

## CHURCH CALENDAR 21 - 27 OCTOBER

### Monday

10.00 am Bible Study (Lounge)  
10.00 am Seedpods (Downstairs Room)  
7.00 pm ESOL Class for Migrants (Lounge)  
7.30 pm Graham Home Group (769 6372)

### Tuesday

9.30 am Women in the Word Study Group  
6.00 pm DBX (Hall)  
7:00 pm Siraa Home Group (753 9878)  
7:00 pm Ballentynes Fashion Parade (Ballentynes)

### Wednesday

7.00 am Prayer Meeting (Lounge-Lemon St entrance)  
9.30 am CAP for Mums (Lounge 2)  
7.30 pm Music Practice  
7.30 pm Barnes Home Group (752 2126)  
7.30 pm Williams Home Group 758 3861  
7:30 pm Christianity Explained Study

### Thursday

6.30 pm Intermediate Youth (Hall)  
6:30 pm Thursday evening service (Lounge)

### Friday

10.00 am Mainly music (Auditorium & Hall)  
1.45 pm Mum's in Prayer (Crèche)  
7.15 pm Youth Group (Whole Complex)

### Saturday

### Sunday

9.00 am Pre Service Prayer (Prayer Room)  
9.30 am Family Service  
6.00 pm Encore Sermon (Lounge-Lemon St entrance)

### Today:

**Crèche:** G Gill & Volunteer

### Next Week:

**Morning Tea:** B West & J Johnstone  
**Crèche:** M Ussher & A Kelderman  
**Pastoral Prayer:** A Siraa  
**Oasis:** T Gibbons  
**Main Door:** N Hansen & G Sherwood  
**Inclusion:** B & M Easton

## CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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## CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

## Welcome to Worship

20 October 2013

### Today at NPCBC

9.30 am Family Service

6 p.m. Encore Sermon

**Prayer Ministry:** If you would like someone to talk or pray with you after the service please come to the front and someone will meet with you.



October Duty Elder  
Ashok Rajasingh

### Thursday at NPCBC

7.30 pm Evening Service  
(Lounge 2)



Tel: 758 6512

New life in christ  
Planted in the community  
Continuing to grow  
Becoming equipped  
Commissioned to go  
with christ  
growing & going together

## Martien's Musings

I read an interesting piece of research this week from the Barna group in the USA. The research set out to explore the connections between faith and technology in the age group they call the Millennials, from age 18 -29 years of age. This group is very technology friendly. The first and last things they do each night is check their phones, they google for answers to questions and they have more electronic "friends" than they can actually name. For Christian Millennials;

- 70% do their bible reading from a screen, using phones, i-pads, or computers
- 54% access either preaching or worship music online
- 56% use online search to determine which church to attend
- 59% search for the answers to spiritual questions online
- 38% use online services, often within the church service, to verify what is being said by Christian leaders
- 40% participate in on line conversations about faith
- 39% do their giving online (this figure does not include automatic payments)
- 20% text to donate

The world is changing, but then it always has.

The data does raise interesting questions about church gatherings. If you can get excellent teaching and worship off the internet what is the point of a church service? The answer must lie in the area of relationship i.e. loving one another. Sure we can hold electronic conversations; twitter, skype and chat rooms make that easy. Is there anything missing? Is there anything that a digital world does not offer that we need for developing an authentic faith? Try these for starters

1. The opportunity to welcome a stranger.
2. The opportunity to give someone a hug and tell them you are there with them.
3. The need and opportunity to work through your differences rather than just 'unfriend' them.
4. Teachers and prophets who speak into your need because they know you rather than those messages you select because they suit you.
5. Certainty that the person you talk with looks like and is like their electronic profile.
6. Body language to authenticate words.
7. When God pours out revival power on a Christian community do we really believe that will come through a modem.

Some of you reading this will 'tut' 'tut' over what the world is coming to. Some personal reflection about why you and I come to church may make us a little more humble because we do not always achieve points 1-7 above even when we turn up regularly. We have not always given enough attention to the relational inheritance God has given us in the saints (Eph 1:18)

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## Church Life

**Faith@Home** <http://npcbcfaithathome.blogspot.co.nz/>



**Fashion Parade:** Tuesday 22nd October at Ballentynes; 7 pm start. Tickets are \$10, available now from Janet or Anne Kelderman. Tickets are strictly limited so please get yours as soon as possible so you don't miss out; invite your friends too. Funds raised are going to Missions.

**CAP Money Management:** A new 3 week course will begin on Wednesday Oct 23 at 9.30am, for those unable to attend an evening course. If you are interested in attending or would like to know more about the course, please contact Liz Winters ph 7584535, or Eugene Williams ph 7583861.

**A New Study:** Martien is facilitating a Christianity Explained study series. This is especially useful for new believers or anyone who is not to clear on some of those foundational Christian principles. If you are interested in participating please contact Martien as the series will commence this Wednesday evening 23 October.

**The church website** is now up and running. Check it out at [www.npcbaptist.org.nz](http://www.npcbaptist.org.nz)

**Orchid Show & Lunch:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Join us for lunch at the Kiosk then those interested can go to the Orchid show at the TSB stadium. Cost to be confirmed.

**Rhododendron Festival:** Garden tours – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We'll be visiting gardens – more info to come.

**Christmas Card Making:** Friday 15 November 7.30-9pm OR Saturday 16 November, 10am – 12pm. Come and enjoy making Christmas cards. Materials provided. Details to follow.

**Parihaka Commemoration Service:** The warmest of all welcomes is extended to you, your whanau, to all the community - to attend a bicultural service for the annual day of commemoration for the community of Parihaka. It was on 5 November 1881 that the government sent troops to break up the community. On 5th November 2013 at Midday, we will be gathering at Taranaki's own Cathedral for a short service to sing, pray, remember and look forward. Our time of worship will be followed by a shared lunch, to which you are invited to bring a plate.



## Other matters & events.....

**NewWine Summer Festivals:** "Made For More" Register now for a New Wine 2014 Festival, Warkworth 8-12 January and Waikanae 16-20 January. There is something for all ages from wee tots, through the school years to youth and **adult time!** This is a wonderful opportunity for special time with your own family, church family and for personal growth. The folk who went to the 2013 couldn't recommend it more highly. Register at [newwine.org.nz](http://newwine.org.nz) or 0800 NEW WINE (639 9463).



**Get ready for a legit** weekend of music, fun and **GOD!!** Hayley is receiving expressions of interest from Youth who may wish to attend Parachute Festival with a group from NPCBC, so if that's you, contact her on 0223508143. For the artist and speaker line up, tickets and other information go to [www.parachutefestival.com](http://www.parachutefestival.com)

**In Stratford** a group of children/young people from some of the local churches are doing the production of 'The Exodus' on Friday November 1st at 7.00pm at the Stratford Baptist Church. It goes for just over an hour, entry by gold coin donation, suitable for all ages.

**Facility Users** If you are using our facilities or in charge of a group using them please take extra care to ensure that when you leave the lights are off, the heaters are off and the external doors are closed. The score over the last month is: external doors left open (all night) 3 times, heaters left on all night 2 times and lights left on all night 2 times. And yes all culprits were in-house users not external bookings. Looking for a zero score. Thanks.

*Congratulations*



To Chris Hewlett and Theresa McIntosh on their engagement. Chris and Theresa will be married in Tauranga on 26 April 2014.

### Bible Thought:

**The Lord is good to all. Psalm 146:9 RSV**

Goodness is a reflection of the character of God. It manifests itself in both the inner disposition and outward behaviour of those who submit to His control. His grace and power enable them to act towards others as He would..