

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the Council meeting on Wednesday night, we met with the new directors of Te Aroha Noa Medical Centre. It was a good opportunity to hear the heart and vision of this outreach to the community, that was planted by Malcolm and Cheryl Bollen 31 years ago, and to see that heart and vision being carried forward by a new generation of leaders. Te Aroha Noa means “love without Limits” or “grace” (in the biblical context). Te Aroha Noa sees itself operating within a framework of support from ‘Hope Whangarei’. Te Aroha Noa plays a very significant part of the Christian witness in the city. While its staff go to a variety of different churches around the City, we still have representatives who are part of the fellowship here or have strong connections; Joy Jansen is the Practice Manager and a new director, Dr David Atkinson’s is another new director. His wife is a member here and his mother-in-law Glenys Currie is on the Council.

Their vision/mission is:

‘The basis of our work is the Christian understanding that all life from conception to death, is a gift from God, to be respected, loved and valued.

All staff recognise the critical importance of spiritual wellbeing in the overall concept of health and appreciate the value of prayer as one means of providing care and support where appropriate,

We understand that in order to extend Grace to others, we need first to have received it ourselves. Our obligation to serve those who seek our help is rooted in grace.

We have an obligation to work together as staff honouring the timeless principles of Christ-like living as best we can and are committed to the work, we believe God has called us to.

The Directors and council talked of ways of reinvigorating this missional relationship. In ways that are similar to how we support overseas mission here in prayer. Please include prayer for the staff and ministry of Te Aroha Noa in your regular prayer times, and we will include them in our public prayers for others. Financially, we subsidise the rent in our business block. Te Aroha Noa operates a ‘Pay it Forward’ scheme where people can donate to Te Aroha Noa to help pay for those who struggle to afford medical appointments and provides some of the extra care that the practice social worker Shelly Misilei (the third new director) is able to give to the people she cares for. HopeWhangarei will take donations for the Pay it Forward scheme which can be claimed along with regular giving under donations with the Inland Revenue Dept. For more on information on ‘Pay it Forward’ please email karen@hopewhangarei.nz

Here are the notices,



Daylight savings starts this Sunday we put the clocks forward one hour.

Combined Gospel and healing service Sunday September 29th 10:00am HopeCentral

As is the custom at HopeWhangarei when there is a fifth Sunday in the month there is a Gospel and Healing service. This month we will be gathering for a combined service at 10am at HopeCentral. The service is led by Rev Lorne Campbell and a team from all three of our sites. This is a great opportunity to join and to pray for those in need of healing, both within our congregation and in the community. Please be praying and asking God if there is someone that you should be inviting along to this service. Someone who you've been sharing the gospel with or who you know needs a healing touch from the Lord.

Zoom Service September 29th 10am

The zoom service will be the 10am combined gospel and healing 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.

Combined Church's Prayer gathering HopeCentral. 6:30pm Sunday September 29th

HopeWhangarei is hosting the monthly combined Churches Prayer gathering on Sunday September 29th. Come and join with fellow Christians from around the city in a time of worship and prayer.

Worship Sunday October 6th.

We move back to having worship at all three of our sites. So come and join us for worship at one of our three sites this week, as we continue our journey through the Gospel according to Mark. Each site has its own feel and style, but you will receive a warm welcome and be encouraged to encounter the presence of God amidst sung worship, prayer, scripture reading and expository preaching. There is a children's programme run at HopeCentral each Sunday, but all three sites are welcoming of families and children.

10:00am HopeTikipunga	Mark 11:27-12:12 (Howard Carter)
9:30am HopeCentral	Mark 12:18- 27 (Colleen Poyner)
9:30am HopeOnerahi	Mark 12:13-17 (Lorne Campbell)

Staff Matters

Pauline Hampshire is at the KCML spring block course in Dunedin. She will be away till Tuesday October 1st. Please keep Pauline and Simon in your prayers, in particular for God's leading and guiding in seeking a ministry position as she finishes her internship. Howard will be away the

week of October 7th-11th. He will be attending the Abide Church leadership Conference and spending a couple of days with family in Auckland.

House sit or other accommodation wanted please 😊

My brother and his small family are planning about a month's visit from London and need somewhere to stay. Conscientious & tidy Christian couple with 2 small boys. Can pay reasonable rent.

Please contact Joy Jansen 436 2854 or 2joyjansen@gmail.com

Double Mattress and bedding required.

We have a couple who have moved into a new house and starting all over again. They are looking for a double bed mattress, bedding, blankets pillows etc as well as any other linen. If you can help, please let the Church office know.

Girls Brigade Garage sale coming up on Saturday 28th September. 7-30-11-30am

Any contributions please bring to HopeCentral by Friday September 27th.

Alpha marriage Course

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We will be running the *Alpha Marriage Course* here at HopeWhangarei in the fourth term this year. The Alpha Marriage course is a six-week course designed to help couples strengthen their relationship. **Tentatively we are looking at a Tuesday Evening 7pm- 9pm starting on October 15th.** One of the good things about this course is that it is not about talking about your relationship

with others rather its 'time and space to focus on your relationship' an intentional date night.

If you would like to do the Alpha Marriage Course, please let Howard know

Howard@hopewhangarei.nz

Also, we are looking for a few people to join us to help run this course... Relax we are not looking for people to do the upfront teaching (that is done by video) but people who can help with set up and behind the scenes. Contact howard@hopewhangarei.nz

Blessing

Note the use of Te Aroha Noa in the Te Reo for the word Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

E ōku tēina, kia tau te aroha noa o tō tātou
Ariki, oīhu Karaiti, ki ō koutou wairua. Āmine

Howard Carter

SENIORMINISTER

HOPEWHANGAREI

September 24th, 2024

Ps: - a male Turturiwhatu (New Zealand
Dotterel, resting at Ruakaka

