

# PBC NEWSLETTER

29 and 31 March 2024

## 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 brochure stand we can keep you updated with church news.

### THIS WEEK

**GOOD FRIDAY** | **10AM**

**The Injustice of the Cross**

2 Cor. 5:17-21

Ps Andrew

**RESURRECTION SUNDAY** | **10AM**

**Out of the Box Forever**

John 20:1-18

Ps Andrew

**Please join us for the Children's  
Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Cross Buns  
after the service.**

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

Mandarin Fellowship

Ps Peter

### THIS WEEK

**MONDAY 1 APRIL** | **7:30PM**

No Weekly Prayer Gathering in the prayer room. Resumes Monday 8 April 2024.

**TUESDAY 2 APRIL** | **6-7PM**

No Weekly Community Meals. Resumes Tuesday 30 April 2024.

**WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL** | **10.30AM**

Women's Connect Group meets in the Prayer Room.

**THURSDAY 4 APRIL** | **7:30PM**

Worship Team meets in the auditorium.  
All Welcome.

### KIDZONE and MINIKIDS

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.

## PASTOR'S PEN

Over this week many of us at PBC have been working our way through the Woven booklet and spending extra time with Jesus. For quite a number of us this Lenten period has been a significant time of encounter with God.

These quiet few holy-days of Easter give us an opportunity to reflect upon our relationship with Him and to look at where we would like to go from here.

So, how about having a go at answering these questions:

- What has God been saying or revealing to you over these last few months or weeks?
- What have I discovered about Him?
- What am I discovering about myself?
- How is God calling or inviting me to respond to Him in these next few months ahead?
- What attitudes or routines will I change to facilitate this?

If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, we would like to help you get to know Him. There is a brochure explaining about the Christian faith in the Welcome Stand.

Please help yourself. Also ask us about the Alpha Course!

On behalf of PBC this Easter I want to thank you -our volunteers, prayers and donors -for your generosity, compassion and care. The Kingdom of God would not be able to advance without the love and dedication you show.

God bless you.

Ps Andrew

## PRAYER FOR BAPTIST EASTER CAMPS 2024

Your prayers for our young people are so valuable! Please pray:

- That our young people would encounter and be transformed by Jesus.
- That the culture of youth groups will become increasingly Christ-centered and on fire for Jesus.
- That our young people may hear God's call on their lives and make radical decisions with and for Jesus.
- That our youth group's will build strong relational connections and an increasing sense of community.
- That our Youth Pastors and Leaders will see the fruit of their discipleship and will be refreshed for ministry.
- For safety and good health, in the lead up to, during and after Easter.
- For our Easter Camp Director's and all the amazing volunteers who give up their time to serve.



## NEW OFFERING BOX

We have a new 'Giving' box that has been mounted on the auditorium door side of the church office. We welcome people to have a look and to start using this donation box for tithes and cash offerings from now on. This box will be cleared after the service each Sunday and it is better for security, looks and convenience. The old container will be retired. As usual, if you wish to give by automatic payment, please use the information on the back page of this newsletter. Thank you once again for your generosity towards God's work.

- ❖ **AGM - Sunday 28 April 2024**
- ❖ **Ps Andrew is on leave 1-6 April 2024.**

## END OF FINANCIAL YEAR

We hope to issue tax receipts for church donations by 9 April. Please contact Daetli Patching ([daetli.patching@pakbapt.org.nz](mailto:daetli.patching@pakbapt.org.nz)) if you have any questions about the offering receipts.

## ALPHA COURSE EXPLORATORY MEETING 24 MARCH 2024



Alpha is a series of eleven interactive sessions in a safe and honest space where people can explore life, faith and meaning. The core elements are time for connection with each other over a meal, snacks or supper, watching a video together followed by conversation, where you can share what you think.

Alpha is a means where people can find out more about Jesus. It is excellent for inviting non-Christian friends to, helping younger Christians develop a strong foundation, and for more mature Christians who want to serve others or enjoy a refresher in their faith.

Pakuranga Baptist is looking at the possibility of hosting Alpha on a week night over Term 2 and we welcome people to help set up, assist in the kitchen, be conversation group co-hosts, and others.

## SITE UPDATE

The major stormwater improvements near the Pakūrangā Counselling Centre are now complete. The new pipe has been installed and temporary asphalt laid. The final asphalt will be done in a month's time. Thanks for your patience and support.

The godly will rejoice in the Lord and find shelter in Him. And those who do what is right will praise Him.

Psalms 64:10

## WOMEN'S EVENT

### WOMEN'S EVENTS @ PBC SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL. WOMEN'S ROAD TRIP

- Hamilton Gardens if weather is fine,
- Or- Auckland Museum if weather is wet
- 9.30 am meet at church- we will carpool

We will carpool- if you are willing to drive, please let Sandi or Kim know, or add your name to the sign-up sheet under volunteer driver.

If you prefer to be a passenger, bring a koha (donation) for petrol money for your driver.

What to bring:

- Good walking shoes
- Lunch and drinks
- Picnic rug

If the weather is wet and we go to the Museum, you will need to bring evidence that you live in Auckland-such as a driver's licence with your address on it or a library card.

Both Auckland Museum and the Café at Hamilton Gardens have long queues on a Saturday. We can eat in the Kai Room at the Museum if we go to the Museum, or we can eat anywhere in the gardens. We will divide up into groups of slower walkers and faster walkers.

We plan to return by around 2pm if the weather is wet and we go to the Museum, or around 4-5pm if the weather is fine and we go to Hamilton Gardens.

## Men's Breakfast

Sat 6 April 2024

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

ALL WELCOME!

Because Brothers Need Brothers !



## PRAYER @ PBC

**Monday Night Prayer** | 7.30pm  
Meet in the auditorium.

**Sunday Pre-service prayer** | 9.30am  
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.nz](mailto:andrew.brown@pakbapt.org.nz)

## YOUTH YEAR 9-13 CONVERGE

Converge meets at 6pm Sunday night with dinner at 6:30pm. Tonight we will have games, worship, a message on prayer, and small groups. We finish at 9pm. Join us to grow together in Jesus and have a great year together.

### YOUNG ADULTS 18-35 YEARS

#### ZEAL | Wed | 7pm

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

#### REVOLUTION | Wed | 7pm

Meets at David & Rachel's place during term time. Please contact David Chou via SMS on 021664743. To find out more information on our Young Adult Connect Groups or to join, search the Young Adults Pakuranga Facebook and Instagram pages.

## 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	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 Young Adults	Wed	weekly	7pm	David Chou 021 664 743
YYA Young Young Adults	Thur	fortnightly	7pm	Rachael Swears 022 130 9398
Young Adults	Thur	weekly	7.30pm	Iupita Loto-Aso 021 089 20461
Evergreens	Thur	3rd week of month	11am	David Gillbanks 021 216 6005
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: <a href="mailto:office@pakbapt.org.nz">office@pakbapt.org.nz</a>				

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