

# WELCOME TO WBC

YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

*everyday people, loving God, living it out*





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# WELCOME TO WBC!

Welcome! It's so good to have you here with us, we want you to feel that WBC can be a place you call home.

We would love to meet you and to get to know you and help you get connected into what's going on at WBC.

And you are most welcome to contact me, or one of our Pastoral Leadership Team, for a chat about your faith journey and to explore where you can use your gifts and strengths to serve within our community.

Looking forward to getting to know you!



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## Connect Card


Get a Connect Card from between the doors in the auditorium and fill it out and pop it in the box, so you can stay up to date on all the news and updates here at WBC. Plus, we'd love to get to know you better.

## Sign up to WBC News

Email [reception@wbc.org.nz](mailto:reception@wbc.org.nz) and get our weekly email to keep up with what's happening in the life of WBC.

## WBC Website

Check out our WBC website and get an overview of the life of WBC [www.wbc.org.nz](http://www.wbc.org.nz)

A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, the backs of several people's heads and shoulders are visible, many with their hands raised in prayer. In the middle ground, a man in a dark jacket stands at a podium, speaking into a microphone. To his left, another man is partially visible. To the right, a woman is playing a drum. A large projection screen at the front of the sanctuary displays the lyrics: "Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost it's grip on me". The sanctuary has wood-paneled walls and a modern interior design.

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost it's grip on me

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS

8.00am | 9.45am | 9.45am Online | 5.30pm

# OUR KAUPAPA (VALUES) - WHAT WE LIVE BY

## We engage with a LIVING God

We love engaging with God Father, Son and Spirit. We see relationship with Him as core & crucial. We are passionate about seeing people come to know our loving, living God more.

## We encourage Spiritual Rhythms in a crazy busy world

In a world of such busyness and stress, we value centring our lives, as individuals and as a church community, around spiritual rhythms.

## We value you, and what makes you, you!

We appreciate the uniqueness of each other. Whatever your culture, age, gender, background or way you view the world, we value you and welcome you.

## We are committed to building God's Kingdom

We are committed to investing in and doing things that benefit God's kingdom. We see ourselves as a people who overflow the presence and love of God into our community and world.

## We are globally minded

We love and care for all people and the planet! Not just in our area, but around the globe. We want to constantly wrestle with how to bring the good news of God's restoration to the nations.

## We are present in our neighbourhoods

We believe there is no "them" and "us". We believe in, and value, being present and making a difference in our neighbourhoods.

## We are vessels of God's love and presence

We want to be people who reflect the vast & powerful love and presence of God. In our workplaces, our schools, our cafes and pubs, as we commute to work – wherever we find ourselves.



# OUR WBC STORY

Whangaparaoa Baptist had its beginnings in 1955 when Roy and Sophie Thompson arrived in Whangaparaoa, and gathering a few other keen Christians together, the first services were held in the Whangaparaoa Hall on Sunday afternoons.



In 1957 with help from the Baptist Union, two sections were purchased. The site was cleared with a small wheel tractor, the pine stumps were blasted out with gelignite, and building began! People from all over New Zealand donated money and materials, and with the help of many volunteers, and the paid labour of a single tradesman, the building took shape.

Whangaparaoa Baptist Church was opened on August 30th 1958 (this original building is now our church café). The church grew and in 1975 the current auditorium was built, there was a building upgrade in 2000, and a major refurbishment in 2018/2019.

Throughout the years WBC has continued to thrive as a local church interwoven into its community. The church has been blessed with wonderful volunteers, and a pioneering attitude which has embraced new initiatives and ways of doing things. Miss Gladys Turkington's (church pianist in the first few years) prayer... "Lord, make this work to be as a lighthouse for our Lord on the peninsula" is as apt today as it was then.







## We are your kind of people

Our heartbeat is to be 'everyday people, loving God, living it out.' It's really that simple. No matter where you're at in your journey in life, we would love you to feel welcomed and accepted here as part of our church family.





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## NEW TO FAITH

If you want to chat to someone about accepting Jesus as Lord and Saviour, please contact [olga@wbc.org.nz](mailto:olga@wbc.org.nz)

### Bible

The Bible has practical, reliable truths for all areas of our life. Pick up a Bible – available from our Sunday Information Desk or at Reception.

### Prayer

Prayer is important to us. We believe that prayer helps connect us to God and helps God connect with us. We would love to pray with you – chat to one of our team members or email [prayer@wbc.org.nz](mailto:prayer@wbc.org.nz).

### Alpha (exploring faith)

A series of interactive sessions that explores the big questions of life with food, a video and open small group discussion. To find out about the next Alpha course contact [olga@wbc.org.nz](mailto:olga@wbc.org.nz)

### Baptism

If you've decided to follow Jesus, water baptism is one of your next steps. Jesus sets us an example by being baptised, and the New Testament also encourages baptism for believers. Baptism is a public declaration and a visible expression of your faith and commitment to following Jesus. If you want to be baptised, chat to one of our Pastors.

