

Dear Friends,

You'll be pleased to know I am back on deck after a strange week of various bugs and ill health. Thanks to Dennis Thorne for stepping in at short notice and preaching on Sunday and for Lorne taking communion at Central. Onerahi and Tikipunga were not affected by that but I know you held me in your prayers on Sunday.

Here are all the things you need to know about what is happening in the coming little while...

Services on Sunday Morning

We continue with our three morning services this week.

10am @ HopeTikipunga - Lorne Campbell speaking on the Wheat and the Weeds (Matthew 13:31-35)

9:30am @ HopeCentral - Howard Carter will be speaking on the Parable of the Pearl of great price (Matthew 13:44-46)

9:30am @ HopeOnerahi - Enosa Auva'a will be speaking on the Parable of the Pearl of great price (Matthew 13:44-46)

Zoom

There is a zoom service which will be streamed. It will be the service from HopeCentral at **9:30am**.

Note the time is **9:30am** not the 10:30am that it has been during lockdown and in June when we had combined services.

If you are using a laptop or PC here is the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89285364673>

If you have a mobile device with the Zoom app the meeting ID is 89285364673

If you are wanting to join us by phone the number is 09 884 6780

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Evening Worship

The second of our monthly evening worship events is coming up at **6:30pm on Sunday August 9th** held at HopeCentral. The theme is 'The wind of the Spirit brings new Life' and we will be looking at 'The Valley of the Dry Bones' in Ezekiel 37. Come and join us for a time of sung worship, reflection and prayer. If you have any creative and artistic reflections on the passage we are looking at please let Howard Carter know and we can weave them into the service.

Combined service August 16th 10:30am

We will be having a combined service on **August 16th at HopeCentral at 10:30am** it will be a great time of celebration together as a whole community of faith. It is to be followed by a soup and buns lunch (provided). So, put the date in your calendar and come and share with us.

This was to be part of a renewal weekend, but the team coming to share with us has had to postpone their coming till September 25th-26th.

Renewal Weekend September 25th-26th

We are really pleased to announce that over the weekend of **September 25th-26th** we will be having a team from Mahurangi Presbyterian Church come and share with us what the Holy Spirit is doing in their midst and how they are involved in the mission of Jesus Christ. The purpose of the weekend is

to have people like you and I come and share what the spirit is doing there now, to encourage and strengthen us here and now. Watch this space for further information.

[Joan Sharpe's Memorial Service - 10:30am This Thursday, July 30th at Hope Central](#)

Joan was 96 when she passed away last week and had been a member here at HopeWhangarei (formally St Andrews) for at least 30 years. Joan lived a very full and active life as a science teacher. She was born in the United Kingdom and her daughter said that "Church has been part of her whole life" - being brought up originally in a Congregational Church setting.

The service will be followed by fellowship in the St Andrews Hall. All are welcome to come and hear her story and support her family

"One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple"
Psalm 27:4

[Connect Group leaders and Co-leaders get together: THIS Saturday August 1st @ 9:30am in the HopeCentral Lounge](#)

This meeting is for our leaders to come together for mutual encouragement, sharing and empowering.

Please bring something to share for morning tea. Plunger coffee and a cup of tea provided.

[Trix our receptionist is leaving](#)

Our receptionist Trix Viljoen's last day will be this Friday. If you haven't stopped in or rung her already and thanked her for her work we'd encourage you to do that this week.

[Thankyou from Trix](#)



*Thank you for the great outpouring of love and affection received from the congregation upon my resignation as Receptionist.
Blessings*

Trix 😊

[Blessing](#)

Paul ends his letter to the Romans, the letter that more than any of his letters has influenced the church and bought us back time and time again to the central truth of the gospel... saved by grace through faith in Christ alone... with a very simple but profound blessing. In Chapter 15 just before he brings a list of people he wants to greet in chapter 16 he simply finishes by saying *"the God of peace*

be with all. Amen” note it’s not just the peace of God, but the very presence of the God who is our peace, who has reconciled us to himself be with us.

May you know and experience and face life with the assurance that *“the God of peace be with you”*.

Blessings

Howard Carter

Senior Minister

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