

# PBC NEWSLETTER

4 May 2026

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

## 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 chat with 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** | **9.30AM**  
**MORNING SERVICE** | **10.00AM**

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

**2. Receiving the Power Acts 2**

Ps Andrew

**The Lord's Supper**

**Celebration Box**

**AFTERNOON SERVICE** | **3PM**

Mandarin Fellowship

Ps Peter

**YOUTH GATHERING** | **6PM**

**Converge**

Rachael Lotoaso and the Converge Team

### NEXT WEEK

**MONDAY 5 MAY** | **10.30AM**

Prayer Gathering in the prayer room.

**TUESDAY 7 APRIL** | **1-2PM**

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

**WEDNESDAY 7 MAY** | **10.30AM**

Women's Connect Group meets in the Prayer Room.

**THURSDAY 8 MAY** | **7.30AM**

Worship Team meets in the auditorium.  
All Welcome.

MINIKIDZ Ages 1- 4

KIDZONE Yrs 1- 6

PULSE Yrs 7- 9

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

This term we continue with our theme is The Big Story looking at Lesson 35, *More Than*, Nehemiah 6-8. 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.

## Focusing Upon Mission

We have now started the adventure that is the Book of Acts. We are following God's unstoppable grace as it flows from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. When the ancients thought of the ends of the earth they may well have thought of India or the United Kingdom. Little did they know that we would be sitting here in Pakuranga Baptist as a result.

This month we have two opportunities to connect with God's unstoppable grace:

The first is our Missions Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, 16 May 2026. Our goal this year is to provide musical instruments and other equipment for our Baptist mission partners Mission Link Ministries Kenya so they can hold more outdoor evangelistic rallies.

Bishop Corbitt says that many people come to faith as a result of these outreaches, but it is hard for poorer churches to afford the high cost of hiring the equipment and so this limits the number of outreaches they can do. Our donations through the Silent Auction will enable them to hold more outreaches and to see yet more people come to faith.

The second is the Alpha Course starting on Wednesday, 13 May 2026 with the Introductory evening, Is There More To Life Than This? This is an enjoyable way to understand some of the foundational Christian beliefs and get to know new people over food and discussion - it is also a very helpful way to introduce people to Jesus. Just invite someone to come with you and register this week using the QR code. The team is looking forward to seeing you.

Blessings/ Ngā manaakitanga

Andrew

## BAPTISM PREPARATION



### Baptisms are coming up!

One person is already set, and we're looking for others who are ready to make this commitment. Interested in joining them? Talk to Ps Andrew this Sunday to find out more."

## UPDATE YOUR DETAILS FOR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY



Your photo is needed! We will be updating our visual Church Directory in the next few weeks. Moved address? New email address? Have a new mobile phone? Don't forget to update your details at the table in the foyer.



**Men's Breakfast**  
Saturday 2 May

BAM @ HEIGHTS BAKERY & COFFEE LOUNGE  
114 REEVES RD  
PAKURANGA

ALL WELCOME!  
Because Brothers Need Brothers!

## HANMER HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT

Ps Andrew and a group of seven from PBC will be attending the annual Baptist Holy Spirit gathering at Hanmer this Tuesday to Thursday. This is a time of input, refreshment and inspiration for leaders to receive a touch from God and in turn encourage others. Please pray for our team going. Ps Andrew will be on leave until Thursday, 14 May 2026.

**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**

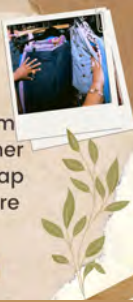
**John 10:10**

## Women's Event

### Clothes Swap

- At church from 10am-12pm
- Bring clothes, and any other items that you wish to swap
- Bring a small plate to share for morning tea

Saturday 2 May 2026



See Kim or Sandi if you have any questions.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



### JOINING THE FAMILY

Esther Tadamalla has applied for membership of PBC. Please pass on comments, feedback and support to the Elders Board by Sunday, 17 May 2026.

## NEWCOMERS MORNING TEA SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026



If you are new PBC or have never attended a Newcomers gathering we invite you to join us. More details to follow.

## JOIN OUR MISSIONARY TRIP TO FIJI, 5-15 JUNE 2026



Ps Andrew is joining the Breath of Life Ministries trip with team leader Bruce Rea for an evangelistic and healing ministry trip to Labasa, Fiji's second largest city, on 5-15 June 2026.

An interdenominational team will be going and estimated costs including airfares are \$2,100. This is an excellent opportunity to learn how to share your testimony, share the good news, pray for people's healing and minister in the power of the Holy Spirit. We're looking for more team members.

If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to Ps Andrew.

## THE ALPHA COURSE STARTING MID MAY



Alpha is a 10 week free course that creates space for everyday people to participate in conversations about life, faith and God. Each session includes a video and a small group discussion where you will be able to explore the basics of the Christian faith, addressing questions like *'Who is Jesus?'*, *'How can I have faith?'* and *'Does God heal today?'* Normally there is supper, a video and discussion. It is a great way to explore life and faith, ask questions, share your thoughts and get to know others. The first night session is called *'Is there more to life than this?'*

We are looking for volunteers to help run the course and for people who would like to attend. Is someone available to assist with childcare at someone's place, that would be helpful.

To register, please add your names to the list on the information table on Sunday or use the QR code. Please speak to David Chou or Ps Andrew for more information.





PBC is thrilled to host our Annual International Missions Dinner and Fundraiser. This is a fun and relaxed evening for coming together in unity as a church family and enjoying fellowship amongst our many cultures.

- We will have a Silent Auction featuring a range of fantastic items generously donated by local businesses and sponsors. All funds raised will directly support our church's mission and vision, which provides support and resources for under-resourced communities in Kenya and Bangladesh. Furthermore, should any surplus funds be raised, they will likewise be directed toward supporting underprivileged communities overseas and to support our relevant church individuals that might have limited financial resource to go on their mission trip.
- We will also take time to pray for our overseas missionaries and the specific countries where they serve the Lord in His field of missions, as well as for others who may be called to serve Him, either now or in the future, in missions.
- Please bring a **large ethnic dish to share** and **wear something from your culture**. If you are unable to bring a dish, please contribute \$10.00 towards the catering, which would be greatly appreciated.
- Please scan the QR code, visit the registration link: <https://forms.gle/qxmDKE28Q4dfDWb68>, or register at the Registration Desk by Sunday 10th May at 5 pm or by Monday 11th May at 5 pm at the very latest, so we can confirm numbers for our catering and logistics purposes.



For more info, please contact David Ee on 021 642 930 or via email: [events@pakbapt.org.nz](mailto:events@pakbapt.org.nz). We hope you can join us!



**Monday Night Prayer | 7.30pm**

Meet in the Auditorium.

**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](mailto:andrew.brown@pakbapt.org)

**CONVERGE YOUTH YEAR 9-13**

Converge meets during term time at 6pm Sunday night with dinner at 6:30pm. We have games, worship, a message on prayer, and small groups. We finish at 9pm. We think that God has formed Converge like another family.

**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 at Joshua Neal's place during term time. Please contact Lupita via SMS on 021 089 20461.

**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](mailto:office@pakbapt.org.nz)

**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
Revolution	Wed	weekly	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	Lupita Loto-Aso 021 089 20461
Worship Teams	Thur	weekly	7.30pm	Andrew Chessum 027 678 7744
Meet Up	Fri	fortnightly	7.30pm	Rachel Chou 021 210 0839
FHL	Fri	fortnightly	7.30pm	Albert Lee 027 627 5111

For more information contact Colleen at the church office: [office@pakbapt.org.nz](mailto:office@pakbapt.org.nz)

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