

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It was good to have Lorne Campbell back in the office this morning. Looking very refreshed and rested. He sent us a few holiday snaps... including this one from Alke Ohau which is intitled the 'Loch Ness ~~Monster~~ Minister'.



It was great to hear that the number of people attending the Prayer meeting for our church on Wednesday nights is growing. With fourteen there on Wednesday they have outgrown my office and know fill the prayer space in the library. I would encourage people to come join in the prayer.

In our revision weekend with City to City our five year goal which talks of where we want to be in five years' time, finishes by saying " *In all of this Hope Whangārei's ministry will be built on a foundation of prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit knowing that its God who is the power to grow the church we serve.*"

As part of that we are asking people to commit to praying for an hour for our church and its renewal, in the next week (February 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>). The church at central will be open for prayer from 12-1pm each day. We are calling the prayer 'Lunch Break' inviting people instead of sitting down to lunch to come and pray with us. If you can it means not having lunch that day as a fast. Kevin and Judith Ralphs will be there to help lead the prayer time and we will have copies of prayers for churches from Paul's epistles to help guide us in our praying.

A couple of weeks ago in the pastoral newsletter we referred to the Sunday children's ministry at HopeCentral as Blast! I initially though it was a typo, but no it is the new name for the Sunday children's ministry. Mainly because it should be in capitals because it's a mnemonic. We want our children to have a BLAST learning about following Jesus.

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Here are the notices.

## Worship Sunday February 17<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.



Leading into Easter our sermon series is focused on the book of Amos. The series is called 'the Lord roars, let justice flow.' While it is hard for us to read the challenging words of Amos, we believe that the book has a lot to say for us today.

10:00am @ HopeTikipunga - Amos 4:1-13 (Howard Carter)

9:30am @ HopeCentral - Amos 3:1-15 (Colleen Poyner)

9:30am @ HopeOnerahi - Amos 1:3-2:16 (Billy Portch)

## Zoom service Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>

At hope we stream our services on the zoom platform. We use zoom because pastorally it gives people not only the chance to be at worship but also to have a chance for fellowship with one another after the service.

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 back in the office today but will be away for the rest of the week in Taupo. He is back in the office on Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> and will be preaching at Tikipunga on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

For the next three months we are trialling Colleen, our receptionist, working four days a week, she will not be working on Monday. Cath Bremner will be looking after the office on Mondays. Both Karen and Colleen will not be working on Monday. Please respect their day off and if you need anything please contact the office and Cath will be more than happy to help.

## Mainly Music Onerahi Wednesday 9:45-12pm

Mainly Music starts for 2025 on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Mainly Music is a wonderful programme of music and movement for preschoolers, their parents and caregivers. More than that it provides a supportive and caring community for families with preschoolers. A place to make memories and for families to start finding out about the importance of God in their lives.



Our Mainly Music is run by a special group of aunties, women with a wealth of experience in raising kids and the pressures and also joys of having preschool children. Their passion for the music and the children is joyful and quite infectious.

If you have preschoolers, if you are a grandparent, parenting again, come along. If you have family in that life stage or neighbours with preschoolers let them know about it.

People can find out more from the Mainly Music Onerahi Facebook page or they can access information by following this link.

## 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

I PRAY THAT OUT OF HIS GLORIOUS RICHES, HE MAY STRENGTHEN YOU WITH POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN YOUR INNER BEING, <sup>17</sup> SO THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH. AND I PRAY THAT YOU, BEING ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED IN LOVE, <sup>18</sup> MAY HAVE POWER, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE LORD'S HOLY PEOPLE, TO GRASP HOW WIDE AND LONG AND HIGH AND DEEP IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST, <sup>19</sup> AND TO KNOW THIS LOVE THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE—THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED TO THE MEASURE OF ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.

Ephesians 3:16-18

Lunch Break 12-1pm daily February 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> HopeCentral:

## A time to pray for the church

Come join us for an hour of prayer for the renewal and growth of HopeWhangarei next week.

Forgo lunch and spend that time either at home or with us at the church praying and asking God to renew and revive us as a church.

If people are looking for a place to start when it comes to praying for the Church, you might like to start by reading Paul's prayers for the church in the book of Ephesians both Ephesians 1:15-23 and Ephesians 3:16-19

The prayer at the church will be curated by Kevin and Judith Ralphs.

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## 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

## Greetings to Hope Onerahi members and others from Hope communities who live in Onerahi.

A new connect group will be starting at Hope Onerahi Church hall. We are planning a potluck dinner on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, at 6pm.

The plan is to discuss what time and day would suit people, and the format we should have. Our desire is to allow God to turn lights on for our spiritual walk, to be alive for 2025. We are hoping that this group will become a strong support group for those who attend. A place, where we can pray for each other, and believe that God, is in control of the situation, and a desire to draw closer to Christ. We are hoping that we will get to know each other well and be able to also organize impromptu outings. Our desire is to encourage everyone to take part when they feel able to do so, where you are able to share what's on your heart and know that it is safe to do so. Somewhere you could ask friends to join us. Book Review sessions, possible games afternoons, and movies, as we are able to use Mainly Music's wonderful big TV. Hopefully someone will be musical, and we can open with a chorus.

For more information phone:

Lynley McFarland 0212379156 or Glenys Currie 0273091907

## Boys Brigade 2025 Fridays 5:30-7pm HopeCentral starting February 14<sup>th</sup>... Let the adventure begin!

Hi all

We are really stoked we are starting a new year with Boys Brigade.

We have great expectations for the year ahead and for what God has in store for the boys.

Bring your child to Boys Brigade this Friday, 14 February 2025, to Hope Central for great fun and companionship.

God bless you all.

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## Central City Chaplains Morning tea shout for the Court. March 4<sup>th</sup>

HopeWhangarei has a close relationship with the Whangarei court, where our chaplains are in the public area on Mondays to provide people 'a listening ear, some care and even some prayer' a service that is appreciated by court staff and those attending court.

We like to be neighbourly so each year we give a morning tea shout for the court staff. This year we are planning to do that again on Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Can you help us out by providing some wonderful home-made goodies for the morning tea shout. Last year one of the security guards who in a previous job was a pastry chef commented "he could tell that the food had been made with love."

If folks could have food at central by 9am on that morning and you are most welcome to come with us and meet the neighbours.

### Blessing

Again, from Paul's prayers for the Church

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. – Ephesians 1:18-19a

Kia whakamāramatia ngā kanohi o tō koutou hinengaro; kia mātau ai koutou ki te mea o tāna karanga e tūmanakohia atu nei, ki te korōria nui hoki o tōna taonga i roto i te hunga tapu, Ki te nui whakaharahara hoki o tōna kaha ki a tatou ki te hunga e whakapono nei.

*Howard Carter*

SENIORMINISTER

HOPEWHANGAREI

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Ps:- One of my favourite Birds the Poaka or Pied Stilt.

This one was settling down on a shell bank at McLeods Bay.

