



AUCKLAND



SATURDAY 6 JUNE

MT ALBERT BAPTIST CHURCH
9AM - 3PM - \$95 PER PERSON

In 2026 we have a particular focus on helping children discover Jesus and follow him their whole lives, with a focus on Bible engagement and prayer.

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Choose from a range of workshops. Please choose 1 workshop from each column (3 workshops in total).

*These workshops are great if you're new to children's ministry or looking to refresh your thinking and practice

WORKSHOP A 10:45-11:45	WORKSHOP B 11:50 - 12:50	WORKSHOP C 1:30 - 2:30
<p>*A1 PRAYER ZONE - Experience a range of different ways to pray to help children and families develop a deep relationship with God. Led by Nigel Winder</p>	<p>*B1 TELL IT LIKE IT IS - Story telling is a vital tool for anyone working with children. Explore how to make this essential part of any programme exciting and memorable. Led by Andrew Ramsbottom</p>	<p>C1 FUN AND GAMES WITH PURPOSE - Experience some fun games that you can use in your ministry that enhance relationships, build community, and reinforce Biblical values. Led by Nigel Winder and Myles Boag</p>
<p>A2 LET'S GET CRAFTY - God created us to be creative and unique. We create to express ourselves, and we will explore how craft can be used to connect us to our creator God, or just have an awful lot of fun. Led by Claire Wyeth</p>	<p>B2 USING AI AS A TOOL (NOT A REPLACEMENT) IN MINISTRY - AI isn't here to replace leaders, creativity, or the Holy Spirit, but can be a powerful tool to support lesson planning, discussion questions, and more—discover practical ways to use it well. Led by Dave Diack</p>	<p>C2 THE JOY OF MOVING - Do you shy away from movement because you are uncomfortable with it or don't know where to begin? Explore ways to make dance, movement and worship accessible for children and for adults. Find the joy in moving in praise! Led by Hayleigh Rossetter</p>
<p>A3 A.B.O.U.T RELATIONSHIPS - Research shows that a young person's faith grows most through authentic relationships with people of faith. These relationships thrive on five qualities valued by young people. Led by Sapati Tima</p>	<p>B3 STUCK IN THE MIDDLE - HOW TO WIN WITH INTERMEDIATES - Intermediates are awesome - Bring your questions and learn how to build a ministry for them that works. Led by Casey Clarke</p>	<p>C3 FAITH AT HOME - Parents are the most influential people in the faith formation of their children but they were never meant to do this alone. Join us as we consider what partnership between church and home can look like for families today. Led by Jan Ozanne</p>
<p>A4 RETHINKING HOSPITALITY AS DISCIPLESHIP - Hospitality is more than being friendly—it's a core practice of Christian discipleship. We'll explore how it is deeper and more formative when children are welcomed as full participants rather than observers. Led by Julie McKinnon</p>	<p>B4 THE SAME, BUT DIFFERENT: MANAGING AND MINISTERING TO NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN - Our brains are uniquely wired, resulting in different ways of perceiving and experiencing the world...how can we effectively come alongside these children. Led by Donna Funk</p>	<p>C4 INTERGEN - Join us for an exploration of intergenerational ministry through creative worship. We will ground ourselves in scripture and hear from different ages how intergenerational ministry can enrich and enhance communities of faith. Led by Angela Blundell and friends.</p>
<p>A5 FOLLOWING JESUS - Explore how to have good faith conversations with children, and explore the brand new 'Following Jesus' resource from SUNZ. Led by Annette Osborne and Andrea Lukin</p>	<p>B5 THE FOUNDATIONS OF MINISTRY WITH PRE-SCHOOLERS - The building blocks of life are established in early childhood, including the foundations of faith. Explore what it could look like to take this seriously in your ministry context. Led by Phil Ozanne</p>	<p>C5 BRICK BY BRICK - How to engage children in a creative, interactive way using LEGO to explore Bible stories, teamwork, and faith-based learning. Led by Andrea Lukin</p>

OUR WORKSHOP PRESENTERS FOR AUCKLAND



Angela Blundell

Angela works for the Anglican Diocese of Auckland, supporting intergenerational, children & families ministry. She also coordinates intergenerational worship at her church, St Mary by the Sea, with her husband Dion. They have 4 kids, 2 now adults and a cat called Leopard. In her spare time Angela enjoys reading, dabbling in art and craft and spending time with whānau.



