

→ Psalm 117 "Praise the Lord. For his unfailing love for us is powerful; the Lord's faithfulness endures forever. PRAISE THE LORD!"

 $\rightarrow$  Give thanks for all those He has recently called by His grace into His Family. Pray for their protection. Encourage and support them as they begin this journey of faith.

→ Pray for all those doing their Pathways studies or planning to begin this year. Pray God's favour for victory over every challenge they will face.

→ Pray for the frail and those unwell amongst us, and for those who care for them. Pray for protection and strength as we enter the winter months.

→ Thank God for all the lives He is touching through the ministries at NBC. Pray for those leading these groups, for wisdom and strength and for many more people to be blessed.

 $\rightarrow$  Pray that as the number of people avail of what we offer here increase, so the number of helpers also will increase.

→ Give thanks for the diversity of gifts and abilities being used by God to grow His Church in our district.

→ Pray for those who are unwell, dealing with chronic conditions, or facing a long rehabilitation journey. Pray also for those caring for them.

→ Bless our sister Churches with God's favour that they too, will flourish and together we will make His name known.

Service Teams	Duty Person	Door Greeter	Morning Tea Team	Clean Team	Communion		
June 1	T Langdon	V Jones	K & M Squires	J & C Bebarfald	H Dunnett, P Sosa & M Franco		
June 8	R Graham	W	M Stanton &	K & M			
		Braimoh	R Quinn	Squires			
June 15	B Lucas	R Lucas	PSwinburn &	R Graham &			
			WBraimoh	L Leopard			
June 22	R Quinn	Р	1 & C	G & A			
		Swinburn	Bebarfald	Hickling			
June 29	M Hosken	E Hosken	R Quinn &	I & J Beaven			
			N Bennett				
Communion Servers for June 4: B & R Lucas, S Mitchell, Z Gilliland, F Marshall &							
B O'brien							

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10 am service every Sunday



# **June 2025**

**Our values** Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. (Col 3:12)

## CONTACTS

## Pastor

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## Pastor's Pen

The process of slowly working our way through the book of Galatians has left me with a lot to ponder. One thing that continues to be on my radar is Galatians 2:10, "Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do". This scripture in the context of Galatians, highlights the close connection between the gospel and our caring for the poor. I would describe them as two sides of the same coin. I am still marvelling at Gods heart for the poor as revealed in throughout the Old Testament.

- Every year the farmer had to leave a portion of the harvest for the poor and the stranger, Leviticus 19:9-10.
- Every three years a tenth of any harvest was taken into the local town for the needy to help themselves, Deuteronomy 14:28-29
- Every six years the farmer was not allowed sow or harvest any crops, but any fruit produced by the land was made available to the needy, Exodus 23:10-11.
- If a poor brother needed to borrow money, those able were to lend it willingly and not charge any interest. If the poor could not pay it back by the year of release (every seventh year) the debt was wiped, Deuteronomy 15:7-11, 23:20.

As Derek Prince, both reminds and encourages us, "I think probably Isreal is the only nation on earth that has a legal system which compels you to provide for the poor... That is remarkable... That is dramatic... And then in that context (Liv 19:9-10) God said, 'I am the Lord your God.' What did He mean by that? I think He meant this. That's the kind of God I am and that's how I want you to represent Me. I care for the poor, the fatherless, and the needy. I don't approve of selfishness. I don't approve of eating your bread alone. Find somebody who needs your help and help them. Then you will be representing me as the God that I really am."

Andrew

Services for June					
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Baptismal & Regular Service	Communion			
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Review Meeting				
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Mission Sunday				
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Regular Service				
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Regular Service & Young Adults				

Offerings & Gifts Tithes & offerings total for April '25: **\$19,664** Budget: **\$14,800** 

For more information on ways to give and giving number, refer to flyers available.

Napier Baptist Church's bank account: BNZ - Napier Branch 02 0700 0010779 00.

#### Notices

## Te Hahi – Duty week: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost 10 days Prayer & Prayer Walk

The 10-day period of continuous prayer has begun! The prayer room at Engage Church is open from **28th May until midnight on 7th June**. To book a prayer slot, visit Engage's website, or call or stop by our church (NBC) office. If you'd like to join the prayer walk, simply scan the QR code on the poster for more details. This concludes with a **combined church service** at the **Municipal Theatre** on **8th June**.

#### **Annual Review Meeting**

This year's ARM is on Sunday, 8th June. Full reports will be shared in the email update beforehand. Meanwhile, please complete the Annual Review Questionnaire, available at the back of the church or in your Friday email.

#### **Prayer Meetings**

Join our weekly prayer meetings as we gather to seek and hear from God in corporate prayer. Every Tuesday from 7.00-8.00-ish pm, Thursday from 9.00-10.00-ish am, and Sunday at 9.15 am.

#### Giving

Thank you for your generous giving. As you continue to give, please also pray for and consider supporting our local missions at Colenso College and the Teen Parent Unit, community support through Te Hāhi, and overseas mission in the Philippines.

#### What's On This Month

Ladies Coffee Club & BOBs Men's Coffee – Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, at Mitre10 Café, at 10:00am.

**BMF** – Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 2:00pm in the Engine Room.

*Prayer Together* – Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:15-ish pm and Thursdays, 9:00 – 10:15-ish am in the Engine Room.

Shake, Rattle & Roll – Wednesdays, 10:00am in the Auditorium (School terms).

Care & Share – Thursdays at 9:30am in the Lounge (School terms).

Working Bee – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 9:00 am – noon.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 28th June 8.00am, in the Hall.

**F5** – **Sunday**, **22**<sup>nd</sup> **June**, after Sunday Service in the Lounge.

Sunday Pre-service Prayer – 9:15 to 9:50 a.m. in the Engine Room.

## **Study & Fellowship**

Super Group	Last Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.	Brian 0212797305
Tuesday Night Study	6:00 p.m.	Ven 021487373 /
		068436302
Women's Bible Study	Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.	Melanie 02040383482
Wednesday Afternoon	3:00 p.m.	Helen 0278422963
Young Adults' Bible	Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.	Sarah 021311418
Study		
Evergreens Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 2:00 p.m.	Eddie 068367363
Thursday Bible Study	7:30 p.m.	Andrew 0276258747 /
		Sonja 0277282840