

Darfield

Baptist Church

Here to Make a Difference

15 Greendale Road, Darfield

DARFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH PROFILE

MISSION Here to Make a Difference

VISION We are Christ's loving community called together for the glory of God. By the power of the Spirit at work in us, we purpose:

To become more Christ like;

To be as Christ to each other;

To show Christ to the world — bringing others to know and follow Him.

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Rooted in our heritage as a church of God's people, we are:

1. **Christ-centred** - Teaching from a Christ-centred, biblical foundation
2. **Intergenerational** and **Family-focused**
3. **Serving** - Here to make a difference, engaging with our community practically, socially and spiritually
4. **Missional** - God has placed each of us where we can minister to others both "here" and "there."
5. **Journeying** - A vibrant and dynamic church on God's journey

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Our Church

HISTORY

Darfield Baptist Church is representative of over 145 years of Baptists worshipping God and serving our community. It was founded in 1872. In the early days there were gatherings in Greendale, South Malvern (Whitecliffs), Sheffield, Kirwee and West Melton. Services and Sunday Schools were also held in Hororata and Glenroy.

With the shifting population these various groups associated more and more under the umbrella of the Greendale Baptist Church. The first building at Greendale was next to the domain in 1873, but this was replaced in 1897 on the corner of Greendale Road and Adams Road. After almost 80 years on that site, in 1976 the church decided to relocate to Darfield. By this time Darfield represented the main centre of the population and of business and schooling in the district. The church was renamed Malvern Baptist Church in 1979. Throughout this time services have continued to be held in both Darfield and Glenroy, which continues to this day.

Since 2007, it has been known as Darfield Baptist Church.

Over this history, the church body has maintained:

- a commitment to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour
- a commitment of families who, over successive generations, have served and led ministry
- a commitment to children's ministry and youth work in the schools and for church families
- a commitment to give financially to overseas mission and to send people to serve for long and short terms
- a commitment to make a difference in the district and to provide practical, social and spiritual help to people, irrespective of their church involvement

CHURCH FAMILY

Darfield Baptist Church continues to be a vibrant and dynamic church with people of differing ages, and different ethnic, social, economic and church

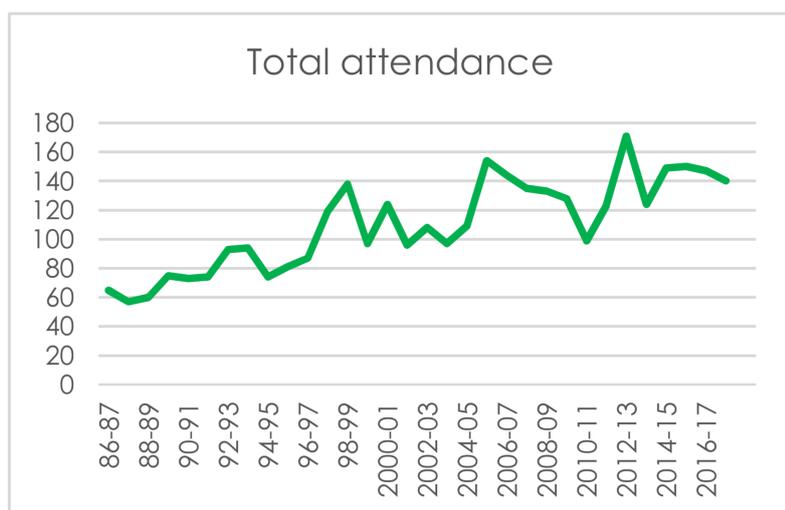
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backgrounds gathering together to worship God. There is a strong family feel and down to earth faith.

The church is predominantly European-Pakeha, and includes smaller representations of Maori and of recent migrants from the Philippines and various European countries. The church family is engaged in a variety of professions, including farmers, teachers, tradies and stay-at-home mothers. Both public schoolers and homeschoolers are represented.

We have an active membership of 103 people. The average service held at Darfield has 120 people attending, including 11-12 children. The Glenroy service has an average of 24.

