

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After anniversary weekend it sort of feels like the year kind of kickstarts: the children are heading back to school over the next few weeks and our regular church activities slowly begin to come back from their holiday hiatus. I say slowly because with Waitangi Day on February 6th there is still that last public holiday of the summer.

This Sunday we resume streaming services on Zoom.

Our monthly relaxed evening service called SPACE starts again 2nd February 7-8pm

Over the next few weeks our Children's and young people's programmes will be starting up again. (Blast, Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade and Mainly music) Our court chaplaincy and central city chaplaincy will be starting also. Connect groups will restart and we will be looking at forming some new groups. So, keep an eye out for the notices from next week.

Here are the notices,

Worship Sunday February 2nd 2025

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 1:1-2 (Howard Carter)

9:30am HopeCentral Visiting speaker from Flame (A mission to children in the slums of Cambodia)

9:30am HopeOnerahi 3 John 1-15 (Kris Middendorf-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.

Flame Cambodia



In our Sunday service at HopeCentral we are blessed to have Sue Hannah, a New Zealand missionary and founder of Flame Cambodia share with us. Flame is an organisation that walks with Children from slum areas in Phon Phen helping them and their families so that the children can go through school, high school and university

with the goal of becoming leaders in their communities, helping a cycle of change and transformation.

Sue is friends with Helen and Shane Blaxland and will be speaking in the service. Telling her story of Flame, and encouraging us with a message of “Here I am God, Send me” , how ordinary people like us who listen and hear God’s call can be agents for the Kingdom of God change, wherever we answer God’s call.

If you want to know about flame and hear/read the stories of young people, whose lives have been changed here is their website <https://www.flamecambodia.org/>

Space 7pm-8pm Sunday February 2nd @ Church Lounge HopeCentral

Space, the month relaxed evening worship service starts for 2025 this week.

Come join us for worship, prayer and reflection on scripture. This week we will be using ‘lectio Divina’ to allow God ‘s word to speak to us and lead us into prayer.

Giving figures for January

1 July - 31 December 2024 is \$111,036 against a budget of \$111,246



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.

10/50 Riverside Drive on the Loop walk

Starting Thursday February 13th

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

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

An encouragement of God's lifelong care.

Even to your old age and gray hairs

I am He; I am He who will sustain you.

I have made you and I will carry you;

I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

Tae noa atu ki tō koutou

koroheketanga ko ahau tēnei,

ka pīkautā anō koutou e ahau ā hina noa;

nāku i mahi, māku ano e mau,

māku anō e pīkau, māku anō e whakaora.

Isaiah 46:4

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER
HOPEWHANGAREI

January 21st 2025

Ps: Another first for me... A Miromiro
(tomtit) on Urupukapuka Island.

