

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lawrie Hampton is a previous minister at what was St Andrew's, and also a previous Moderator of the PCANZ, it was great to have him with us at the service we had to initiate our becoming HopeWhangarei. Lorraine Greenwood keeps in close contact with him and wrote to me saying *Last week, Rev Lawrie Hampton turned 97! I keep in touch regularly, and have received a newsy letter from him today with the attached photo, taken on THE Day with Jocelyn(wife)*. Lorraine also included an extract from Lawrie's letter that she felt we would find interesting and also inspirational, as Lawrie and Jocelyn are doing so well, both dealing with the limitations of older age and also seeming to be keeping up with modern technology...



" We had no great family-wide celebration of my ninety-seventh birthday. Jocelyn worked hard to provide a slap-up afternoon tea here in our villa. Ross (son)was able to be present...A pleasant time together. And of course, there were many birthday greetings from family and friends, near and far.

For our years, we are reasonably well and active, but those years have recently taken their toll on our mental and physical powers. We have both given up driving and we have a car no more. This means that we are largely confined to our village, and, indeed, to our villa. We have no family member living any nearer to us than in Auckland. Kind friends drive us to church and home again but for other outings we must rely on taxis – medical and dental appointments, and special shopping needs, for example. Food supplies we order on line from the local supermarket, who deliver to our door."

Pauline Hampshire is at Te Maungarongo Ohope Marae this week for a week looking at Maori theology with rev Dr Wayne TeKawa a presbyterian Minister and lecturer in theology at Otago University. The Ohope Marae is a special place as it is not a tribal marae but the



church marae and home of the Māori synod of the PCANZ, Te Aka Puaho. It is a special place and I have spent many Easter's there with youth camps for the then Bay of Plenty Presbytery. It was a real blessing to start our Easter Camps by being welcomed on to the marae. The Wharenui (meeting house) is also a very special place. It is a fully carved house with the pillars in the house itself representing the twelve apostles. The Tekoteko (carved figure at the top of the Wharenui) who is the revered ancestor at the head of the house, carries a cross and is Ihu karaiti (Jesus Christ) with the maihi (front barge boards) his arms welcoming us all in. If you get the chance to visit the marae I would highly recommend it to you.

Here are the notices...

Staff update:

Colleen was due back in the office today... but sadly has hurt her eye and is unable to work, she will need time to recuperate. Karen is still working from home on limited hours... So

again this week... please bear with us as the phone at the office is being transferred to Howard's office and he will be dealing with booking etc.

Combined Gospel and Healing service this Sunday at 10:00am at Central

This Sunday is our final "official" Gospel and Healing service for 2023 ... I say "official" as every service is an opportunity to encounter God's healing touch. It's an opportunity to bring a friend who may be seeking God ... or a neighbour who is sick and seeking healing.

Please be praying that the Lord will release His power to heal the sick and that faith will rise up and reach out to the Lord.

As a small part of the service, we will hear a testimony ... and have a go at the dance 'Jerusalema'!....

Lorne writes...

" 'Jerusalema' ... dance of praise and joy ... that went viral!

I wonder how many of us like ... dancing?! One of the interesting modes of worship in the scriptures is dancing! Miriam led the people of Israel in dance once the people were safely through the Red Sea (Exodus 15:20) . King David danced before the Lord when he brought the ark of the covenant into Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6:14). In one of the most often quoted psalms of worship (Ps 150) we read "4 praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe...".

So dancing is not frowned on by God as it can be an expression of joy and worship in the right context. I am sure that many of the people who were miraculously healed in the Bible jumped and danced for joy?! The cripple who was healed in Acts c 3 possibly danced! "... and he entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God"

Many of you may be aware that during the pandemic, a song and dance titled "Jerusalema" went viral, and many hundreds of organisations around the world danced to it?

Jeruslama is a gospel song ... sung in Zulu ... and the meaning of the words are:

"Jerusalem is my home, (Lord) guide me, walk with me, do not leave me here." This is a timely song and dance given the strife in Israel right now ... but also a reminder for believers in Jesus, that of our true home is in heaven (Phil 3:20; Hebrews 11:3 and 1 Peter 2:11)).