ATTENDANCE



See also the attached Darfield Baptist Church demographics document.

RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

Resident Membership	
2008	59
2013	94
2018	103
Change	
Five-year	9.6%
Decade	74.6%

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Our Ministries

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday services are held every week at Darfield from 10:30-12:00, followed by a cup of tea and fellowship. The service includes worship in song, a time to share stories and celebrations with the rest of the church, notices, the offering, and the sermon. There is a roster of worship teams including musicians, singers and projector and sound technicians. On the 1st Sunday of the month the Lord's Supper is celebrated. On the 2nd Sunday there is an overseas mission update. On the 3rd Sunday a church member is interviewed on their life and journey with God, and following the service we share a pot-luck lunch together. There are several children's programmes (see below).

A second service is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at Glenroy from 9:00-9:45. This includes hymns with an accompanying organ, the Lord's Supper, a Sunday School, the sermon and morning tea following the service.

CHILDREN

Children are important. They are part of our church now. Our children stay in the service for the first 20 minutes during worship, celebrations and notices. There are children's programmes that run the length of the sermon. The purpose of these programmes are to support parents in the discipleship of their children and help kids feel part of the church through using biblical, relevant and child-focused curriculum that invites personal faith and growth.

There are four groups in our children's programme at Darfield: Creche for 0-2 years, Sunday School for 3-5 years and Kingz Kidz for 6-11 years. Our children's programmes are run by volunteers who rotate in 4-week blocks. There is a children's programme at the Glenroy service.

YOUTH

Youth work at DBC centres around providing a safe space for youth of our community to get to know each other, be introduced to Jesus, deepen their faith and learn leadership skills.

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The youth ministry is run by our youth pastor and a team of volunteers. Youth group events for teenagers are run weekly on a Friday night. Youth are encouraged to attend different camps and retreats.

NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY GROUPS

There are several neighbourhood community groups that meet regularly for community. Each neighbourhood community group is different. Neighbourhoods gather to share a meal, develop deeper relationships within the church, study the Bible or discuss the week's sermon, and be a place that welcomes and embraces people outside DBC as a form of outreach. Not everyone in the church is part of a neighbourhood community group.

Occasional courses are also organised for church folk, such as the Freedom in Christ course.

KINGDOM BUILDERS

Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom and sent his followers on Kingdom missions. Kingdom Builders is an instrument to provide opportunities to grow in leadership and serving capacity, along with practical experience. The group is working through and discussing *The Mission of God's People* by Christopher Wright. In 2019, the group will focus on topics addressed by speakers including: hearing from God, emotional health check, Noho Marae, the environment and biblical stewardship. There will be a global exposure to Bangladesh offered to 7 participants. The group meets for 3 hours every 3rd Sunday of the month.

EXAMINE BIBLE STUDY

Scripture is God's Word. Examine Bible Study is a weekly Bible study held 2-3pm almost every Sunday to help people hone their skills of reading the Bible deeply so as to better know, love and worship Jesus Christ. In 2019, the group has been learning how to study the Bible while at the same time working through the book of Galatians.

OVERSEAS MISSION

Darfield Baptist has a heritage of supporting overseas mission. Our aims are to nurture a heart for mission through equipping people, to inform about mission work, to financially and prayerfully support those involved in mission

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work, and to foster an understanding of ourselves as missionaries everyday in the spheres God has placed us in.

We actively support 9 people/families/projects overseas, as well as send people on short-term mission trips to support these people/projects.

Each year we run a Faith Promise focus in February-March to support mission, and also participate in the annual Tranzsend Self Denial programme each April.

LOCAL MISSION

Local mission happens everyday, everywhere, as we live our lives as followers of Jesus in the midst of neighbours. The organised local outreach at DBC focuses around the Alpha course, which is generally run every year. Congregants are encouraged to invite friends along. We also have a team which hold a monthly service on a Sunday evening at the Rolleston Prison.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

We all live in community, and as followers of Jesus seek to answer the question, “what can a neighbour do for a neighbour?” How can we take the God light out to the edges of the Kingdom in very practical ways. This is mostly informal but very real and essential to the ministry of the church. Regular community ministries include hospital visitation and a meal ministry to provide home-cooked food for families within or connected to the church when needed.

