

## **PBC NEWSLETTER**

5 October 2025

"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.

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### PRE-SERVICE PRAYER | 9.30AM

MORNING SERVICE | 10.00AM

**Finding Your Direction in Life** 

Proverbs 3:5-8

Ps Andrew

**Celebrations Box and The Lord's Supper** 

**Children's Ministry** 

Team Meeting | 11.30AM

AFTERNOON SERVICE | 3PM

Mandarin Fellowship

Ps Peter

### THIS WEEK

MONDAY 6 OCT | 7.30PM

Weekly Prayer Gathering in the auditorium.

TUESDAY 7 OCT | 1-2PM

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

WEDNESDAY 8 OCT | 10.30AM

Women's Connect Group meets in the Prayer Room.

THURSDAY 9 OCT | 7.30PM

Worship Team meets in the auditorium. All Welcome.

Kidzone, Pulse and Converge are on term break and will resume next Sunday 12 October 2025.

### **Children and Families**

- 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 younger children at all times.

#### **PASTORS PEN**

### **A Time for Prayer**

We are right at the end of the primary school holidays and while not all of us will be aware of that fact, this time of year is a particularly valuable time for prayer. In the next few months our children and young people will be finishing school and making plans for next year. Some of you working age ones may be looking at changing jobs. We have folk moving house closer to PBC, getting married, traveling internationally, looking forward to retirement, and having children. They are not necessarily the same people, but this is part of the joy of being a part of an Intergenerational Church. We have many different people in different and special stages of life...

As Spring comes I encourage you to pray for others and for ourselves as we seek to discern God's will for our steps. All of our Ministry Leaders and Pastors are currently putting together their plans and budgets for 2026. Bless them as they dream and pray. Ask God to guide our decisions personally and as a faith family in whatever way He most wants.

Father, I abandon myself into Your hands; do with me what You will.

Whatever You may do, I thank You.

I am ready for all; I accept all.

Let only Your will be done in me and in all Your creatures.

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into Your hands I commend my soul.

I offer it to You with all the love of my heart,

For I love You, Lord, and so I need to give myself,

To surrender myself into Your hands without reserve,

And with boundless confidence,

For You are my Father. Amen.

Blessings/ Ngā manaakitanga

Andrew





# ELDERS AND LEADERS NOMINATIONS

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 2026-2027 period.

We ask you to read the attached Elders Nomination form and prayerfully reflect on who you believe God might want on our Eldership. We are looking for at least two new Elders. Please start praying and thinking about it today.

Nomination forms are on the Welcome Table and once completed can be placed in the Elders Nomination Mailbox.

Submissions are open until <u>Sunday,19</u> <u>October 2025</u> and we look forward to hearing from you.

# HOWICK BAPTIST HOME NEW SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS

Howick Baptist Home (HBH) is one of the

largest retirement home providers in East Auckland and is a ministry of the Baptist Churches of NZ. Their main facility is in Union Rd, Howick, They purchased Stevenson Village not long ago and are looking to expand further. On Friday, 26 September I (Ps Andrew) was privileged to represent PBC at the opening and blessing of 10 new social housing homes in Stevenson Village. The units were opened by Simeon Brown MP and are a first for HBH. This celebration was not only about opening new homes, but also about honouring the continuing service of HBH to the community and the ongoing spirit of the Baptist tradition in New Zealand — one of care, compassion, and faith in action

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Isaiah 30:21

### THE SENDING - SAT 18 OCTOBER

The Sending, Carey Baptist College's Graduation Service is at 7pm, Saturday, 18 October at Mangere Bridge Baptist Church. Congratulations to Ezra Nacario who is graduating from Intermission this year. Come and celebrate Carey students who are completing the Pastoral Leadership Programme, Youth Pastoral Leadership Programme, Mission Track, and Intermission programs.

#### **ABUNDANCE OP SHOP**



Abundance Op Shop are committed to supporting countless women and their families. It is our mission to increase accessibility to excellent second hand quality clothing, homewares, maternity, baby and family supplies at great prices.



We are in great need of new volunteers!

CONTACT US TO FIND OUT MORE OR TO JOIN THE TEAM 272a Ti Rakau Drive, Burswood, East Tāmaki 09 265 0560 | 021 149 1320 | pcea@pregnancychoice.org.nz

Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 10am-3pm www.pregnancychoice.org.nz |

@abundanceopshop

### PRAYER @ PBC Monday Night

Prayer Meet in the Auditorium. | 7.30pm

Sunday Pre-Service Prayer Meet in the Prayer Room

| 9.30am

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

### 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. So this term we will be looking at what this means for us, what God's heart is for Converge and how Jesus is at the centre of it all.

### 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

### **CONNECT GROUPS**

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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 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 021 210 0839		
FHL	Fri	fortnightly	7.30pm	Albert Lee 027 627 5111		

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

### ELDERS

DAVID CHOU Chairperson 021 664 743

MARK LEWIS 021 167 7975

GEORGE LOTO-ASO 022 095 8662

> MINISTRY LEADERS

P. ANDREW
Lead Pastor
027 200 1640
P. PETER HUANG
Mandarin Pastor
RACHAEL SWEARS
Youth and Young Adults
022 130 9398

022 130 9398 IUPITA LOTO ASO 021 0892 0461

MINA CHRISTOPHERS

021 172 5264 Children and Family ANDREW CHESSUM Worship

027 6787 744
SIMON CHRISTOPHERS

Prayer Ministry 021 260 7749

COLLEEN PFISTER

Church Office 576 8406

### DAETLI PATCHING

Accounts Clerk 022 087 9940 JACQUI LEES Kindergarten

> 576 7632 DAVID EE

Special Events

021 642 930 BOBBY YANG

DOBDI TAINC

Major Maintenance 021 258 6447