

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Over the summer holiday the library space here at Central has undergone a transformation. For many years it was the library space (and it still is), for the past two years it was Pauline Hampshire's makeshift office. But now we are turning it into a prayer space.



we are hoping that people will use this space to come and spend some time praying for the church, for our city, country and world.

While it is place where we hope people will come to pray for the needs of people in the church. The vision is also that people will come and engage in what C John Millar calls frontline prayer...

Which he defines as

*A request for grace to confess sins and to humble ourselves.*

*A compassion and zeal for the flourishing of the church and the reaching of the lost.*

*A yearning to know God to see his face to glimpse his glory.*

We have a prayer meeting on Wednesday nights for the Church, but it would be great to have people just come and spend say an hour praying for God to renew and grow his church.

There are resources to help focus prayer in the room a white board for people to write scriptures or words of encouragement.

On a different level some people may also be surprised to know that as a church we have a library. All the resources and books in the library can be borrowed. There is a book in the foyer to record when you take a book out.

Here are the notices,

## Worship Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>

We are one church, but we worship at three different sites, each with its unique flavour and feel. So come and join us to give praise to God, join in prayer, hear God's word read and expounded and encourage one another. Our prayer as a church is that everyone who comes may encounter God in a way that brings change and transformation that will have ripple effects outward into Whangarei and beyond.

10:00am	HopeTikipunga	Amos 3:1-15 (Colleen Poyner)
9:30am	HopeCentral	Amos 1:3-2:16 (Billy Portch)
9:30am	HopeOnerahi	Amos 1:1-2 (Howard Carter)

## Our Zoom services recommence this Sunday 9:30am February 2nd

After its holiday hiatus we will be recommencing our streaming of Sunday services over zoom. We acknowledge for some people it's been hard not having this connection over summer but it has been important to give our hard working tech team a chance to have a rest as well.

The zoom service will be the 9:30am service from HopeCentral. 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.

## Staff Matters

Lorne is on Holiday until February 12<sup>th</sup> as we have preaching, Lorne comes back in the middle of one of our three week sermon blocks so slots back into the preaching roster on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Office Hours

The office will be closed on Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> for Waitangi day.

At present we are trialling Colleen moving to a four-day week. Karen and Colleen will not be working on Mondays. The Church office will be open on Monday's with Cath Bremner covering the reception role. We would ask that people contact the office on Mondays, rather than contacting colleen and karen at home.

## The Alpha Course in the Boatshed



One of the ways we are looking at using Alpha this year is in small groups and Colleen and Hein are looking to run a small intimate Alpha course at their boatshed on the Hatea river loop track.

Starting Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup>

6-30pm -8pm

Do you know anyone searching for answers to life, faith & meaning

Contact Colleen for more details 0276052897



### Wednesday Intercessory Prayer group

7pm **HOPECENTRAL**

Please come and join us



Mainly Music starting again Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>

**HOPE ONERAHI**

9.45am – 12pm during term time

**Cost:** Donation/Koha



Connected Through Hope

**Thrive In 25**

Come and join us to hear

**Dr Katy Willis**

Katy is an experienced Christian GP from the UK. She created Lifestyle Medicine/wellbeing courses for people to enjoy greater health and reduced disease.

Te Aroha Noa Medical Centre are blessed to have her on the team (while Bollens are away).

Ladies Morning Tea

Saturday 10am-12pm

**15th February 2025**

Hope Central

1 Hunt St

Whangarei

## Blessing

In the monthly relaxed evening worship services, known as SPACE, we are working through Paul's prayers for the church, as a basis for praying for personal and corporate renewal for the church on Sunday we focused on the Prayer for the Ephesians that Paul prays at the start of his letter. As we read that Prayer (Ephesians 1:15-23 verse 17 really stood out to those who were there. So, I leave it with you as a prayer for yourself and for the Church.

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Kia hōmai ki a koutou e te Atua o tō tātou Ariki, o Īhu Karaiti, e te Matua o te korōria, te wairua o te whakaaro nui, o te whakakitenga i runga i te mōhio ki a ia:

*Howard Carter*

**SENIOR MINISTER**

## **HOPEWHANGAREI**

February 4<sup>th</sup> 2025

Ps:- this photo is called “look funny in a photograph” A Taranui (Caspian Tern) at McLeods Bay.

