



WELLINGTON



SATURDAY 20 JUNE

ST NINIAN'S UNITING CHURCH  
9AM - 3PM - \$95 PER PERSON  
INCLUDES MORNING TEA & LUNCH

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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# TIMETABLE

9.00	Doors open
9.30	Opening session
10.15	Morning tea
10:45 - 11:45	Workshop A
11:50 - 12:50	Workshop B
12:50	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30	Workshop C
2:35	Connect time
3:00	Finish

# 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><b>*A1 PRAYER ZONE</b> - Experience a range of different ways to pray to help children and families develop a deep relationship with God. Led by Liz Eichler</p>	<p><b>*B1 CONNECT</b> - Discover ways to build strong relationships with children and how from that children's relationship with God can grow. Led by Nigel Winder and Myles Boag</p>	<p><b>C1 GAMES THAT GROW FAITH: ACTIVITIES WITH MEANING</b> - Explore simple, engaging games that spark connection and can open the door to meaningful faith conversations. Leave equipped with easy, purpose-filled activities. Led by Molly Sheridan.</p>
<p><b>A2 I NEED HELP!</b> - Tired of battling away on your own? Frustrated with team members half-hearted efforts. Learn some top tips on getting volunteers, and then getting the best out of them. Led by Nigel Winder</p>	<p><b>B2 PREPARE</b> - Helping families to intentionally prepare for and navigate discipleship through the seasons of parenting. Led by Mel Lienert</p>	<p><b>C2 KIDS IN WORSHIP AND SERVICE</b> - Practical ideas for involving children in church life through prayer, worship, leadership, and service. Led by Nickie George</p>
<p><b>A3 INTERMEDIATE</b> - Come be equipped with a clear understanding of the developmental, emotional, and spiritual journey of intermediates, and how to walk with them in ways that create genuine, lasting impact. Led by Neville Bartley and Myles Boag</p>	<p><b>B3 SUSTAINABLE CRAFTS</b> - Ways to use recycled materials and "found" objects to help illustrate Bible stories, and foster connections with God and each other. Led by Liz Eichler</p>	<p><b>C3 LEADING KIDS WELL</b> - Hands-on training for leading engaging children's programmes. Led by Hannah Dunne</p>
<p><b>A4 SAFEGUARDING OUR MINISTRY</b> - Explore creating safe spaces for everyone, practical boundaries, clear processes, and wise communication that protect the children in our programmes - and protect us as leaders as well. Led by David Moody</p>	<p><b>B4 CREATING BELONGING SPACES</b> - Every child or team member, should feel they belong in church. This workshop explores how to build inclusive spaces for children of all abilities, backgrounds and needs so that no one feels left out. Led by Andrea Lukin</p>	<p><b>C4 INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY</b> - What does it really mean and look like? Explore how to create an environment where there is a sense of belonging, being known, being loved, and cared for and contributing. Led by Chris &amp; Sandy Leadbeater</p>
<p><b>A5 FOLLOWING JESUS</b> - Explore how to have good faith conversations with children, and explore the brand new 'Following Jesus' resource from SUNZ. Led by Annette Osborne &amp; Andrea Lukin.</p>	<p><b>B5 YOUR STORY</b> - Offering key insights and learnings from recent research around faith formation in young people that will strengthen your ministry to children and youth. Led by Neville Bartley</p>	<p><b>C5 TECHNOLOGY</b> - Discover how using AI tools like ChatGPT the smart way can cut down your workload, boost creativity, and save time. This workshop shows you how to ask better, get more, and do less. BYOD Led by David Cross</p>

# OUR WORKSHOP PRESENTERS FOR WELLINGTON



## Neville Bartley

Neville is the National Leader for the Youth Consultant team for SUNZ. He has been involved in youth ministry for 39 years and is passionate about training, supporting and equipping both leaders and young people to be all they can be in Christ, taking their faith into their daily lives and being Jesus to a hurting world.



## 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.



## David Cross

David is Communications Manager for the Anglican Diocese of Wellington, where he tells stories with clarity and creativity. Passionate about exploring how technology can serve ministry, David enjoys running, tramping, and cheering on his kids from the sidelines of their sports fields.



## Hannah Dunne

Hannah is the Youth and Families Pastor at St John's in the City. She loves encouraging the tamariki and rangatahi of Wellington to grow in their faith and love of God. In her spare time Hannah loves playing netball and watching most other sports!



## Liz Eichler

Liz works for SUNZ as the Children and Families Team Leader. She thinks a lot about what 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



## Nickie George

Nickie is mother to three amazing Young Adults, two who have Autism. She has been involved with children's education for the past 25 years, as trained teacher, a teacher's aide and a children ministry leader. Nickie currently works at St Micheal's and All Angels Anglican Church in Newlands. She loves providing out of the box ways for children to encounter God.



## Christine Leadbeater

Chris has been serving in Children's ministry for a lot of years now. She heads up the Children and Families Ministry at The Anchor Church. Chris is passionate about teaching and learning alongside the children and young people who will be our next generation of church leaders. She loves being part of a church family that strives to provide spaces where people of all ages and stages feel like they belong.



## Sandy Leadbeater

Sandy looks after the Sunday Services team at The Anchor Church - doing the big job of looking after the wonderful team who keep everything running smoothly on a Sunday morning. In his spare time he enjoys dabbling in musical theatre.



## Mel Lienert

Mel Lienert is married to Sam and is a mother of two teenage/young adult boys. She has lived in the Wellington region all her life and thinks (other than the wind) that this is the best climate in the world. Since the year 2000, she has been an active part of The Street Church. Mel works on the staff team as EA to the Senior Pastors and in a very small capacity as the Families Pastor.



## 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!



## David Moody

David Moody is the Territorial Keeping People Safe Secretary for the Salvation Army. This covers policy development, safe practice, in person and online trainings, and compliance checks for employees who work with children and vulnerable people, and children and youth ministry volunteers across New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa. David has three adult sons, two who are married, three grandchildren and one grand pup.



## 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 she is not working, she can be found paddling her kayak to a beach, with a thermos of tea.



## Molly Sheridan

Molly leads the Youth and Children's Team at The Salvation Army in Palmerston North. She's been working with youth and children for over 7 years and loves seeing them journey with God and find their place in this world. Molly is also in the final year of her Master's in Sociology, exploring how Young Women's Faith Journey's are impacted by Social Media.



## 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.



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