

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I lead the before service prayer meeting at Central on Sunday I began thinking of all the people in our church that work together to make things happen. Over all three sites there is an amazing team of people who are willing to serve and participate in our worship. People up front, people willing to use their musical abilities, the quiet but steady organisers behind the scenes, the welcoming smiles and assuring hellos of our greeters and ushers, people who pray, who read scripture, who are willing to quietly make the cup of tea and clean up. But even that is not wide enough as we have people who maintain the buildings, those who serve as organisers and in our governance and leadership structures, people who work with children and those wonderful people who are just so pastoral and show God's care and love to others, who lead connect groups, those who share their faith and invite friends and neighbours along. I don't want to forget our wonderful preaching team, of pastoral staff and lay preachers.

There are People who are willing to step up and give things a go, and those who have steadfastly persevered for year after year. Those who keep things going and those who are willing to try new things.

I don't know if that list is exhaustive, but it is extensive and shows how we function as a body. At St John's in Rotorua we had a bi-line about what church was which summed it up 'church is place where everyone belongs and we all have a part to play.'

Thank you very much for the way that as a church family you work together for the Kingdom of God in this place.

Here are the notices.

## Worship Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Come join us at one of three sites to worship together. Each site is a warm and welcoming place, which has its own flavour and personality, yet we are one church together.

HopeTikipunga	10:00am	Mark 6:1-5 (Howard Carter)
HopeCentral	9:30am	Mark 6:6-13 (Lorne Campbell)
HopeOnerahi	9:30am	Mark 6:30-44 (Kris Middendorf-Carter)

## 9:30am Sunday February 25th 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.

## Space 7pm to 8pm Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ the lounge HopeCentral

Come join us for a time of relaxed worship, prayer and sharing on Sunday evening March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Weekly prayer meeting. Tuesdays 1pm-2pm – for community outreach

Come along and join in praying for our outreaches into the community each week on Tuesdays from 1pm-2pm **THIS WEEK IT IS AT HOPEONERAHI ( 137 Onerahi Rd)**

Jesus said: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Pray the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field; Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."

We will be praying for various ministries where we have community contact e.g. The Court Chaplaincy; The Inner-city Chaplaincy; Alpha 2024 ...

Everyone welcome ...

## 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).

### Sermons on Line

Just to let you know that we are continuing to have an intermittent problem with our recordings of the sermons from central on Sunday. We are working to rectify this very perplexing issue.

### Blessing

A blessing and prayer from 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 that God would continue to work in us, which finishes with a wonderful assertion that God is the one who is faithful and will complete his work within us. He will do this.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound<sup>and</sup> and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Ā mā te Atua pū anō o te rangimārie e tino whakatapu rawa koutou: kia tiakina hoki o koutou wairua,ō koutou ngākau, ō koutou tinana, kia toitū, kia hēkore, i te taenga mai o tō tātou Ariki, o Īhu karaiti. He pono te kaikaranga i a koutou, māna ano hoki e whakaoti.

# Howard Carter

**SENIOR MINISTER**

**HOPEWHANGAREI**

February 27<sup>th</sup> 2024

PS;- It' not my best ever photo. It was taken on holiday as I walked along the Omokoroa cycle path. Juts of the pathway is a sand bar which was full of Kuaka (godwits) and Torea (oystercatchers)and Karoro (Black backed gulls) ... they were all happily settled and at rest till something flew over and spooked them. Suddenly the sky was full of the flap of wing and a swirl of birds... round and round they went like in a frenetic sky dance... then they slowly settled down again.