TWO RIVERS COMMUNITY TRUST

Our major instrument for community ministries is the Two Rivers Community Trust. Two Rivers Community Trust was started in 2013 out of a commitment to resource wider engagement in practical community needs. Our vision is for a resilient community where people belong, contribute and flourish. The Trust’s role in this is a channel for funding and blessing and for facilitating connections within our community. The trust has five streams:

Community support through the Hub, co-ordination of a food bank, information, referral and other help. The Hub has extensive links with other community support organisations in Selwyn.

Youth work through the 24/7 programme at the high school and driving mentoring.

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Events: organising and hosting annual community events celebrating Waitangi Day, Matariki, and a Roller Disco Light Party as an alternative to Halloween.

Food resilience including the monthly Nourish group and a community garden. A community food pantry operates from the community garden.

Social housing. A wider Malvern Housing Trust is setting up to meet the needs of some locals. The 2RCT streams seeks to fill in some other gaps and focuses on tenant support.

For more information, please see www.tworiverscommunitytrust.org.nz.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The women's ministry seeks to provide the ladies in the church with events where they can fellowship together while having a good time. There is usually an event organised each term, the biggest event being the winter Women's Retreat.

MEN'S MINISTRY

The men's ministry at DBC, while small, centres around an annual mens camp that seeks to have fun together while encouraging and equipping men to grow closer to God spiritually, not just in works or action. Activities at camps include 4-wheel-driving, competitions, and other manly fun.

PRAYER MINISTRY

There are several prayer groups of church folk that meet regularly: Sundays from 10:00-10:30 am at church before the service, Tuesdays weekly and an emergency prayer chain.

WIDER MINISTRY

Darfield Baptist has been involved in many other ministries beyond the church, including:

ANZAC Service at Darfield Cenotaph

Arthur's Pass Chapel Services once or twice a year

Westmar Rest Home services

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Glenroy Lodge Camp – the camp has had a strong link after the land was gifted by a Greendale member and folk from the district have functioned on the committee/board and provided practical help through working bees and paid roles. It is overseen by the Canterbury/Westland Baptist Assoc.

Te Waiora Retreat Centre – a retreat centre in Hororata. A number of the board, hosts and ‘friends of Te Waiora’ are connected to the church. Providing a hospitable and healing atmosphere for people in need of rest, refreshment and renewing. Hosting individual guests as well as retreats.

Christian Religious Education – Darfield Baptist has friendly relationships with the surrounding schools, and volunteers from Darfield Baptist and other local churches run Bible-in-schools at several primary schools. This was greatly supported by our previous pastor.

Darfield Baptist is active in working with Christians and churches across the community and often has combined Easter services. Our pastors have been a part of the Malvern Ministers Assoc, representing Malvern Anglican; Hororata Anglican; Malvern Co-operating (Presbyterian/Methodist); St Joseph’s (Catholic); Darfield Life (New Life).

Other churches in the district include: Malvern Co-operating Parish (Presbyterian/Methodist); Malvern Anglican; Hororata Anglican; St Joseph’s; Life Church; Glentunnel Brethren; Church of the Open Door (Te Pirita); Kirwee Community Church; Hope Church West-Melton (Presbyterian); Arthur’s Pass Chapel; Redemption Church Darfield.

FUTURE VISION

See attached our most recent vision document: 2019 Vision Document.

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Our Resources

CHURCH STAFF AND STRUCTURE

Darfield Baptist is a ministry-led church. On staff there is a full-time senior pastor, a full-time youth pastor/youth worker, four lay elders, and many dedicated volunteers who lead and run the various ministries.

The pastor and elders provide oversight, governance and keep the vision of the church at the fore of our corporate life, worship and witness. The pastor and elders meet fortnightly, with one meeting focusing on prayer and the other for a meal and regular discussion and reporting from the pastor.

