

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all the people who came and were involved in the day of prayer last week. Over the three sites and four meetings we had over thirty people spending an hour in prayer together and I was well aware of many people who came in to Central during the day to spend an hour by themselves in prayer. Some of the messages left for the Church were encouraging as well. Praying for unity, renewal of our faith and fresh vision and the courage to keep persevering.

I believe that Prayer is central for the Spiritual vitality of the Church and would encourage you to keep the church in your prayers. In May we will be setting aside a ten day period (May 13th-23rd) as a season of Prayer. Once again joining together with Christians all over the world in the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative, praying for the renewal of the church and people to come to know Christ.

For further info see www.thykingdomcome.global

If there are people who would be enthused to set up a prayer room for the period, then please let me know.

Here are the notices for the week...

COVID-19 Alert Level 1

The whole country is back to COVID alert level 1. It was good to have Enosa Auva'a back with us this week after the alert levels in Auckland dropped. Please stay vigilant and follow all the Level 1 regulations. It is a very practical way that we can show care and love for each other and the community.

If you are unwell, with cold or flu like symptoms please stay home and if you have COVID like symptoms please arrange to get tested.

Please remember to wash your hands and use the hand sanitiser available in the church foyer.

Check in with the QR code, using the COVID tracer app on your phone. Enable the blue tooth on that app. Let us know if you need help with that and we can show folk how to do that.

If you do not have the tracer app on your phone please sign in by paper. Also we have COVID tracer diaries available in the church foyer. Its old school paper technology.

Respect people's wishes when it comes to contact or keeping distance. Shaking hands or bumping elbows or even waving from a distance.

Sunday Services

This week we are continuing our series looking at Jesus seven words from the cross at our three sites.

10am @ HopeTikipunga – Lorne Campbell. 'I thirst' (John 19:38)

9:30am @ HopeCentral- Howard Carter. 'My God, my God why have you forsaken me' (Matthew 27:46)

9:30am @ HopeOnerahi-Enosa Auva'a 'It is finished' (John 19:30)

Zoom service

We will be having a Zoom component to our services on Sunday. The **9:30am** Service at HOPECENTRAL will be streamed on zoom

The link to the service is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89285364673>

If you are using the zoom app on your mobile device then the meeting ID is: 89285364673

If you are going to dial in using a landline the phone number is 09 884 6780

And when prompted put in the **meeting ID: 89285364673**

Combined Prayer for the City

The monthly combined Prayer Gathering starts again this Sunday at 7pm-8:30pm @ Church Unlimited (Mill Rd, Regent)

Join together with Christians from all over the city to prayer for our city and nation.

Serving at our services

We are looking for people to help out at our services at all three sites. To run our services it takes the whole community. We are looking for people to be on our greeting and usher rosters and to help out with morning tea. We offer people training and it is a great opportunity to serve and help make Hope the welcoming place it is. Please contact karen@hopewhangarei.nz

Thank you

We want to thank people for the generous way they responded to the need of Charlotte Hita for a car. Charlotte writes...

"To everyone who helped me I can't express how deeply grateful I am. My words just can't express that to you beautiful, and I mean beautiful, friends and people you all are. All I can say is, as my tears roll down my face, thank you all, each and everyone of you. From my heart to yours thankyou thankyou! On behalf of my son king Inez my daughter Henrietta and myself mummy Charlotte we love you all. I leave you with this, GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU LOVE TO YOU ALL THE HITAS AND ONE OF MY TOP HITS WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS AND MY NEXT TOP HIT YOU ALL NO BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL GOD YOU ALL KA KITE ANO"

Preaching workshop - Preaching the parables with Geoff New march 20th

Just a reminder to people on our preaching team that we have rev Dr Geoff New coming to run a day seminar on preaching at HopeWhangarei on March 20th (9am -3:30pm). Please register at info@hopewhangarei.nz by Monday March 15th. Koha \$10 (lunch provided).

Blessing

Maybe as we return to the new normal after the last week of heightened COVID alert it is good to remember that every day is a gift from God.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Ko te rā tēnei i hangā e Ihowā

kia whakamanamana, kia koa tātou i reira

-Psalm/ Ngā Waiata 118:24

Blessings

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER

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