

Dear friends,

I am going to be away in Tauranga this week... No, not on holiday... I will be attending the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and am preaching at Enosa Auva'a's ordination and induction at St Peter's Tauranga on Saturday. Kris' mother and family live in Tauranga and during the school holidays she goes down to spend some time with them. I haven't been down since we moved up here to Whangarei. General Assembly is online, so I'll be attending via a laptop during the day and catching up with family in the evening. We will be back on Sunday as Kris and I are preaching this Sunday at Tikipunga and Onerahi.

As I'm traveling down to Tauranga on Tuesday I'm sitting in my office on ANZAC day to write this email. As I reflect on what to say two things come to mind.

The first is the family connections with the armed services and the Second World War. I was adopted into my family, so my parents were older (about forty when I arrived), and they both served in the air force during the Second World War. My father was a navigator and flew in transport planes in both the Pacific and European theatres, my mother was a WAAF and served in the officer's mess at Whenuapai in West Auckland. My father never talked of the war and my mother spoke of the sadness of getting to know US airmen stationed here and then later hearing they had died. My father stayed in the air force till the late 1960's and apparently I could tell which type of aircraft it was flying over our house at Whenuapai simply by its sound when I was three. Later when we lived off station we had the matte grey Mark Four Ford Zephyr in our garage with Airforce decals on it. My uncle, whom I never met, was injured at El-Alamein and my grandfather was injured in the First World War at Passchendaele, they both received field commissions in those battles as well. Like many of you we have family stories of pain and sacrifice, bravery and service that make ANZAC day special.

The second was the prayer that Meg Tillet used at central on Sunday. It summed up for me how ANZAC day makes me feel. A real gratitude for those who fought and served and sacrificed in the armed services. A real sorrow and pain at the tragic loss of life and cost of civilian lives in those conflicts. A real concern and lament for the conflict zones in our world at the moment, the Ukraine, Ethiopia and South Sudan, Syria and Yemen, and finally a cry out to God for peacemakers in this world, people who genuinely work and seek a just peace between people.

Once again I've attached a message for ANZAC day from the moderator of the PCANZ Rt Rev Hamish Galloway for people's further reflection.

[Here are the notices...](#)

I was encouraged at HopeCentral on Sunday, as we gathered for prayer before the service, to realise I was in the older half of the team we had on that day, great to see so many younger people involved in the service.

Lorne also sent me this photo of what he called the Onerahi Philharmonic with a large number of musicians and singers leading the worship there. Kris really enjoyed the music at Tikipunga as well. We continue our series on the Lord's Prayer at all three of our sites this week.



Sunday May 1st

HopeTikipunga @ 10:00am - Howard Carter (Our Father who is in heaven Hallowed by thy name)

HopeCentral @ 9:30am - Lorne Campbell (Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven)

HopeOnerahi @ 9:30am - Kris Middendorf-Carter (give us today our daily bread)

We are currently under the Orange level for COVID repression which means that there is no restriction on attendance at services, no vaccine passes are required, you do not have to scan in, however the wearing of masks is strongly encouraged.

Zoom Service

Thanks to Shane and Amelie Jansen for looking after the Zoom service while Kris is preaching.

The zoom service is a streaming of the 9:30am HopeCentral service.

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

If you are using an app on a mobile device the meeting **ID number is: 89285364673**

You can join via landline.

Please note that the process has changed. The phone number is 09 884 6780 you will need to input for the meeting

The number when Meeting ID prompted: 89285364673 followed by the # key. Then you will be asked for a further ID number or to press the # key again. Press the # hash key again. The host will ask for your name so we can put it on the computer screen so after the service people will know who you are.

After the service we will break into small groups so people can catch up, pray with each other. If you are on a landline you can unmute yourself by pressing *6. If you have someone on a landline in your group please introduce yourselves to them.

A message from Graeme Drummond (Previous Minister of St Andrews)

Graeme has done a podcast to share the story of God's faithfulness over the years. The heading he gave it is - **"Someone called my name"**

Please find the link below

<https://grahamedrummond.substack.com/p/someone-called-my-name-grahame-can?s=r>

The passing of Nancy Martin

Nancy Martin, beloved wife of Geoff who passed to glory last year, passed on Sunday morning at 3:15am with some of her family at her side.

Nancy's funeral will be at 2pm tomorrow, Wednesday April 27th at Morris and Morris.

Nancy and Geoff were long time members of the St James family (now Hope Onerahi) and both had a strong and lively faith.

Please pray for their family: Francine and Bill; Craig and Lupe; Neal; and Christine and Greg.

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants" Psalm 116:15

To view the service online please contact Morris and Morris Ph: 437 5799

The Ordination and Induction of the Rev. Enosa Auva'a to Minister at St Peter's Presbyterian Church, Tauranga. 2:30pm Saturday April 30th 2022

Enosa is being ordained to ministry and inducted to be the Minister at St Peter's Presbyterian Church in Tauranga on Saturday April 30th.

Howard Carter is preaching at the service, and there are people from Hope who will be going down for the service. The service will also be live streamed on St Peter's YouTube channel. The link for it is <https://youtu.be/-l56eyz4y1A>

Hymn along - 11am HopeCentral lounge Sunday May 1st

An invite to folk to come along after they've grabbed a cup of tea and join in some favourite hymns in the lounge at HopeCentral. If folk remember the radio show 'Uncle Toms Choir' they will enjoy this. Contact Jan Newman Ph: 430 0485

Unlocked Gospel Concert with Nicki Moran 7; 30pm, Thursday June 2nd 2022 at HopeCentral

Nicki comes to us through our connections with Gini Shepherd and He Waka Eke Noa (Prison Fellowship New Zealand), as Nicki has done many gospel concerts in prisons round New Zealand.

For a taste of Nicki's music here is a link to a YouTube clip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyDqkAJhni4>

Thy Kingdom Come May 25th - June 5th

As a church we are committing ourselves to a season of Prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. Where we will be praying for the renewal of the Church by the coming of the Holy Spirit and also for five non-Christians friends or family members to come to know Christ.

There will be a prayer room at Hope Central which we will be encouraging people to come and spend an hour in prayer during that time. We will be distributing a prayer diary to every one for the season and posting videos to help us focus our prayer on our Facebook page.

Blessing

A blessing from the book of Romans encouraging us to have the same love and mind of Christ for one another, so as a church and in this world we may be one and focus on the glory of God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

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. Romans 15:5-6

Heoi mā te Atua o te manawanui, o te whakamārie, 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 māngai, e whakakorōria ai koutou i te Atua, arā i te Matua o tō tātou Ariki, o Īhu Karaiti.

-Roma 15:5,6

Blessings

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER
HOPEWHANGĀREI

April 26th 2022

Ps: - On Friday after work I went out to Onerahi and spent about an hour just hanging out with birds. Most of it was spent with Marmite the white Oystercatcher and I was amazed by a flock of about twelve spoonbills just far enough away I could get all of them in my zoom lens. But in the end I thought I'd share a photo of a Kotare (a sacred Kingfisher with you) just sitting in the sunset on the ladder up to the jetty at the roundabout end of beach road.

