 October
Pervez & Shirin – 24 October
Tyler & Amanda – 24 October

PRAYER WALK

Tomorrow 17 October | 10.30 am

Join us tomorrow morning for our monthly Prayer Walk! We'll be spending an hour walking through our neighbourhood, praying for our community, connecting with people and delivering flyers for our upcoming Christmas Market and next year's school holiday programme.

It's a great way to get some fresh air, enjoy a chat and share God's love beyond our church walls. Come along, bring your walking shoes and let's make a difference together!

SUNDAY

Sundays are better together! Come along as we gather to worship, grow in faith and connect as a church family! Pastor Andrew kicks off our brand new sermon series, ***What About...?*** where we'll tackle some of the big questions about Jesus and Christianity that can sometimes become barriers to faith.

Whether you're looking to grow deeper in your faith or wrestling with questions of your own, we hope this series will encourage you, strengthen your faith and help you discover answers along the way.

Come along, bring a friend and let's explore these questions together!

INVESTING IN GLOBAL MISSIONS

Last Sunday we talked about being on mission to the ends of the earth. We fulfil this calling by supporting our Alliance Global Partners and Pervez and Shirin's ministry in Allahabad, India. If you're not already financially supporting Global Missions, would you consider a small investment? Increasing your giving by just $5 - $10 a week can make a huge difference to the people we support, and you'll be joining others across the Alliance family who are committed to taking the gospel to the ends of the earth.

If you're ready to support our global ministry, you can set up an automatic payment to the Alliance (details below) or adjust your giving to BBCC and advise the church office what you're doing. All giving to global missions qualifies for tax donation receipts. Thanks for considering this opportunity.

ALLIANCE BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Name: The Christian & Missionary Alliance of New Zealand
Account No: 12-3049-0316368-00
Please put your Name, BBCC, and "Global Partners" in the narration

ITEMS NEEDED FOR A SCHOOL CAMP

One of our families needs a few items for their 11 year old on his first school camp. If you can help by donating or lending any of these items, please let Pastor Andrew know asap (andrew@bbcc.org.nz)

- blanket
- rain jacket
- swimming shorts
- wetsuit
- aqua shoes
- head torch

JOIN THE BBCC TEE CREW!

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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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

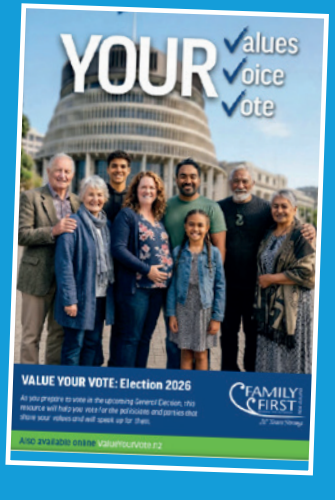
ELECTION 2026: VALUE YOUR VOTE

With the upcoming election in mind, Family First has released its **Value Your Vote 2026** booklet, providing a breakdown of how current MPs have voted on a range of significant social issues, along with where party leaders stand on key topics.

The booklet covers issues such as abortion, euthanasia, marriage, gender identity, drug legalisation, education, free speech and more. It also includes a helpful explanation of our voting system, including what’s known as the “wasted vote”.

We’ll be handing out copies at church this Sunday, so be sure to grab one!

Click on the link to view this resource online: **valueyourvote.nz**



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?

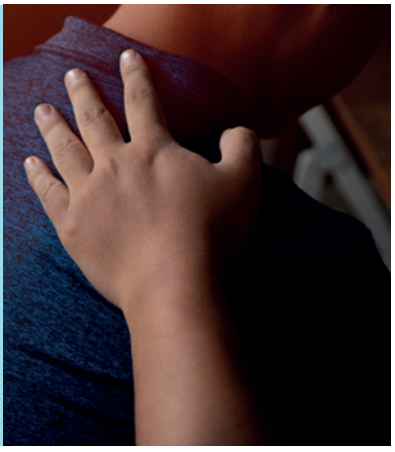
We have mixed groups and also groups for men, women, youth, young adults and seniors, and every group is open to new people.

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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