

## Church notices for the week ending Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear friends at Hope Whangarei.

It has been good gathering together as a whole church fellowship over the last two weeks at Central. Thanks this past Sunday to the team at Onerahi who led our gathering so well. This coming Sunday the team from Tikipunga will be leading and serving us as we worship the Lord together.

Following this Sunday's gathering several people said they experienced a real refreshment as people shared their experiences of The Holy Spirit, prayed for one another, and as the Holy Spirit moved amongst us all. Praise God. That is one thing we can do for one another and what The Holy Spirit specialises in – refreshing and revitalising Gods' people – for the mission of God. The writer of Hebrews encourages his listeners: <sup>23</sup> *Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise.* <sup>24</sup> *Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good.* <sup>25</sup> *Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.* Hebrews 10:24,25.

### **This Sunday's Combined service:**

**Sunday Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. Combined Worship Service at 10am at Central.** Leading: Hope Tikipunga. Preaching: Lorne Campbell. Encountering God as Father

### **Notices:**

**The office is closed to the public until Monday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> but Colleen is working in the office and Karen from home... if you have a pastoral need, please contact Lorne on 0211356275 or email [lorne@hopewhangarei.nz](mailto:lorne@hopewhangarei.nz)**

**THIS WEEK! children's camp. January 11-14th at Holyground, Parua Bay**

**Prayer Support:** This week we are holding our summer children's camp at Northland Evangelical Movement's Parua Bay Christian Youth Haven. If you have it on your heart to pray for our camps while they're happening, we'd be glad of your very real support. If you would like to commit to praying daily for the camp while it happens and would like some more information with prayer points for each day, contact Roland. Ph 0277160176

**Sponsorships needed:** Due to no longer receiving any external funding, we are reliant on the generosity of those who believe in our camps. Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to the young people in our community is at the heart of what we do at our camps. If you would like to join with us in our mission, we invite you to prayerfully consider sponsoring a child or young person to come to camp.

- A donation of \$120 sponsors and covers the full cost of one camper attending one of our Holyground camps.
- A donation of \$80 will sponsor a camper's fee with Holyground subsidising the further \$40.
- Follow the link to our website for more information: <https://www.holygroundparuabay.org/donate>

### **Girls' Brigade Fonomarae**

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this camp! A group of 24+ from Northland Girls' Brigades are in Waikanae for this week.... with girls from 17 different areas or countries.... taking part in various activities & adventures... making friends & growing in God ...

Please keep them in your prayers - thank you!

Joy Jansen

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> is a very special day as we continue our witness to the Court. Elaine Holwell, our inner-city**

**Chaplain writes:** "On Tuesday 23 January, we, the Church, will hold a morning tea for the court staff. There are about 40 people in total. Would any of you be willing to cook or bring some fruit, crackers and cheese for this occasion? We need some gluten-free food too and 'all hands-on deck', so to speak. Please consider this". You can contact Elaine Holwell on 0220812784 or email her on [holwelle@gmail.com](mailto:holwelle@gmail.com) if you are willing to help provide sandwiches, cakes and other treats for the Court staff.

### **A blessing:**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* Romans 15:13

Lorne Campbell.