blockhouse bay
community church

Weekly Update

Friday 22 October 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

PAUL & CHRISTEENA'S BABY SHOWER
Saturday 14 November | 2 pm

BLOCKHOUSE BAY CHRISTMAS MARKET
Saturday 21 November | 4-8 pm

BIRTHDAYS

Hannah Dasari – 25 October
Lesley McDaid – 26 October
Allan Officer – 26 October
Zane Elias Khan – 30 October

ANNIVERSARIES

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

SUNDAY

If God is good, why is there so much suffering? Where is He when life gets tough?

These are questions that have crossed our minds, especially when life doesn't go the way we'd hoped.

This Sunday, Pastor Tyler continues our **"What About...?"** series as we unpack *"What About Suffering?"* – one of the toughest questions about faith and God.

Come with your questions, your doubts and an open heart as we look to God's Word for hope and understanding.

We'd love to see you at 10.30 am for worship, encouragement and time together as a church family. Bring someone along!

BBCC IS AN OFFICIAL VOTING PLACE!

Our church will once again be serving our local community as a voting place for the upcoming elections, with advance voting starting Monday 26 October.

We're pleased to be able to open our doors during the week (except on Sunday), and provide a convenient place for people in our community to cast their votes. If you're in the building, please be mindful of the extra visitors coming through, and let's make everyone feel welcome!

HELP WITH MEALS

Thank you to all those who've signed up to support **Deepak & Cynthia Kodamala** by providing meals after the birth of their little girl!

We've still got three spaces left on the Meal Train App and if you can volunteer to provide one of the meals, please click on the link below to enter the details:

https://mealtrain.com/z6n3ko

BABY SHOWER – PAUL & CHRISTEENA!

Saturday 14 November | 2 pm | BBCC

We wish to bless **Paul & Christeena** as they await the arrival of their first child.

Please bring a plate of finger food towards afternoon tea, plus words of advice and encouragement for the new parents. If you'd like to give a gift, they will have an online gift list available next week.

This event is for all the ladies and men of BBCC!

RSVP by 11 November to Fiona – 027 296 0015

FILL YOUR CUP AUTISM PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday 14 November
10.30 am

Know a parent or caregiver of a neurodiverse child who could use some encouragement and support? Spread the word about Fill Your Cup – we'd love to welcome them! Contact May for more info.

BLOCKHOUSE BAY CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 21 November | 4-8 pm | BBCC

Our biggest community event of the year is just around the corner, and the excitement is building! As Emily Silby shared a few Sundays ago, it's been incredible to see how much this event has grown over the years. With over 1,500 people expected through our doors, we need all hands on deck to make it another fantastic night!

The team is already hard at work behind the scenes, and Pastor Tyler is rallying the troops! There'll be plenty of opportunities to get involved, so keep an eye out for the volunteer sign-up sheets this Sunday.

It's less than a month away, and we'd love for you to be part of making this special night happen.

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!

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/ddR8nFAcmX

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

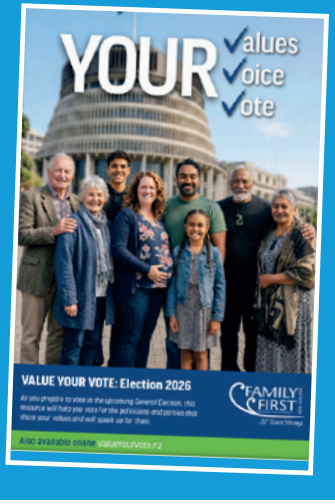
ELECTION 2026: VALUE YOUR VOTE

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 have many more booklets so grab a few copies if you would like to give these out to friends!

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.

HAIR RAISING HAT PARTY!

Saturday 31 October | 5.45-7.30 pm
Blockhouse Bay Baptist Church

Join the Blockhouse Bay Baptist Church crew at their annual Hair Raising Hat Party on Saturday 31 October! This year's theme is 'Around the World' and they're looking forward to seeing all the fun hairdos and incredible hats the kids come in!

A fun and safe alternative to trick-or-treating with food, games and prizes. Invite your friends and neighbours!

Find out more on their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1569008131922994&set=a.553017420188742

Where: Blockhouse Bay Baptist Church, 504 Blockhouse Bay Rd
Contact: 09 626 6980

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?

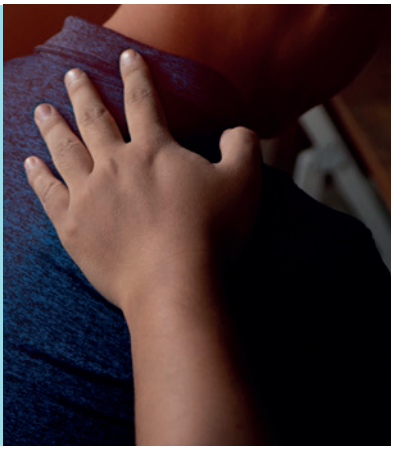
We have mixed groups and also groups for men, women, youth, young adults and seniors, and every group is open to new people.

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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