



BE Kindred is a leadership development internship as an extension of Beyond Experience. SUNZ employ young people who undertake a project using their skills, that will benefit Scripture Union and our church community. You can **read more** about this in our Annual Review 2024 pages 18-20.

In 2025, SUNZ have 5 young adults on our team who are all based in Christchurch. Paul Humphreys & Beth Coates lead the BE Kindred programme.

My name is Joshua Caleb Sapsford! I'm part of South West Baptist Church in Christchurch. My longest love in my life has been football which I have been playing and watching since age 5. That currently manifests itself in playing and coaching. I love coaching because I nerd out over football details and love imputing into the kids' lives and having so much fun with the kids! Nowadays faith is number one in my life, and I love my spaces like youth group young adults and my flat where we can talk about that. I flatted with two guys who were in BE Kindred last year and they had nothing but good things to say!



JOSHUA

Hi, I'm Bella Denny, I'm 19, and have recently graduated with a diploma in Residential Interior Design. I am part of South West Baptist Church and am a youth leader there. In my spare time I enjoy being at the beach, surfing, sports, hanging out with friends and travelling. I have joined BE Kindred this year as I have decided to take a year to be more intentional in building a firm foundation in Christ while also focusing on community, discipleship and leadership.



BELLA

Hi, my name is Éliece Button and I attend St Aidan's Anglican Church. I love all things creative, a chilly swim in the rivers of Lewis Pass, and hanging out with kids. I find it so cool that we are all God's little masterpieces! I've done two years of BE and enjoyed monthly chats with my Kaiārahi and my project so much that I wanted to build on both through joining Kindred.



Éliece



*My name is Isaac Cairns. I'm a 23-year-old, living in Riccarton with roots to Blenheim and a strong connection to Christ. I've dabbled in food and culture from around the world over my lifetime but have landed back in the country where it all began and have been living here for the last 12 years. I have engaged in various work and study with the goal of delivering the Gospel to those around me in a more effective way. I'm always keen for a good chat and will never say no to a good coffee.*



ISAAC

*My name is Ashton Lay, I am 20 years old and have grown up all my life in Christchurch. I became a Christian in 2023, and I now attend South West Baptist Church. I love to get out and experience what creation offers. I love surfing, fishing, camping, and many other recreational activities. When it comes to team sports, I like most of them, but love football, and have played my whole life. I ended up in BE Kindred by having my good friends (and recent participants) strongly advocate for the programme and push me toward doing it.*



ASHTON



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