Myles Boag

Myles serves as one of SUNZ's Auckland Children & Families Consultants. With over a decade in kids ministry, he's passionate about walking alongside churches to create meaningful, joy-filled experiences for children and families. For Myles it's a privilege to support communities in shaping faith journeys that last a lifetime.



Dave Diack

Dave is a seasoned children's pastor and educator for over 20 years. He's passionate about guiding kids to know God's love and sharing impactful ministry tools to help people in their ministry.



Casey Clark

Casey has over a decade of experience working in intermediates ministry and is passionate about seeing 11-13 year olds encounter Jesus and being disciplined well. She now is the director of eCamp - a weekend Easter camp each year where a thousand intermediates from all over the North Island come to have a great time and hear the Gospel.





Liz Eichler

Liz works for SUNZ as the Children and Families Team Leader. She thinks a lot about what 21st century church could look like. In her 'spare' time, she tries to swim, walk and knit, though not all at once! She also likes to recycle to the 'nth' degree.



Donna Funk

Donna is passionate about supporting individuals with specific needs. As someone who is neurodiverse herself, she deeply understands and empathises with those who are 'wired differently'. With over 30 years of experience in special education and ministry, Donna's goal is to help the church embrace and become more inclusive of people with "diffabilities"- different abilities!





Andrea Lukin

Andrea is the SUNZ Children and Families Consultant for the Wellington area. With over 30 years in pastoring local churches, Andrea is passionate about equipping parents to bring faith into their homes and helping families with discipleship. In her spare time, she enjoys upcycling school desks and chairs, lots of crafts, plus she's a LEGO nerd!



Julie Mckinnon

Julie McKinnon is the Children and Family Ministries Enabler for CCCNZ, working alongside churches across Aotearoa to strengthen ministry with children and families. She is particularly interested in the integration of theology and practice and is passionate about helping leaders create meaningful discipleship experiences.





Jan Ozanne

Jan Ozanne is the Children and Families Catalyst for the Baptist Union of New Zealand. She has been involved in ministry with children and their families for 16 years. She lives in Auckland with her husband Phil and they have four young adult children.



Phillip Ozanne

Phil has worked with children in the early years for 28 years. He is married with 4 children of his own. Phil is currently the ECE Service Lead for Visionwest and is attending Glen Eden Baptist Church.



Annette Osborne

Annette has worked for SUNZ since 2004. She is passionate about the place of the Bible in bringing transformation in the lives of children, young people and their families. She loves listening to the questions children ask and helping them to discover the answers for themselves. When not working, she can be found paddling her kayak to a beach, with a thermos of tea.



Hayleigh Rossetter

Hailing from Scotland, Hayleigh leads the Intermediate-age ministry at Gateway Church in Hamilton and works as a qualified dance teacher at a local dance school. Children love learning through movement and music and Hayleigh is passionate about combining her dance skills with her love of Jesus.



Andrew Ramsbottom

Andrew has worked with churches to train people who work with children and who want to see the generations connected. He is a passionate Bible storyteller and loves to find creative ways to do so. He is currently working in a church facilitating intergenerational faith connections.



Sapati Tima

Sapati Tima hails from Samoa. He and his wife Meiolandre have three children. His formative journey in ministry began over 20 years ago. Sapati is a graduate from Malua Theological College, Samoa. He also holds a Master's degree in theology from the University of Auckland. Sapati currently works as the Auckland Youth Consultant for SUNZ.



Nigel Winder

Nigel is the SUNZ Children and Families Consultant for the Otago/Southland region. He loves opening the Bible with children and young people of all ages, helping them to grow as disciples of Jesus. He also works two days a week for his church. In his spare time, he grows vegetables to feed his family.



Claire Wyeth

Claire has worked in children's ministries for over 20 years. She is now involved in mainly community-facing ministries through Messy Church, Holiday Programmes, and working with seniors. Claire loves seeing the community connect with local churches.



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