

**Sundays—coming up:**

**October 3rd** (first weekend of School holidays):

**Downstairs:** Brian Cochran, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

Service followed by brief morning tea & family forum.

**The Upper Room:** Andrew Maude, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, "The Meal."

**October 10th** (middle weekend of School holidays):

**Downstairs:** Brian Cochran, 1 Corinthians 11:1-16.

**The Upper Room will be taking a break.**

**October 17th** (final weekend of School holidays):

**Downstairs** (930am) + **The Upper Room** (1030am), Andrew Maude,  
1 Corinthians 12:1-31, "For the Body—The Gifts of the Spirit"

**Connect-ability** (after morning tea)

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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Tauranga  
**Central**  
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**One Church, Two Congregations, on a Journey Together**  
**Haere mai, welcome! Sunday 3rd October 2021**



*May I receive every good thing as a gift,  
to be celebrated with thankfulness and shared in generosity.*

## Pastor's Scribble ....

### Tēnā koutou & very warm welcome to Tauranga Central Baptist Church!

This is our first attempt at a new & revamped newsletter for us to share across both of our two congregations as we prepare to become one. So, how does it feel? And is there anything we have missed?

**Each week**, the plan is to highlight a few things that are going on + a brief note or thought [right here] from a member of our pastoral team. Or, perhaps you would like to share a brief welcome or thought here yourself? If so, just let us know & we would love to make some space. We are one whānau in Jesus, & we are always at our best when we are working together as one + when we are each using our gifts to encourage & to build up the team!

**God is good.** And through all our twists & turns as a community, God is leading—if we are willing to look & to listen for God's voice. We worship the same God who led through the pillar of fire & cloud to lead a people out of Egypt (where they were slaves) into the future of the wonderful land that God had promised. However, God also has promises & a future for us too if we are willing to look, to listen, & obey. Indeed, may we continue to focus our thoughts on this path, & on the future that God is leading us to today.

**Kia ārahi a Wairua Tapu ki a tātou**  
(May the Holy Spirit guide us)...

**Pastor Andrew.**



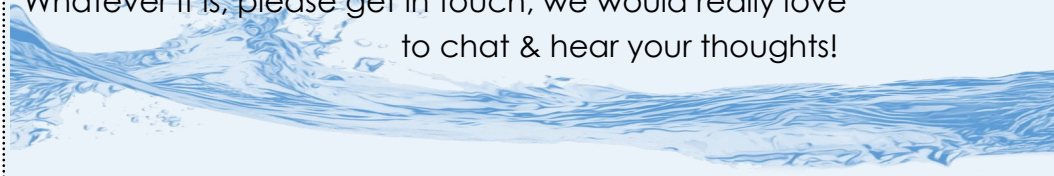
**Central Kids:** meet out in the lounge during the second part of our gathering. All kids (from 3 to school year 8) are welcome! + if you would like to help or get involved, please contact Nicola—it will surely make her day!

### 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.

**Today (for downstairs):** Our Family Forum to talk about future plans will be held straight after morning tea. Please join us as we discuss some of the important issues that we are working through as a church. It is not a decision making meeting, but a chance to talk through the vision & ask questions.

**AGM: Sunday 31st October after a combined 9.30am service.** All welcome! Those who are members will be able to vote on decisions, including on those who are standing for various positions of leadership positions that we are looking to fill. If you wish to nominate someone, please see the church leadership nominations document in the foyer.

**Weekly prayer for mission:** John & Helen (NZBMS) - currently in NZ. Please pray for patience as they await the right time to return to South Asia. They would have loved to have joined the celebration for the commencement of Joyya



—eight busloads of workers were taken to a special venue for a celebration with food, dancing & songs. A wet monsoon day could not dampen their joy. Pray that the new business processes will fall into place quickly + for John & Helen as they continue to encourage the Christian leaders in Tripura —many are finding life very challenging.



**From the Tauranga Community Foodbank:** If you would like to donate items such as cocoa, icing sugar, biscuits, muesli Bars & single easy heat/cook meals, it would be very much appreciated. For many people, these things are treats; but they really do brighten someone's day—especially children! There is a basket for donations in the foyer downstairs.

### Financial Giving:

This is a regular habit of our worship that is needed for us to continue & to grow in God's work. There is a giving box near the entrance to The Upper Room. For online or automatic giving, please see below:

**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.**

**TCBC weekly budget: \$5387 Average giving: \$4705 (over 12 months).**