

Dear friends

On Sunday, as Sue and I were arriving at home from worship, we saw a rock pigeon on the berm outside our property that we thought had died. Two hours later, as we were farewelling a friend who had turned up, we noticed the pigeon was still alive. It was on its back. We went and got a box to put it in in the hope we could help care for it in some way. As we were picking it up, a man passed us by and told us about the Native Bird recovery centre in Maunu. So with bird in the box we went up there and placed it in a cage by the door for when the centre opened on Monday.

As I reflected on that I was reminded that Jesus said *“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care.”* Mathew 10:29

In our community there are many people who are damaged and hurting ... who are waiting to be picked up and loved back to life.

As we enter this season of prayer with Thy Kingdom Come (May 12th – 22nd) the Gospel and healing Service (May 30th) and Alpha later in July, may we be open and aware of the ones Jesus loves and died for who are waiting for His healing hand.

Lorne Campbell

Here are the notices...

COVID Level 1

At present we are in COVID Alert Level 1 and we need to follow basic health and safety guidelines. Regularly wash hands, avoid touching your face, and sign in using the QR code and COVID tracer app or on paper. We still have a few COVID tracer diaries in the church foyer if you don’t have a smart phone. Please stay home if you are unwell. Get in touch with health professionals and get tested if you have any of the COVID symptom. Respect people’s desire to socially distance and avoid contact. Bumping elbows is as much a greeting as shaking hands. Some of our folk work in positions where they have to take extra care to avoid COVID.

Sunday worship

This Sunday we continue our series leading into Pentecost, looking at the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

10:00am @ HopeTikipunga - Howard Carter - (1 Corinthians 14: 1-40): Many gifts; the way of love and public worship.

9:30am @ HopeCentral - Lorne Campbell - (Ephesians 4;1-16); Many gifts, a common goal.

9:30am @ HopeOnerahi – Enosa Auva’a - (1 Peter 4: 7-11 - Pray more, Serve and Share more and Love more for the glory of God)

Zoom service

We will be having a Zoom component to our services on Sunday. If you are unable to come to church in person this is a great way to worship with us and stay connected.

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**

Evening worship this Sunday at Central 6:30pm

Do come and join us for a time of worship, teaching, sharing and prayer this Sunday evening. We have been looking over the last 3 months at "the fruit of the Spirit". This Sunday we are considering patience. Impatience characterises the age we live in where people "want it now" and are in a hurry - so prevalent in our consumerist age. Have we allowed this to creep into the lives of the people of God? So what is Godly patience? How can we grow in patience? Come and take part as we come before the Lord together.

This Sunday its Mother's day!

At Presbyterian Children and Family Ministries, Diane McKinstry (at Hope Whangarei) and her colleague Robin are sharing a vimeo video and a flyer about Mothers Day.

Here is the link on our website which includes the 2 links for these:

<https://pcfmin.org.nz/event/mothers-day/> Please enjoy the video and use the flyer as a prayer guide if you want to.

Thy Kingdom Come May 13th - 23rd

This is an important season of prayer for our church and for our mission of connecting people with God and with each other. As mission starts in prayer. We will again be joining with Christians from all over the world in a season of prayer between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost. Joining together to pray for people to come to know Christ and for the renewal of the church.

Here is a video which wrapped up last year's ThyKingdomCome event which happened in the middle of COVID lockdowns. <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/thy-kingdom-come-2020-wrap-video>

We are again asking people to be committed to praying for five people (friends and family) to come to know Christ. I had the great joy this year of seeing one of the people I had been praying for the past three years become a Christian this year. We are asking that you specifically pray for one non-Christian you can invite along to the alpha dinner at the beginning of July.

We are wanting to have as many hours continuous prayer for the church, nation and world as we can during this season. So the small lounge at HopeCentral is being turned into a prayer room for the eleven days of thy Kingdom Come. Please come and spend an hour praying there. There will be a sign up sheet at all three church sites from this Sunday. If you can't make it down, sign up to spend an hour in prayer at home.

[Pentecost combined service May 23rd 10:00am](#)

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church it is when the Holy Spirit came in power on those first believers. This year we will be celebrating Pentecost at HopeWhangarei with a combined service at HopeCentral. The service time will be 10am. Come and celebrate and rejoice together that God has sent his Spirit "A Gift for all of us".