### Grow

We hope that, wherever you are at, whatever your culture or background, you can find a space that will help you to grow as a follower of Jesus.

- Alpha
- Freedom in Christ
- Discipleship Courses

Check out [wbc.org.nz/whats-on](http://wbc.org.nz/whats-on) to see the courses coming up





# GET CONNECTED

## WBC Welcome Morning Tea

Come along to one of our quarterly Welcome Morning Teas and meet other newcomers and hear from some of our team about the heart, history, and what's happening at WBC. You and your kids are welcome. Contact [olga@wbc.org.nz](mailto:olga@wbc.org.nz).



## Serving (finding your fit)

You can make a difference, and everyone has something wonderful to contribute. We have heaps of ways you can serve our church and community, from Coffee Connect team, to Foodbank volunteers, WBC Kids team, Worship Teams, and more. Contact [olga@wbc.org.nz](mailto:olga@wbc.org.nz) to start serving and see the immediate difference you can make in the life of WBC.



## Getting Connected

Life is better connected. Whatever age and stage you are, there's a space with people like you.

**WBC Kids** for our children through to Year 6

**WBC Youth** for our Intermediates & High Schoolers

**WBC Families** with young people 0-18 years old

**WBC Young Adults** for our 18-20 somethings

**WBC Seniors** for our older people

**Groups** for all ages and stages





# WBC FAMILIES

Families with children 0-18 years old.

[wbc.org.nz/connect/families/](http://wbc.org.nz/connect/families/)

The Loop is our families ministry at WBC. All our volunteers are carefully selected, and police vetted.

WBC Kids First Steps (0-4yrs), Powerzone (4yrs - Year 6)

WBC Intermediates (Year 7-9)

WBC Youth (Year 10-13)

'The Loop' [Facebook page](#) for parenting tips and our monthly newsletter and calendar.

<https://www.facebook.com/theloopwhangaparaoa/>

## Parent Room (off the main foyer)

Our Parent Room is a space next to the lounge, where you can take your young children and still hear the service. Baby change facilities are available here, and in the mobility toilet across the foyer.

## Coast Kindy ([coastkindy.co.nz](http://coastkindy.co.nz))

A Christian Childcare Centre supporting families that runs during the week in our WBC building. Phone: 09-428-2037

[Kin da Groove](#) is a community music and movement programme on Friday mornings for babies to 5 year olds at 9.30am in our WBC building. Phone: 09-428-2037



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# WBC KIDS

[wbc.org.nz/connect/kids](http://wbc.org.nz/connect/kids)

For parenting tips and our monthly newsletter and calendar.

<https://www.facebook.com/theloopwhangaparaoa/>

## Sundays at 9.45am

Look out for the WBC Kids pod in the foyer – our team will help register your kids. Check-in is open 10mins before the service, and again when the kids go out of the service to our Kids spaces.

During school terms our WBC Kids are in the 9.45am service for the first 15 minutes, and then we go out to our kids spaces.

## Powerzone (4yrs - Year 6)

(downstairs, to the left)

We have lots of fun in our Kids space! Discover more about the Bible and God, and hang out with a whole lot of other kids! We have a wonderful team of leaders who love being with kids and being part of their faith journey.

## First Steps (0–4yrs)

(in the lounge off the foyer)

You are welcome to stay with your child until they feel comfortable in our First Steps space, and there is a screen so you can still see and hear the service. Safety is important to us, so all children must be signed in and out by a parent or caregiver.



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WBC Kids & Families  
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# WBC YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

[wbc.org.nz/connect/youth](http://wbc.org.nz/connect/youth)

## WBC Youth | YEAR 7-13 - Every Sunday Afternoon!

We want to help youth develop a growing relationship with God, experience genuine community, and get involved in God's mission in the world. We run weekly Sunday afternoon social spaces at WBC, as well as partnering with Coast Youth Community Trust for termly Friday night events.



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## WBC Intermediates | YEAR 7-9 - Every Sunday Morning during Term time!

Sunday Morning Building Spaces for anyone who wants to have fun and discover more of who Jesus is. Runs alongside our 9.45am service, we get to worship with our church whanau, and then we head to our intermediates programme.

We welcome our youth to the 5:30pm Sunday 'youth style' service. Check out our socials to get connected and find out specific details for WBC Youth.

Instagram - [wbcyouth\\_\\_](#)

Facebook - WBC Youth

## WBC Young Adults for our 18-20 somethings

We have regular Wednesday night social events and once a year head away together for a full weekend of fun, conversation, and relaxation. Reach out if you'd like to know more, [adam@wbc.org.nz](mailto:adam@wbc.org.nz)

Young Adults Facebook Group (private/invite only).



# GROUPS

## Life Groups

[wbc.org.nz/connect/groups/](http://wbc.org.nz/connect/groups/)

Life Groups meet weekly, fortnightly, or monthly for Bible study, prayer and doing life together. Contact [olga@wbc.org.nz](mailto:olga@wbc.org.nz) to join a Life Group.



