

Sundays—coming up:

December 5th 10am **and Central Kids** “My vax pass” gathering
11.30am “Open” gathering in the Chapel
Advent Week 2 Brian Cochran “John the Baptist—playing second fiddle”

December 12th 10am “My vax pass” gathering
“Open” gathering to be advised
Advent Week 3 Andrew Maude “Elizabeth and Mary”

December 19th 10am “My vax pass” gathering
“Open” gathering to be advised
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

Did you know that all of our weekly newsletters & messages
are uploaded here:

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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Tauranga Central Baptist Church

Haere mai, welcome! Sunday 5th December 2021



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



Pastor's Scribble



It is rather ironic that last week was the inaugural gathering of our two congregations coming together, bringing The Upper Room and our downstairs congregation together going forward. Then this week we are having to meet in two different gatherings in order to meet the needs of our church family under the traffic light system. We are living in an interesting time!

Hopefully you have managed to navigate your way through the "rules and regulations" of living in this pandemic. As you continue to adjust to the changes, I encourage you to work out the best way you can continue to grow in your understanding and love of God, and to find ways to love him and serve the people He cares about. This might be by being aware of those in our church family, or a neighbour, who might be struggling during this time. Especially over the next few months as borders open and probably fears and anxiety increase and even the possibility of sickness (hopefully only mildly).

Please continue to pray for our community.

Brian

to know. to love

**CENTRAL
KIDS**

Central Kids: meet upstairs today 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.

BMF/MISSIONS MEETING Next Sunday 11am in the Auditorium. Last one for the year, come and pray for the needs of our community and world. All welcome.

LIVING ALONE LUNCH come and join others living on their own for our last lunch for the year. Meet on Tuesday 7th December at **11.30am** at the Tauranga Citizens Club, across the road from church.

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.

BLOOD OR PLASMA DONATION When Brian was donating last time he was asked if he knew of any others who might be able to donate. At the moment they have less than 4% of the eligible population donating. They are looking for people under 70 years of age! Can you help? Contact NZ Blood service.

TRIPURA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Give thanks that the students are back studying at College after many months of online learning which did not prove to be satisfactory.

Pray that sufficient funds can be raised so that the College can continue to develop, through more teaching staff and resources. Pray that the Government department which controls Christian organisations access to foreign funds will rescind their recent decision and allow the funds into the College.



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: \$4540 (over 12 months).