

PBC NEWSLETTER

29 November 2026

"Love God, Love People, Make Disciples of Jesus, Together"

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

TODAY

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER | 9.30AM

MORNING SERVICE | 10AM

The Road to Bethlehem: My Heart for Him 1. The Promise

Luke 4:14-30

Ps Andrew

Church Forward Planning Meeting | 11.30AM

AFTERNOON SERVICE | 3PM

Mandarin Fellowship

Ps Peter

ENCOUNTER | 7PM



THIS WEEK

MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER | 7.30PM

Weekly Prayer Gathering in the auditorium.

WEDNESDAY 2 DEC | 10.30AM

Women's Connect Group meets in the Prayer Room.

THURSDAY 3 DEC | 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

PULSE Yrs 7–9

We are practicing the Christmas play for our Christmas Family Service on 13 December. Everyone is needed! 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.

PASTOR'S PEN

Welcome to Christmas!

The Advent Season has now begun! The shops might have started a few weeks ago, but now the season has truly begun. Join us on our journey to the manger this December where God made Himself known to humans.

Advent is a season of preparation, a little like Lent, where we prepare our hearts to receive our Saviour. This means making room in our lives and our schedules for Him. It is about opening ourselves to the joy and the wonder of Jesus.

This first Sunday of Advent is a good point in time to ask what would enhance mine and others experience of this season.

Do you recall high points in previous years' Christmas that you could recreate?

Are there certain things you need to put a ring around on your calendar so you don't lose sight of them?

Are there some things you could cut out and stop to focus on what's truly important?

What's something different you could do that would make a surprising difference to the significance of this Christmas?

We have a family friend from New Zealand who has joined a tour to experience the celebration of Christmas in northern Europe. Most of us don't need to travel that far. The Kiwi Christmas has its own unique flavour.

Let's make the most of it this summer. "Lord, we open our hearts and lives to you this Advent."

Blessings/ Ngā manaakitanga

Andrew

CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH CONVERGE
FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER, 7.30PM



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Cilla Cook and Stella Helu have applied for membership of PBC. Please pass on comments, feedback and support to the Elders Board by Saturday, 5 December 2026.



See Sandi or Kim for more details.



A small sum of money was found in car park on Sunday. If it is yours, please contact Colleen in the church office.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 12 NOON

PBC is thrilled to host our 60th Christmas Lunch, following our 10 am Christmas Service. Please bring along your whānau and mates to celebrate this special occasion together.

Please wear your 60th Anniversary T-Shirt, if you have one, as we will have a group photo before lunch.

Please bring a Christmas dish to share. Fill in your option on the sheet in the foyer. Thanks for doing that.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Today is the last day for registrations! Kindly register by 5pm today, as we need to confirm the final number for logistical and catering purposes to ensure a successful and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Please scan the QR code to register online or use the following link: https://forms.gle/1m1QYKLFWpcNBt1G9.

For further information, please email events@pakbapt.org.nz or speak to someone at the Registration Table after the service.

We look forward to celebrating Christmas together as one church whānau!



CONDOLENCES



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Keegan Chessum and Elizabeth Joseph on their recent engagement.
Many blessings on your future together.

CONVERGE END OF YEAR CAMP SUNDAY 13-16 DECEMBER 2026



Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Fri 27 November

Christmas Carols with Converge

Start of Christmas and the Advent Season

Sun 13 December

Christmas Family Service, followed by our Christmas Shared Lunch.

Sun 20 December

Red Sunday.

Fri 25 December

Christmas Day 1-hour Service



I have come that you might have life -life in all its fullness. John 10:10

'GIFTS OF GRACE'
PBC CHRISTMAS APPEAL

29 NOVEMBER – 25 DECEMBER 2026

God has given us so much that it's good to share with others at Christmas. This Christmas Season we can do a lot to help others not only in our own community, but around the world. This year the PBC Good News Christmas Appeal is being directed to support the following groups:

1. EMPOWER HER (AROTAHI) BANGLADESH

Empower Her is a five-year women's empowerment and community development initiative that will impact 5,000 unerprivelged women in Bangladesh. The project works across ten communities to strengthen the socio-economic capacity and rights of women and girls through building resource networks, economic empowerment, working with local authorities to strengthen protection systems, improving access to reproductive healthcare, and developing well trained community workers.

2. EASTER CAMP SPONSORSHIP

Easter Camp is one of the most spiritually impacting events a young person can take part in. Every year dozens of young people offer their lives to Jesus at Easter Camp. This year we would like to raise funds so that friends of church youth can receive assistance to attend. Your gift can make the difference in a young person's life.

3. THE CITY MISSION

The Anglican City Mission in Auckland - often simply called "the City Mission" - is one of the largest and most visible faith-based social service providers in Aotearoa New Zealand. Established in the early 20th century, the Mission has long worked with families experiencing poverty, homelessness, addiction, domestic violence, and social exclusion. When you give to Auckland City Mission you help provide vital support to people facing homelessness, food insecurity, and provide access to healthcare.

Cash donations to support the above groups can be made either by using the envelope provided or by banking online with the words *'Grace Gift'* in the Reference Field. PBC's bank account 12-3056-0656934-00.

"Don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God." Hebrews 13:16. Thank you.

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.

HOME Honouring Our Maker Everyday **| Thurs | 7.30pm**
Meets during term time. Please contact Iupita 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	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)
HOME 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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