## Interest Groups

Build friendships and connect with others that share a similar interest with you. Contact [olga@wbc.org.nz](mailto:olga@wbc.org.nz) to find a group that suits you.

- Our WBC Seniors,
- Weekly interest groups - Walking/Cycling/WhatsApp Book Club/Meal Train
- ESOL groups - WBC Gold Room (Mon 9.00am - 12.00pm | Wed 10.00am - 12.00pm)
- WBC Foodbank Team
- WBC Foodbank Garden
- Connection events
- Women's Events/Men's Events
- Young Adult Hangouts
- WBC Creatives - monthly events to attend
- Prayer Ministry groups and spaces



# WBC SENIORS

Our WBC Seniors have regular connection events around Bible study, exercise, and fellowship.

**The Walking Group** is a fun, social group who get together every Wednesday at 9.30am

**Tuesday Connect @10** – 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month, for worship and fellowship with interesting and topical speakers.

Contact: [olga@wbc.org.nz](mailto:olga@wbc.org.nz)



Be still and know  
that I am God.  
Psalm 46:10

Run into wide open spaces  
Grace is waiting for you  
Dance like the weight has been lifted  
Grace is waiting



## OUR WORSHIP SPACES

### 8:00am - 8.30am Huia Mai – Reflective Space

Be still and encounter the quietness of Jesus. Come, Pause, Reflect and Be.

### 9:45am – Family service

All together for the opening worship, then children are welcome to join our children's and intermediates spaces.

### 9.45am online

Join us from wherever you are – our 9.45am service is live streamed online via Facebook and YouTube.

### 5:30pm

A youth style service for all ages

### Tuesday Connect@10

The 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, our seniors gather for worship & fellowship with interesting and topical speakers.

## GIVING

It is through the generosity of people giving financially that we as a church can run the varied ministries that impact so many lives in our community.

### Ways to give:



**Offering Box**



**Online Banking**  
**12-3084-0171088-00**



**Eftpos @ Reception**



Scan QR Code  
to go to  
[wbc.org.nz/give](http://wbc.org.nz/give)



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Finance/Admin  
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# MEET OUR TEAM

## OUR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Since 2007 we have had a team model of church leadership, with a Core Leadership Group providing overall leadership for WBC. Our Core Leadership Group (CLG):



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## OUR ELDERS

Our elders provide spiritual oversight and governance for the church.



Susan Williamson  
(Chair)



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Joanne Hall



Shaun C.



Ron Kyle

## OUR STAFF TEAM



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We are grateful to have a wonderful team of people who are passionate about their roles, and work hard to serve our church and community. Get in touch with us, we'd love to help you get connected and answer any questions you might have.



COAST GRAVITY PARK

GOOD vs BAD vs WOOLLY

COAST GRAVITY PARK



# LOCAL IMPACT

Being present in our wider Whangaparaoa community is important to us and to what it means to follow Jesus.

## CYC - COAST YOUTH COMMUNITY TRUST

We work with rangatahi in Whangaparaoa College and in our local community.

Visit: [www.cyctrust.org.nz](http://www.cyctrust.org.nz)

Email: [admin@cyctrust.org.nz](mailto:admin@cyctrust.org.nz)



## COAST FAMILIES

Coast Families' partners with local primary schools to support parents and caregivers, empowering them to build stronger family relationships.

Visit: [www.coastfamilies.co.nz](http://www.coastfamilies.co.nz)

Email: [info@coastfamilies.co.nz](mailto:info@coastfamilies.co.nz)



## COAST KINDY

A Christian Childcare Centre supporting families.

Visit: [www.coastkindy.co.nz](http://www.coastkindy.co.nz)

Email: [coastkindy@gmail.com](mailto:coastkindy@gmail.com)

**Kin da Groove** is a community music and movement programme which runs on Friday mornings for babies to 5 year olds at 9.30am in an indoor space next to the Kindy.

Phone: 09-428-2037



## WBC FOODBANK

Helping feed families and people in our local community. Food donations can be left in the Foodbank drawer in our church foyer. To donate financially, please use the church bank details - Online banking: 12-3084-0171088-00; Reference: Foodbank



# GLOBAL IMPACT

We are committed to going out into all the world and making disciples of all nations (Matthew 28: 19-20).

Brent Morgan - International Director of the Leprosy Mission  
Mike and Linda H. - Eastwest College + WEC  
Whitney Lake - Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Montana



Brent Morgan



Whitney Lake



Mike & Linda H.

WBC has been involved with Joyya (previously Freeset) through NZBMS for many years. Joyya is committed to audacious change for its people and places in West Bengal, India. Poverty has stripped many of their rights and opportunities to thrive. Access to basic necessities like clean water, safe streets, and adequate housing is essential for human wellbeing and Joyya refuses to settle for less! For more information, visit [joyya.nz](http://joyya.nz)



