blockhouse bay
community church

Weekly Update

Friday 18 September 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRAYER WALK
Saturday 19 September | 10.30 am

GLOBAL IMPACT WEEK

Combined Church Service
Sunday 27 September | 10.30 am

Missions Focus Night
Wednesday 30 September
7.30 pm

Global Partners Fundraising Dinner
Saturday 3 October | 6.30 pm

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

BIRTHDAYS

Simione Malakai – 21 September
Kam Rao – 21 September
Carin Kirkman – 22 September
Grace Sant – 22 September
Nick Booth – 23 September
Jessica Oliver – 26 September

ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Lynda Richardson – 20 September

PRAYER WALK

Tomorrow 19 September | 10.30 am

Join us for our monthly **Prayer Walk** as we spend an hour walking through our neighbourhood, praying for our community and connecting with people along the way.

We'll also be delivering flyers for our CAP Money Course and next year's school holiday programme.

It's a simple, practical way to be the church beyond our walls. Come walk, talk and pray with us!

SUNDAY

We'd love to have you with us for a great morning of worship, connection and encouragement. Pastor Tyler will continue our ***Blockhouse & Beyond*** series, looking at how we can reach out and make a difference right here in our local community.

It's also **Media Prayer Day**, so we'll be joining churches across Aotearoa in praying for those who work in and influence our media – from social media and streaming to TV, radio, print and film.

Come along, bring the family, and let's worship and pray together. See you Sunday!

INTRODUCING GLOBAL IMPACT WEEK

26 September – 3 October

Every year, our nine Alliance churches gather together to celebrate God's faithfulness and focus on international missions. This year, BBCC plays a big part in these gatherings, hosting a Combined Service, a Missions Focus Night, and a Fundraising Dinner for our Global Partners.

Our Speakers are **Rev Rajesh & Sucheta Patole** from Mumbai, India, who we've been partnering with for many years, and we're looking forward to spending time with them and our Alliance family.

There are more details in the Global Impact brochure that are available at church, and we'll be talking about this regularly in the coming weeks. The signup for the Global Partners Fundraising Dinner is available at BBCC, with limited spaces available.

COMBINED CHURCHES SERVICE
Sunday 27 September | 10.30 am | BBCC

MISSIONS FOCUS NIGHTS

Tuesday 29 September | 7.30 - 9.00 pm
West Harbour Church (English)

Wednesday 30 September | 7.30 - 9.00 pm
BBCC (English)

Thursday 1 October | 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Central CMA Church (Mandarin)

Friday 2 October | 7.30 - 10.00 pm
Youth & Young Adults
Chinese Alliance Christian Church

GLOBAL PARTNERS FUNDRAISING DINNER
Saturday 3 October | 6.30 - 9.00 pm
Blockhouse Bay Community Church

COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE – NEXT SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

It's going to be a very special (and very full!) service, with friends from our other Alliance churches joining us and Rev Rajesh & Sucheta Patole speaking to start **Global Impact Week**.

As the host church, we have the privilege of welcoming our Alliance family to our place. Seating and Parking will be tight, so plan to arrive early and park on the road and front grass area. Disabled parking will be available in the car park. Please note: **Daylight Saving** starts next Sunday, so remember to change any of your "old school" manual clocks and head to bed an hour early so you're all ready for the service.

Creche and Kidz Quest will both be in the KQ area and will be open from 10.15 am, operating throughout the whole service. Please take your children into Kidz Quest when you arrive.

We'll be taking up a special offering towards our **Church Planting Fund**. As an Alliance family, we'd love to see more churches planted across New Zealand so that more people and communities can be reached with the hope of Jesus. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to contribute. Special offering envelopes will be handed out on arrival for cash or electronic giving.

CAP MONEY COURSE

The Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Money Course is back next 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 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

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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

28 September – 2 October | 9 am – 12.30 pm

Church of the Saviour, 2 Heaphy Street

Church of the Saviour is running a holiday programme at the end of this month for Primary School students (ages 5-10). Fun, games, music, craft, and so much more!

Donations are gratefully accepted so give what you can to support families that are looking for affordable options.

Morning tea supplied (BYO if allergies are present).

Register: www.cots.org.nz or walk-ins welcome

Contact: Claire Wyeth – 09 627 8779 or claire@cots.org.nz

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?

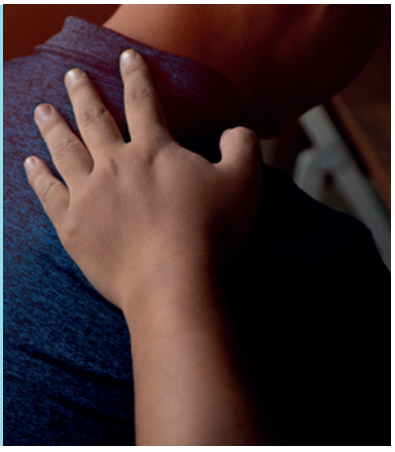
We have mixed groups and also groups for men, women, youth, young adults and seniors, and every group is open to new people.

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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