

PBC NEWSLETTER

“Love God, Love People, Make Disciples of Jesus, Together”

18 October 2026

VISITING WITH US

Nau Mai Haere Mai! Welcome!

A warm welcome to visitors and guests joining us today. Do join us after the service so we can get to know you. If you fill in a communication card found on the information table, we can keep you updated with church news.

UNSTOPPABLE

*The Holy Spirit and the Church
in the Book of Acts*

KEYNOTE SERIES

THIS WEEK

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER | 9.15AM

MORNING SERVICE | 10AM

**Unstoppable: The Holy Spirit and the Church in the Book of Acts:
22. Falsely Accused**

Acts 24:1-25:12

Ps Andrew

AFTERNOON SERVICE | 3PM

Mandarin Fellowship

Ps Peter

YOUTH GATHERING | 6PM

Converge

Rachael Lotoaso and the Converge Team

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 19 OCTOBER | 7.30PM

Prayer Gathering in the prayer room.

**Community Meal meets every 1st
Tuesday of the month in the foyer.**

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER | 10.30AM

Women's Connect Group meets in the Prayer Room.

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER | 7.30PM

Worship Team meets in the auditorium.
All Welcome.

MINIKIDZ Ages 1- 4

Will meet in the Children's Ministry office. Or there is an area at the rear of the church for parents with babies.

KIDZONE Yrs 1- 6

This term we continue with our theme The Big Story. This Sunday is Funday. Please make your way to the Activity Centre after the notices. Kids will be returned to the orange tiles in the cafe area about 11:15am.

PULSE Yrs 7- 9

Sticking Close to God

On Sunday, 4 October, following our 60th anniversary weekend one of our Elders brought a prophetic word to the congregation that the Elders felt might be for us all. Sandi had received the words 'hunger and thirst' from the Lord and the next day felt led to Matthew 5:6 where it says *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."*

Her overall impression was that God to fulfill the purposes we have as individuals at PBC and the purposes that we have together as a church, we must first of all be hungry and thirsty for God, remaining in constant communion with Him, and asking God questions such as *"what should I be doing in this situation right now?"* and *"what should I be thinking about right now?"*

This word about sticking close with God echoes our church prophecy which we received several years before we moved into our current site at 219 Ti Rakau. *"My children, you have spent these years as if in a quiet backwater. But now, as you continue to humble yourselves before me and pray, I shall take you and lift you into the mainstream of life, where you will be a leading light and draw many to Me. As you serve, obey and learn of me, I will abundantly bless you in ways you cannot imagine. My children, I love you -hold onto that and we will go forward together"* (12 February 1989).

It also resonates with the theme of my sermon on our 60th anniversary, which was 'Abide in Me,' based on Jesus' parable of the grapevine in John 15.

The Lord is inviting you and I to deepen and dwell more closely in our relationship to Him. Rev 3:6 *"Let anyone with ears listen to the Spirit and understand what He is saying to the churches."*

Blessings/ Ngā manaakitanga

Andrew

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy to Mina and Simon and family on the passing of Mina's father.



Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. **Php 2:14-15**

DELIVERANCE WORKSHOP WITH BRUCE REA SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER



- **Core Focus:** The workshop addresses real-life experiences of spiritual warfare, darkness, and dealing with evil spirits—both in helping non-Christian friends and navigating personal spiritual blocks.
- **The Goal:** To equip and empower church members to minister in the areas of freedom, deliverance, and healing, rather than facing these challenges alone.
- **Guest Speaker:** International evangelist **Bruce Rea** from Breath of Life Ministries.
- **When:** Saturday, 17 October 2026 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- **Where:** Pakuranga Baptist Church

ELDERS NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Nominations for elders open this weekend and close on **Sunday, 1 November 2026**. David Chou and George Lotoaso are available for re-election for another two year term. Mark Lewis is resigning midterm for family reasons. We are grateful for Mark's service over the last three years and are looking for at least **one** new elder.

Elders provide spiritual oversight, governance and care for the Pakuranga Baptist Church Community. They are elected for a period of two years at a time.

Nominations are now open for Elders for the 2027-2028 period.

The attached Elders Nomination form contains comprehensive information on the roll and we invite you to prayerfully reflect upon who you believe God might be calling to our Eldership. Submissions can be made in the nomination box on the Welcome Table or by presenting to one of the existing Elders.

CONNECT GROUP LEADERS MEETING

Connect Group Leaders Meeting, 7:15pm, Tuesday, 20 October at 1 Premwood Rd, Flatbush.