The pastor, staff and ministry leaders are responsible for the variety of ministry areas, both leading and developing volunteers. The ministry leaders meet regularly with the pastor and have a quarterly meal and meetings with the elders and pastor.

The Church meets in February/March for the AGM and appointment of elders. The budget is approved at a Members Meeting in November. Ministry leaders are appointed according to gifting by the pastor and elders. Other meetings are called to discuss matter of interest or for reporting back as required.

Darfield Baptist is a member of the Baptist Union of NZ and Canterbury/Westland Baptist Association.

See attached church constitution and ministry led-church structure information.

CHURCH BUILDING

The church building was built by church members in the mid-1980s. It is of concrete block construction with a concrete floor and a colour steel roof. It is on the edge of the Darfield residential area. There is a main auditorium, a large Kingz Kidz room, and several smaller rooms for the Sunday School, offices for the pastor and youth pastor, and a small library.

The auditorium contains individual padded chairs for seating, a baptistery, data projector, piano, drum kit and sound system. There are a couple of original kauri pews from the Greendale Baptist church. There is a recently re-sealed car park next to the church, and plenty of parking area available on the street.

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The church is in the process of being renovated, having just been painted, a new commercial kitchen installed, sound and data equipment updated, with new carpet and other upgrades to come.

The church building is in use regularly, by church groups as well as non-church groups, for community activities throughout the day and evening. A member of the church is responsible for church bookings. Some non-church groups are charged for the use. Cleaning of the church is done by a paid worker from the community.

GLENROY COMMUNITY HALL

The church hires the Glenroy Community Hall for the Glenroy service.

MANSE

The church owns a manse next to the church, built in 1977 and renovated post-earthquakes. It is situated on a separate section next to the church, with its own driveway and letterbox. It has a concrete floor and iron roof. The home is heated with a wood burner in the family room, with water radiators in the hallway, and an open fire in the main lounge. It has four bedrooms (all with built-in wardrobes), two bathrooms, two showers and two toilets. There is an open plan living in the kitchen; dining and family room are separate from the formal lounge and office area. The Manse is carpeted and has vinyl on the floors in the bathrooms, kitchen and laundry, and a mixture of drapes and vertical blinds cover the windows. There is a double garage that has internal access.

There is a small lean-to on the section and there is a Church storage facility accessed from the Church carpark.

FINANCES

Over recent years giving to the church has exceeded the operating costs. This has contributed to cash reserves that have been used to partially fund the renovation of the church building.

The church applied for a loan to contribute to these renovations, and this has been supplemented by God's work in the generous support of church members and trades people within the church.

See attached 2018 finances document.

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Our Place

SELWYN DISTRICT

Selwyn is a District where you can enjoy small town or rural living. Experience the great outdoors through mountains, rivers, tramping, kayaking, gliding, skiing, snow boarding and mountain biking, jetboating, 4x4, hunting, and fishing. Sports facilities and organised teams are easily accessed. You can enjoy a café in a small town or pack your picnic and find your own quiet space. There are arts and craft groups, dance studios, music and performance clubs and all number of service groups.

From Darfield, it's 30 minutes east to the edge of Christchurch, or 30 minutes west to lakes, or the foot of the Porters Heights ski area or to Castle Hill. There is easy access to Mt Hutt and into the Arthur's Pass National Park. Sensational Selwyn Video: <https://vimeo.com/126662503>.

The closest city is Christchurch, New Zealand's second largest city. Christchurch has excellent medical services, shopping, an international airport and a university. There is a strong Arts calendar and Canterbury is well known for its competitive sporting culture. Recovery from the 2010-11 earthquakes has not finished, however the city centre has recently opened up with several brand new world-class facilities, and more to follow.

SCHOOLS IN MALVERN

Annabels Educare

Darfield Preschool and Nursery

Darfield Primary School Yr 1-6

Greendale Primary Yr 1-6

Glentunnel Primary Yr 1-6

Sheffield Primary Yr 1-6

Springfield Primary Yr 1-6

Kirwee Model School Yr 1-6

Hororata Primary School Yr 1-6

Darfield High School Yr 7-13