

**Sundays—coming up:**

**December 12th** 10am "My vax pass" gathering—downstairs  
9.15am "Open" gathering upstairs

Advent Week 3 Andrew Maude "Elizabeth and Mary"

**December 19th** 10am "My vax pass" gathering—downstairs  
9.15am "Open" gathering upstairs

Advent Week 4 Brian Cochran "Joseph and the Shepherds"

**Saturday December 25th Christmas Day service will start at 9.30am**  
"My vax pass" gathering

**Sunday December 26th No Service**

**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

The church office will close on Wednesday 22nd December at 12pm and re-open on Monday 17th January at 9am. Staff may be on site at times during these dates, so phone first if you intend to come in.

Did you know that all of our weekly newsletters & messages are uploaded here: **[www.tcbc.org.nz](http://www.tcbc.org.nz)**

+ we also communicate & engage as a community on our two community Facebook groups. Just ask any of our pastors or leaders to find out more.



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**CHURCH OFFICE**

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# Tauranga Central Baptist Church

**Haere mai, welcome! Sunday 12th December 2021**



**Discovering what it means to know God,  
the world, each other, and to love.**



## Pastor's Scribble ....

### Kia koutou, haere mai ki te Tauranga Central Baptist Church!

**Welcome to our gathering today**, where we will be exploring the theme, 'what does it mean to be great?' It's a question that is not often asked; but there are many assumptions & thoughts about what looks like to be great in our culture & world here today. I guess, on this, maybe you have some people who will immediately come to mind—great at sport? great at school? great at what they do? Well, these kinds of measures will always vary & depend on the eye of the viewer. However, as we look to the Bible, we have some wonderful examples of greatness that will clarify what this truly does mean in the eyes of God, & that will challenge & inspire us in our own lives today to be great!

**So, do you want to be great?** And do we want to be great as a church?

Well, may the Holy Spirit guide us as we explore what this might look like for us today— **kia ārahi a Wairua Tapu ki a tātou**, Ps. Andrew.

### CHRISTMAS ANGEL APPEAL Tripura Theological College

Our NZBMS history with Tripura runs deep- 90 years to be exact. That's why we are so excited to be continuing our relationship of prayer and support for one another, in 2021. This year, you can once again be involved in this rich relationship by financially supporting the Tripura Theological College! The money raised for this special appeal for 2021 will be gifted to TTC to support the employment of more faculty staff, upgrading the library, and general campus running costs.

Please bring your gift on Christmas day or give via our church account online. Make sure you add "Christmas Angel" as a reference online or on your envelope.



**Central Kids:** meet out in the lounge after about 20—30 minutes of being all in our service together. All kids (age 3 to school year 8) are welcome! + if you would like to help or get involved, please contact Nicola—it will surely make her day!

### Curious to find out about baptism, or explore faith?

**New to our church & would like to know more**, or get involved?

**Would you appreciate some prayer & support?**

Whatever it is, please get in touch, we would really love to chat & hear your thoughts!

## Keeping Connected ...

**If you are interested to find out about our regular connect groups & other social gatherings**, please take a brochure from our foyer downstairs, or feel free to contact the office or staff.

**FOODBANK** Needs at the moment - tins of fish, soup; Longlife milk; baking supplies eg Cocoa, icing sugar, etc; Cereals; large size nappies (over 13kg); Christmas Treats. Place your items in the basket in the foyer. Thank you for your support to help those in need in our community.

**THANKS** from Gordon Vaughan to those who have prayed for him over the last few months, his wounds are finally healing.

**CONGRATULATIONS** To Rodney Landrebe for being one of TECT's Volunteer of the Year Nominees. The Awards will be held in March 2022.

### CHARLIE AND JO, SOUTH ASIA

Charlie and Jo are well settled in their roles with Joyya. Charlie is the buyer of the small items needed for the production department.

He runs a kids club each Saturday. In the morning it's games in their local area, afternoons it's fun in the local park. He is also doing some English language teaching for the women.

Jo is helping the CEO, currently working on an advertising presentation for the new business.

Charlie is waiting on paperwork to enable him to get a bank account, while Jo has already received hers. In their spare time they are making a planned effort to get to know a small family who live nearby. Pray for opportunities to share the Christmas story with them and others in their area.



### Financial Giving:

This is a regular habit of our worship that is needed for us to continue & to grow in God's work. For online or automatic giving:

**For a giving number** (for tax rebates) **email: office@tcbc.org.nz**

**For general church offerings please use: 03 0435 0475881 27.**

**For Church building redevelopment please use: 03 0435 0475881 01.**

**Please include your giving number as a reference.**

**TCBC weekly budget: \$4927 Average giving: \$4578 (over 12 months).**