blockhouse bay
community church

Weekly Update

Saturday 31 October 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

PRAYER WALK
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

COMBINED ADVENT SERVICE
Wednesday 25 November | 7.30 pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Saturday 28 November | 9-10.30 am

BIRTHDAYS

Nalin Fernando – 3 November
Barbara Ceato – 4 November
Nawamalee Fernando – 5 November
Henson D'Souza – 6 November
Ryan Praise – 6 November
Ash Khan – 7 November
Steve Silby – 7 November

ANNIVERSARIES

Manu & Soumya Mohan – 7 November

SUNDAY

Is it intolerant to believe Christianity is the only way? Aren't all religions essentially the same?

This Sunday, Pastor Andrew continues our **"What About...?"** sermon series with *"What About Other Religions?"* as we tackle these challenging questions and explore what makes Christianity distinct, and how we can share our faith with both truth and grace.

We're looking forward to another wonderful Sunday of worship, fellowship and growing together in faith. Come along, bring a friend and let's worship together!

BBCC IS AN OFFICIAL VOTING PLACE!

It's been wonderful seeing so many people walking through our church doors this week as BBCC once again serves as a voting place for our local community!

We're glad to be able to open our doors and provide a convenient space for people to cast their votes during the week (except Sunday).

With extra visitors coming through, let's be mindful of those around us and take every opportunity to offer a friendly smile and a warm BBCC welcome if you're around during the week!

PRAYER WALK

Saturday 14 November | 10.30 - 11.30 am

Lace up your walking shoes and join us for our monthly **Prayer Walk**! It's a wonderful opportunity to get moving, connect with our neighbours and cover our community in prayer. Prayer makes a difference!

We'll also be delivering flyers for our upcoming Christmas Market, helping spread the word about this exciting community event.

Just one hour of your time can make a difference! No experience needed, just a willing heart and a comfy pair of shoes. We'd love to see you there!

FILL YOUR CUP AUTISM PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday 14 November | 10.30 am

Our **Fill Your Cup Parent/Caregiver Support Group** is meeting again in two weeks!

It's a time to share the joys, challenges and everyday moments of raising neurodiverse children with others who truly understand. No judgement, no pressure – just friendship, encouragement and a place to belong.

It's been wonderful welcoming new families, and we pray God continues to lead more families our way.

Know someone who could use a little support and connection? Spread the word and invite them along – everyone is welcome!

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

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.

Please contact Fiona (or Esther – 021 146 6533) if you wish to see a gift list – alternatively, a monetary gift would be appreciated.

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

RSVP by 11 November to Fiona – 027 296 0015

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 are plenty of opportunities to get involved, so click here to sign up!

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

BLOCKHOUSE BAY CHURCHES COMBINED ADVENT SERVICE

Wednesday 25 November | 7.30 pm | BBCC

As we head into this wonderful season, join the churches of Blockhouse Bay for a special **Combined Advent Service** at BBCC!

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas, celebrate the hope we have in Jesus and look forward with anticipation to the return of our Coming King.

We're looking forward to gathering with our wider Christian community as one church family!

Participating churches: Blockhouse Bay Baptist, Blockhouse Bay Community Church, Church of the Saviour and Iona Presbyterian Church

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 28 November | 9.00 - 10.30 am
Venue TBC

Guys, it's time for another **Men's Breakfast**!

Join us on Saturday 28 November for a relaxed morning of good food, great company and plenty of laughs. It's a fantastic chance to catch up, connect and enjoy some quality bloke time!

When: Saturday 28 November | 9.00-10.30 am

Where: Watch this space for venue details

Click here to register!

For more details, contact Pastor Andrew or Ron.

ADVENTURE AWAITS AT KINGDOM QUEST! (11-15 JANUARY 2027)

Got kids aged 5–12? We've got their summer holidays sorted! Five days of fun, adventure and discovering God's Kingdom – and it's completely FREE!

Spaces are limited, so get in quick! Click here to sign up today and spread the word!

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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HAIR RAISING HAT PARTY!

TODAY 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. 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!

Click here to find out more on their Facebook page

Contact for more info: 09 626 6980

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?

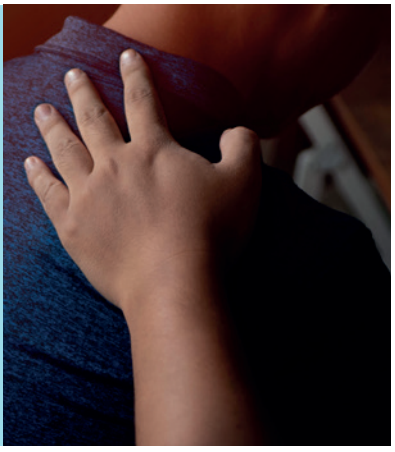
We have mixed groups and also groups for men, women, youth, young adults and seniors, and every group is open to new people.

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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