We would like to attempt this dance / song in the gospel and healing service on October 29th and invite you to watch and learn the steps ... and join in if you would like to on the day!!!

Here is an example of a group doing the dance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11e4sW-Q4Ns>

Now, here's a step by step tutorial of the dance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtuVWAQzGtE>

Let's have a go and dance to the Lord !!!"

Lorne

Zoom service 10:00 am Sunday October 29th

Please note that the meeting ID is now a new one...

The zoom service this week will be the 9:30am service from HopeCentral.

Here is the link for the service <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429062440>

If you are using the zoom app on a mobile device or smart phone the Meeting ID is 83429062440

If you are joining by landline, dial 09 8846780 and follow the Instructions, again the meeting ID is 83429062440

Worship HopeWhangarei Sunday November 5th

Come join us on Sunday morning as we gather for worship at our three sites. We continue our sermon series 'the way of the Cross' working our way through the gospel according to Mark.

HopeTikipunga @ 10:00am - Mark 2:18-22 - Howard Carter (Communion)

HopeCentral @ 9:30am - Mark 2:23-27 - Pauline Hampshire

HopeOnerahi @ 9:30am - Mark 3:1-6 - Lorne Campbell

Church AGM 2pm Saturday October 28th

Come join us for a wonderful afternoon tea and reflect and celebrate on the past year as a church with our AGM. The reports and financials are available online and at the church foyer.

We don't need you to bring a plate Cream tea will be provided.

Here is a link to a pdf of the AGM reports

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Efem5g6S2bY3hyu-H6hDuQP25IN65nP6/view?usp=sharing>

Calling all Scone Makers

A couple of volunteers are needed to bake scones on Saturday, 28 October 2023 for the AGM refreshments.

If this is your gifting and you are able to help, please contact Lorna Child, 436 0609 by 5:00 pm on Thursday, 26 October 2023.



South African gospel singer Louis Brittz Thursday November 16th 2023



Louis Brittz – is a well-known Gospel Singer in South Africa will be visiting Whangarei with Charismata Singers - Whangarei' own Gospel Choir Thursday 16 November 2023 @ 18:00 (6pm). Louis Brittz – is a well-known Gospel Singer in South Africa will be visiting Whangarei with Charismata Singers -

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<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe508dqR87z28lwaM2e5j3pryBsSdblDnHs81hxbAJ0ZvA-ig/viewform>

Venue: Church Unlimited

If you want a taste of what Louis Brittz music is like here is a link to a video to a song “you came for me” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tD6WOPA1mcY&t=104s>

Hope Tikipunga Christmas

Morning Tea Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 10.00am

Come along and enjoy a nice morning tea

Kathryn & Margaret will be with us and bring some New Christmas crafts/decorations for you to make.



Enquiries to Helen 4373656 or 0274373016

Womens Morning Tea November 26th

Keep the date free for a morning tea and guest speaker at HopeCentral.

Blessing

Psalm 103 contains a wonderful list of the blessings that God bestows upon his people. It is a good reminder for us of God's love and grace, ultimately shown in the coming of Jesus Christ; his life, death and resurrection. Also it's a good reminder for us as we come to a gospel and healing service his Sunday.

*Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
2 Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
3 who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
4 who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
5 who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6 The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.*

Na Rawiri. Whakapaingia a Ihowā, e tōku wairua;

e ngā mea katoa i roto i ahau, whakapaingia tona ingoa tapu.

*² Whakapaingia a Ihowā, e tōku wairua,
kei wareware hoki ki āna painga katoa.*

*³ Ko ia te muru nei i ōu kino katoa;
te rongo ā nei i ōu mate katoa.*

*⁴ Ko ia te hoko nei i tōu ora kei ngaro;
te karauna nei i a koe ki te atawhai, ki te aroha.*

*⁵ Nāna nei i mākona ai tōu māngai i ngā mea papai;
i hou ai tōu taitamarikitanga, i rite ai ki tō te ēkara.*

*⁶ Ka puta i a Ihowā ngā mahi tika,
me te whakawā tika ki te hunga katoa e tūkinotia ana.*

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER

HOPEWHANGAREI

October 24th 2023

PS;- The bird photo this week is called ‘an early Bird!’ It is a male blackbird with a full beak of worms. Obviously with a family to feed.

