

## Church notices January 30<sup>th</sup> 2024

With anniversary weekend and then Waitangi day (Feb 6<sup>th</sup>) we are still transitioning here from holiday mode back into the full swing for the year... so this week its simply the notices.

First, however, as a quick word of encouragement for the new year can I share with you Isaiah 41:10.

“Fear not, for I am with you;  
be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

It comes from a passage where God calls the nations and islands together like a jury in a court to present his defence of God’s care for Israel. It is a strong affirmation of God’s on-going presence and care. As we look forward at both the challenges of a new year and the opportunities we can do so with confidence because God is with us... God is with you.

Here are the notices

## Sunday worship February 4<sup>th</sup> 2024

This Sunday we start back into our sermon series work our way (slowly) through the fast paced gospel according to Mark. The series is called ‘The way of the cross’ as Mark focuses on Jesus as the suffering servant.

10:00am @ HopeTikipunga - Mark 5:21-42 (Cath Bremner)

9:30am @ HopeCentral - Mark 4:35-41 (Howard Carter)

9:30am @ HopeOnerahi - Mark 5:1-20 (Colleen Poyner)

## The Zoom service

Zoom services will be rezooming (pardon the pun) on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>

## Space: A time of relaxed worship and prayer

### 7pm -8pm Sunday evening February 4<sup>th</sup> Church Lounge

Come join us for a time of worship, prayer, reflection, sharing and listening for the Spirit’s voice.

We will be spending time in prayer for the new year but also inviting people to share what they sense God is saying to them for this new year... both personally and for the church.

## Staff matters

Lorne Campbell is on holiday until Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>

Our Intern Pauline Hampshire will be in Dunedin at the summer block course from Waitangi day (Feb 6<sup>th</sup>) until Monday February 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Office Hours

The church office is open from 9:00am-2:00pm Monday to Friday. However please note that it will be closed on Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup>.

## City to City seminar, Greenlane Presbyterian Church, Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>

### REJUVENATION OF CHURCHES WORKSHOP

Exploring revitalisation of churches within different contexts, e.g. rural, city, multi ethnicity

16 FEBRUARY, 10AM TO 3PM.

LED BY JAMIE BESTER  
DIRECTOR, LEAD CONSULTANT  
AND DENOMINATIONAL CONSULTANT  
CITY TO CITY AUSTRALIA



Register by emailing:  
administrator@northpres.org.nz



'City to City' is an organization started by Tim Keller at redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York city. It is a worldwide network designed to help the church through promoting church planting and help revitalizing existing churches. The Northern presbytery have formed a partnership with City to City to work with our presbyterian churches in the Auckland northland region. The Church council have agreed to apply for HopeWhangarei to be one of the first cohort

to go through this consultation process. We are inviting people to come and join us at a seminar in Auckland looking at how City to City work with churches. If you are interested in going please let Colleen at the office know by Friday February 9<sup>th</sup> and we can arrange transport for the day.

## Conversations about the Treaty of Waitangi

Joy Jansen has let us know about a series of seminars/ informal discussions around the treaty of Waitangi happening at the Whangarei central library next week...

### What's all the fuss about?

Everything you really wanted to know about the Treaty of Waitangi (but were afraid to ask) Have a friendly informal discussion with experienced local Pakeha educators (Network Waitangi Whangarei)

Bring your lunch, 12.30 to 1.30pm, ground floor Whangarei Central Library  
January 30, 31, Feb 1 and 2.

## Journeying Together - The Churches Together Northland Autumn gathering - Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> @ HopeCentral

HopeWhangarei will be hosting the Autumn gathering of Churches together Northland on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> at HopeCentral. We are blessed to have the principal of KCML (Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership), Rev Dr Geoff New with us for the day Geoff will be



running to half day seminars; one on pastoral care and the other on conflict resolution. These are good for people involved in ministry and leadership in the church.

Please register with colleen at the church office (094381667 or [colleen@hopewhangarei.nz](mailto:colleen@hopewhangarei.nz) by Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in attending ( \$10 to cover lunch).

## Blessing

A blessing of Jesus peace being left with us through the Holy Spirit from John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

“He rangimārie tāku e waiho nei ki a koutou, tēnei taku rangimārie te hoatu nei e ahau ki a koutou: e kore e rite ki tā te ao hoatu tāku hoatu ki a koutou. Kei pōuri ō koutou ngākau, kei matakū.”

## Howard Carter

SENIORMINISTER  
HOPEWHANGAREI  
January 30<sup>th</sup> 2024

PS: the Tara (white fronted terns) nested again this year in the piles at the jetty by the Te Matau a Pohe bridge on the Hatea River loop Track. There was only one pair and one chick this year. I was there when a parent came in with some fish for breakfast.