[Gospel & Healing Service at Hope Central. May 30th.](#)

Do take the up-coming opportunity to invite a friend to come to church on May 30th for our Gospel & healing service. The reason why many people don't come to church is because no one invites them!

At Ray Evan's baptism on Easter Sunday he said in his testimony "... and then a dear friend invited me to come to church, and then from then on my life began to change".

Invitation begins with prayer. Pray for your friends. Pray for your street. Pray for opportunities and boldness to invite.

Come and join a team of people praying for the service on Wednesdays at 11am-12noon at Central.

[Hope Tikipunga Challenge 2021](#)

Over the past two years we have had a challenge to support Family Works (Presbyterian Support)

2019 –pajamas, 2020 - beanies, scarves and booties. Well in 2021 it is knee rugs, throws, and cuddlies. We will have a morning tea on 6th July at Hope Tikipunga and invite a representative from Family Works to come along a receive the projects. There are several ways you can contribute; crochet a small rug, knit peggy squares and sew together, polar fleece is a good option, and patchwork throws are popular. Or, you might like to donate some wool for someone to use. For more details, please contact Kaye, Rae or Helen McGregor 0274373016.

[Morning tea shouts Central City Chaplaincy – **change of date**](#)

As part of our central city chaplaincy ministry we are wanting to show hospitality and care to people who work in the central city. So we are going to be giving some morning tea shouts to the businesses round the city. **We are starting on Tuesday May 11th** with a law firm (9 to 14 people) across the road from the church. We'd love people to be involved by baking a batch of biscuits or a slice or a cake, even just cheese and crackers. If you can help out with this ministry please let Elaine Holwell

know on 022 0812784.

[Hope Whangarei Service leaders gathering: Saturday may 15th. 9am-10:30 at Central](#)
All service leaders and any prospective service leaders are encouraged to come along to a gathering at Central next Saturday.

It is a time for encouraging one another, envisioning, training and equipping.

Thanks for those who have thus far said they will attend!

[Grief Seminar – Whangarei Anglican Care](#)

Whangarei Anglican Care are holding a Grief Seminar, Walking Through the Shadows, from Tuesday 8th June – Tuesday 29th June 2021. Time: 1 – 2.30pm @ the Anglican Care Centre, 1 Mill Road, Regent. No charge.

This is a four week small group course where you can process and understand the grief and loss of bereavement.

The group will be facilitated by trained counsellors:

Suzanne Mackay and Maureen Tearle

In the group you will have:

- An opportunity to explore the grief process and what that experience may look like for the individual, in a safe and supportive environment.
- Help to form strategies to assist in managing life with the inevitable changes that grief and loss bring.

Please note: this group will not be appropriate for those early in the grief process (if the loss has been within the last 6 months)

Registrations are essential – Ph: 437 6397 or email: enquiry@whgcare.org.nz

[Tax Receipts](#)

Tax receipts will be available this week. Please contact Karen on karen@hopewhangarei.nz if you wish for your receipt to be emailed to you.

[Volunteers Required](#)

We are in need of volunteers for each site to ensure the smooth running of the services on Sunday. In particular Central requires people available for organising the morning teas. Please contact Karen on karen@hopewhangarei.nz to advise of your availability. Thankyou.

Know your Community, know you are family. Saturday May 15th 11 am to 5pm

Saturday May 15th is International Day of families. Multi-Cultural Whangarei is holding a shared lunch at HopeCentral that day as a way of celebrating our connectedness to each other as the family of humanity. So why not come and bring a dish that represents your culture, a photo of your whanau and make friends with many of the people who now make this city their home.

Blessing

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Heoi mā te Atua o te manawanui, o te whakamarie, e hoatu ki a koutou kia kotahi te whakaaro o tētahi ki tētahi, kia rite ki tā Karaiti Īhu: Kia kotahi ai te whakaaro, kia kotahi ai te mangai, e whakakorōria ai koutou i te Atua, arā i te Matua o tō tātou Ariki, o Īhu Karaiti.

Romans/Roma 15:5, 6

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER

HOPEWHANGĀREI

4th May 2021