

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the start of this month I bought myself a new bible. I did it in part to acknowledge that this month marks the twentieth anniversary of my ordination as a Presbyterian Minister (although I've worked full time in ministry in the PCANZ for about thirty-two years). The choice of bible, however, was because at the 2023 General Assembly the Presbyterian Church agreed that its preferred scripture for public worship was the New Zealand Bible Society's Bilingual edition (Putanga Reorua) so I thought I'd give the Putanga reorua/Bi-lingual bible a sort of road test.

It is the same version we presented to Hannah Jansen as she headed off to university in Otago. It has the New Revised Standard Version and the 2011 Paipera Tapu side by side in columns on each page. I'm not sure how we use this scripture in our worship services yet, we usually have our scripture reading from the Good News Bible on Sundays (it was written with people for whom English was a second language, which is helpful). So far as I've been using it I have found two things.

The first is that it is helping me to learn Te Reo Maori. For me a slow process as I jokingly say, "I have enough trouble with English!" but with the help of this bible and the Maori dictionary on line I am learning pronunciation and meaning.

The second is, that it helps me to pray for our nation. Just as the words of scriptures in these two official languages of our nation sit side by side, in harmony and as equals, on the page, I pray that for the people of our nation as well.

Here are the notices,

## Worship Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>

Come join us at one of our three sites this Sunday for worship. Each site is welcoming and has its distinct flavour, style and feel.

10:00am HopeTikipunga	Mark 5:1-20 (Colleen Poyner)
9:30am HopeCentral	Mark 5:21-42 (Cath Bremner)
9:30am HopeOnerahi	Mark 4:35-41 (Howard Carter) communion

## 9:30am Sunday February 11th Zoom Service

The zoom service this week will be a streaming of the HopeCentral 9:30am service.

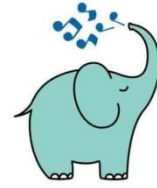
Here is the link for the service <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429062440>

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**.

There is a waiting room and then our host will let you into the live stream.  
Please feel free to stay after the service and spend time chatting with other folk attending via zoom.  
The ability to have this contact with each other is one of the reasons we use zoom as a platform, rather than just live streaming.  
Please Note that we are still having some quality control issues when it comes to broadcasting the music in the service. We are STILL working at trying to rectify these.

## MainlyMusic 10am Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> HopeOnerahi

MainlyMusic is a wonderful fun, educational programme for pre schoolers and their parents. Full of music dance activities laughter. It resumes for 2024 at HopeOnerahi 10am Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are a parent of preschoolers or a grandparent looking after grandchildren this is a great opportunity and also a place for making friends.



### Staff matters

Lorne Campbell is back from holiday on Wednesday February 14<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>.

Karen Cullen our office administrator continues to work from home. Because of our new phone system she can be contacted through the church office in office hours.

### Office closed Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>

Please note that the Church office will be closed on Friday February 16<sup>th</sup> as the team will be part of a contingent of eight from HopeWhangarei attending the City to City Rejuvenating Churches workshop in Auckland.

## LADIES MORNING TEA SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2024 10:00AM

Come and join us to hear **Clare Ayers** speak on **living your best life'**

Claire is a wife, mother, leadership Coach, Minister, Chaplain from Ashburton with a passion to see people live the life they were created for.

Invite a friend to come along . Morning tea will be provided

### Lawn Mowing roster at HopeCentral

While the green space out front of HopeCentral is maintained by the council, the lawns around the church are wonderfully maintained by a group of volunteers in the church. They do a fantastic job... If there are people who would be keen and interested in being on the lawn mowing roster for HopeCentral please contact Colleen at the Church office.

## 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

Just a simple blessing for people today that you may know the grace of our Lord Jesus.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

Kia tau te aroha noa o te Ariki, O Īhu Karatiti, ki a koutou.

1 Corinthians/ Koriniti 16:23

## Howard Carter

**SENIOR MINISTER**  
**HOPEWHANGAREI**

February 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

Ps:- Apparently I chopped the head off the Hurukōwhai Yellow Hammer last week, humble apologies, it was a formatting error. This week you'll notice that the Tuturiwhatu (New Zealand dotterel) is missing a leg... Well its standing on one leg, it does have two I think. But I think its because the sand at Langs beach was really hot that day, so it changed from foot to foot.

From the photo you realise that is quite a balancing act.