MINISTRY EVENT



Join us for our Holy Spirit evening this month. This is an opportunity to enter and enjoy the intimate presence of God, to experiment with and experience our spiritual gifts, and to see healing, deliverance and other breakthroughs in people's lives. This is often a refreshing, healing, and relaxed time. We suggest that you fast a meal beforehand and you are welcome to join us for pre-service prayer at 6:45pm for ten minutes. The event starts 7pm in the auditorium.

CHURCH FAMILY SOCIAL EVENT 6:45pm, SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

We will be having our Church Family Social Event on Saturday 31 October at 6:45 pm at church.

Come along and bring your family and friends for an enjoyable evening of fellowship! We will be screening a movie suitable for children and teenagers, whilst young adults and adults can enjoy board games and socialising in the foyer. Please bring along a board game to share with others!

All are welcome! Feel free to invite your friends to join us.

Scan the QR code or speak with David Ee or one of the crew at the Registration Desk after Sunday's service, for more complete the online registration form by **Wednesday 28 October at 5 pm** at the very latest. Early registration will assist with catering and logistical arrangements.





Men's Breakfast

Saturday 7 Nov
8AM @ HEIGHTS BAKERY & COFFEE LOUNGE
114 REEVES RD
PAKURANGA
ALL WELCOME!
Because Brothers Need Brothers !



Women's Event

Making Jewellery

- Meet at church at 10am (We aim to finish by 12ish)
- We will make jewellery together
- Please bring a small plate for morning tea

Saturday 7 Nov 2026

See Trevlynne, Rebekah, Sandi or Kim for more details. This is a great event to bring a friend, a neighbour, or a workmate. There will be a choice of different items to make- earrings, bag chains, handbag charms, decorative spoons and bookmarks.

PRAYER @ PBC



Monday Night Prayer | 7.30pm-8.30pm

Meet in the Auditorium. *Not on public holidays.*

Sunday Pre-Service Prayer | 9.30am

Meet in the Prayer Room
After the service - Front of stage
Look for the Prayer Team wearing the red lanyards.

Prayer Chain

Please email prayer requests to Andrew Brown, andrew.brown@pakbapt.org

CONVERGE YOUTH YEAR 9-13

Converge meets at 6pm on Sunday during term time. Dinner is served at 6:30pm. We have games, worship, a message on prayer, and small groups. We finish at 9pm.

YOUNG ADULTS 18-35 YEARS

ZEAL | Wed | 7pm

Meets at Mark's place during term time. Please contact Mark Lewis via SMS on 0221677975.

CUTIE-FRUITY | Thurs | 7.30pm

Meets during term time. Please contact lupita via SMS on 021 089 20461.

YYA (Young Young Adults) | Wed | 7.30pm

Meets during term time. Please contact Rachael and George via SMS on 022 130 9398 R) and 022 095 8662 (G).

FINANCE AND OFFERINGS

We encourage regular online giving. Tithes and offerings can be made by online banking to the church bank account: 12-3056-0656934-00. **Particulars Field:** legal name and surname, **Code Field:** your Contributor Number, **Reference Field:** only use if this is a special offering, e.g. missions, compassionate fund. For a giving number please contact the church at office@pakbapt.org.nz
There is a Donation Box on the Church Office wall by the door.

CONNECT GROUPS

CONNECT GROUPS	DAY	WHEN	TIME	LEADER
Prayer	Mon	weekly	7.30pm	Simon Christophers 021 260 7749
Women's Group	Wed	weekly	10.30am	Adele Swears 273 5439
Zeal Young Adults	Wed	weekly	7pm	Mark Lewis 022 167 7975
Beta	Wed	weekly	7pm	Jerome Mesa 021 0843 5849
Omega	Wed	weekly	7pm	Cilla Cook 022 505 1177
Revolution	Fri	fortnightly	7.30pm	David Chou 021 664 743
YYA Young Young Adults	Thur	fortnightly	7.30pm	Rachael & George Lotoaso 022 130 9398(R) 022 095 8662(G)
Cutie-Fruity Young Adults	Thur	weekly	7.30pm	Iupita Loto-Aso 021 089 20461
Worship Teams	Thur	weekly	7.30pm	Andrew Chessum 027 678 7744
Meet Up	Fri	fortnightly	7.30pm	Rachel Chou 021 0604 674
FHL	Fri	fortnightly	7.30pm	Albert Lee 027 627 5111

For more information contact Colleen at the church office: office@pakbapt.org.nz

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