



# PBC NEWSLETTER

7 DECEMBER 2025

“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** | **10.00AM**

**The Christmas Story:  
The Shepherds -Peace**

Luke 2:8-21

Ps Andrew

**The Lord's Supper**

**AFTERNOON SERVICE**

Mandarin Fellowship

Ps Peter

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

Converge

Rachael Lotoaso and the Converge Team

## THIS WEEK

**MONDAY 8 DEC** | **7.30PM**

Weekly Prayer Gathering in the auditorium.

**TUESDAY 9 DEC** | **1-2PM**

Women's Connect Group meets in the Prayer Room.

**WEDNESDAY 10 DEC** | **10.30AM**

Women's Connect Group meets in the Prayer Room.

**THURSDAY 11 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

We are practicing the Christmas play for our Christmas Family Service on 14 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.

**PULSE** Yrs 7-9

## PASTOR'S PEN

### Keeping in Contact

Christmas is often a time for remembering others who have passed on or who we haven't seen for a while. It is a time for connection and reconnection - reaching out to people whose friendship we wish to renew and retain in the years ahead.

Some people have the tradition of inviting those who will spend Christmas on their own or strangers to join them for a Christmas meal. This isn't possible for us all to do, but in the 2-3 weeks before Christmas there is still an opportunity to reach out to church members we haven't seen for a while, distant family members, old friends and nearby neighbours.

One of the most powerful things you can do is to invite someone to join you for a December service. This is why we have such a variety of themes and opportunities for you. This is why we sometimes do evangelistic appeals near Christmas because we know you are strategically inviting your contacts and guests at this time.

Today we will hand out a Christmas booklet to you. This is to hand to a workmate, pass to a non-Christian friend or family member, to pop in the letterbox of a neighbour you are praying for, or just leave it on a table in a cafe where someone else is likely to pick it up. In the midst of our end of year business and celebrations, let's give the greatest gift - the opportunity for a living relationship with Jesus.

Blessings/ Ngā manaakitanga

Andrew

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. **John 14:27**

## Men's Breakfast

Sat 6 Dec 2025



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

ALL WELCOME!

Because Brothers Need Brothers !

## Women's Event

### Christmas Treats

- at the church from 10am until 12 noon
- bring a plate of your favourite home-made or supermarket Christmas treats!!



11am - 1pm

Saturday  
6 December

- either bring a small plate of your favourite home-made Christmas or
- special occasion treats, plus their recipe. or, bring a small plate of your favourite supermarket or bakery treats.
- we will have morning tea together and sample everyone's special occasion treats!!

## A Celebration OF THIRTY YEARS IN Ministry

Sunday 14 December 2025

You're invited to join us for a special  
celebration of Ps Andrew's 30 years in  
ministry at PBC.

The Christmas Family Service, titled "*The Christmas Promise*," is scheduled for Sunday, 14 December 2025.

Activities planned include:

- A celebration of Ps Andrew's 30 years in ministry at PBC.
- A special Christmas play performed by children.
- A shared lunch after the service.



# Converge End of Year Camp

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
\$150pp

Join us to close out the year for our annual Converge EOYC!  
Beach, walks, worship, eating, swimming, and lots of time to hang out together, have fun, and rest!

022 130 9398    rachael.swears@pakbapt.org.nz    Register by 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025

## BAPTISM PREPARATION



**B A P T I S M**

*"I have decided"*

We are holding a second baptism course and would like to hear from those who are interested by Monday, 8 December 2025. Would you like to prepare for baptism as well? Talk to Ps Andrew for more information this Sunday.

*"And now what are waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name" (Acts 22:16).*

## Upcoming Dates for your Diary

**Sun 14 December**

Christmas Family Service,  
'The Christmas Promise'  
Celebration of Ps Andrew's 30  
years in ministry at PBC with  
shared lunch.

**Sun 21 December**

Red Sunday. Baptism Sunday.

**Wed 24 December**

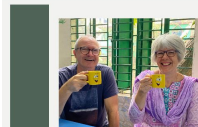
Carol Service

**Thurs 25 December** Christmas  
Day 1-hour Service.



## THE COCHRANS IN BANGLADESH

NEWSLETTER



Thanks for joining with us on our new  
adventure with...



Check out the noticeboard to read the latest newsletter of the Cochrans.

News items include:

- when they go back to Bangladesh
- family news
- what's happening in Bangladesh
- What's next?



# GOOD NEWS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

29 NOVEMBER – 25 DECEMBER 2025

'We can do a lot to help others not only in our own community, but around the world this Christmas. This year the PBC Good News Christmas Appeal is pleased to support the following:

## AROTAH (NZ BAPTIST MISSIONS)

Last year we supported Brian and Gay Cochran as they went to Bangladesh to renew our 140 year old partnership with the Bangladeshi Baptist Union. This year we want to support Sam and Jasmine -the first new workers to go out.

## LAUNCHPAD - BIBLE IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Launchpad is a weekly, 30-minute, fun and interactive presentation using korero, multimedia, music and games that presents Christian values to help children navigate in an ever changing world. It operates in many of our local schools with the support of teachers from our church.

## COMPASSIONATE FUND – FAMILY ASSISTANCE

PBC operates a Compassionate Fund which supports low income people needing emergency support and helps to subsidise marriage and personal counselling sessions at Pakuranga Counselling Centre.

In addition, we are collecting items for All Saints Foodbank, Howick. Donations of dry food/cans/long life items, toiletries, nappies and wipes and sanitary products would be wonderful. All items must be within their "Best Before" or "Use By" dates please. Place them by the office window in the container provided. These will be delivered to All Saints Foodbank to support families over the summer period.

**"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.**

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

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

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 <small>Young Adults</small>	Wed	weekly	7pm	Mark Lewis 022 167 7975
Revolution	Wed	weekly	7.30pm	David Chou 021 664 743
YYA <small>Young Young Adults</small>	Thur	fortnightly	7.30pm	Rachael & George 022 130 9398(R) 022 095 8662(G)
Cutie-Fruity <small>Young Adults</small>	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: <a href="mailto:office@pakbapt.org.nz">office@pakbapt.org.nz</a>				

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