

PBC NEWSLETTER

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

4 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:**

20. Facing Opposition

Acts 21:1-22:21

Ps Andrew

Celebration Box and the Lord's Supper

Newcomers Morning Tea | 11.30AM

AFTERNOON SERVICE | 3PM

Mandarin Fellowship

Ps Peter

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER | 7.30PM

Prayer Gathering in the prayer room.

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER | 1-2PM

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

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER | 10.30AM

Women's Connect Group meets in the
Prayer Room.

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER | 7.30PM

Worship Team meets in the auditorium.
All Welcome.

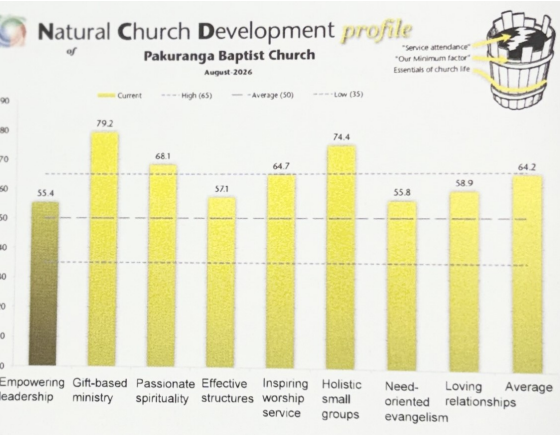
Activity Packs are available to pick up at the front of the church for children to bring back to their seats. There is an area at the rear of the church for parents with babies.

For Health and Safety reasons we ask that parents kindly keep an eye on their children at all times as there are no children's programs happening over the holidays.

**Kidzone, Pulse and Converge are on term break and will resume
Sunday 18 October 2026.**

A Sense of Celebration

Every few years we conduct a Natural Church Development (NCD) Survey to gain a deeper understanding of our church. This is one of the most respected church surveys in the world. In August this year I invited 30 of our members to contribute and a big thanks to those of you who took part. Here are the results.



The survey reports feedback on nine key factors in the church's life and how well the church is poised to grow. The nine key factors are empowering leadership, gift-based ministry, passionate spirituality, effective structures, inspiring worship services, holistic small groups, need-oriented evangelism and loving relationships. The number 50 running across the middle is the average for all churches. A score below 35 in any area indicates trouble. A score about 65 indicates an area of strength.

PBC's average is 64.2% which is very good. Our church has no factors below 35% and we have three, nearly four factors above 65%: Gift-based ministry 79.2%, Passionate spirituality 68.1%, Inspiring Worship Services on 64.7% and Holistic Small Groups on 74.4%. These are all areas of health or strength in the life of our church. We also conducted an NCD survey in 2022 just after Covid and one 13 years ago in 2013 when life was pretty good. Every single factor has improved and is higher today than in either of those previous times.

The lesson of the graph seems to be that God is positioning our church fellowship to continue to grow. God has been pruning and fertilising our church, and indications are that we will continue to flourish as we focus upon Him. In fact, the change that makes me happiest as Senior Pastor is that there has been a 10-point increase in Passionate Spirituality which is our desire to relate to God. This is a good sign, and it pleases God. And when you love God, you can't go far wrong.

Next year we will focus on our weakest factors of Evangelism and Empowering Leadership, and I am confident that God will continue to bless us. Please continue to pray for our life and mission in our community.

Blessings/ Ngā manaakitanga

Andrew



We welcome new friends to PBC. If you've just joined us in the last 6 months or never been to a newcomers event please join us after the service **today** for an opportunity to meet other newcomers, some of the church leadership and discover a little more about PBC.



Men's Breakfast

Saturday 3 October

8AM @ HEIGHTS BAKERY
& COFFEE LOUNGE
114 REEVES RD
PAKURANGA

ALL WELCOME!

Because Brothers Need Brothers!

Women's Event

Morning Tea at Sandi's

- Meet at Sandi's at 10am.
(We aim to finish by 12ish)
- Please bring a small plate to share for morning tea together.
- 35 Fremantle Place, best to park on the road and walk up the driveway.



Saturday 3 October 2026

We will have morning tea together and enjoy each other's company. See Kim or Sandi if you have any questions.



YOU ARE INVITED

Sat 10 Oct

7pm
Māngere Bridge Baptist Church
28 Woodward Avenue

To RSVP: email events@carey.ac.nz

Join us to celebrate our
Pastoral and Youth Pastoral students
graduating this year!

A live stream link will be available on the
night if you cannot join us in person.

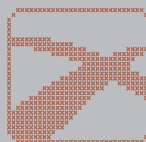
Rachael Lotoaso, our Youth Ministry Team leader will be graduating from the Youth Pastor Leadership program at Carey Baptist College at Carey Baptist College's **SENDing**. Come along and celebrate Rachael's special milestone!

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
Romans 8:14.

DELIVERANCE WORKSHOP WITH BRUCE REA SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2026

We are excited to have international evangelist Bruce Rea of Breath of Life Ministries leading a Deliverance Workshop at PBC from 9am to noon on Saturday, 17 October 2026. Bruce holds healing and revival events in East Africa and the Pacific Islands, and is coming to PBC to equip us in the area of freedom and healing from evil spirits. This is a follow up from our earlier teaching seminar on deliverance. Join us for some basic training, and if you also have concerns about yourself or others, there may be an opportunity for ministry during the morning's workshop. All are welcome. Please sign up at the Welcome Table.

PBC 60TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS & ANNIVERSARY BOOK SALE



We are delighted to share that our 60th Anniversary merch will be available for purchase after the service today! Our 60th Anniversary T-shirts are \$40.00, and our 50th Anniversary Book will also be available for \$25.00.

Come and check out our 60th Anniversary T-shirts, available in both Active and Cotton styles, with men's and women's cuts available. Our Active T-shirts are comfortable and versatile, making them suitable for both casual and fitness wear. In contrast, our Cotton T-shirts feature a modern cut that is comfortable, durable, built to last, and suitable for all seasons. Come and get yours today!

If your preferred T-shirt style, cut, or size is unavailable, you can place a pre-order, as we will definitely be doing another merch run once we have enough orders.

Please see David Ee or one of the crew at the merch table after the service.

Limited stock available!

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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