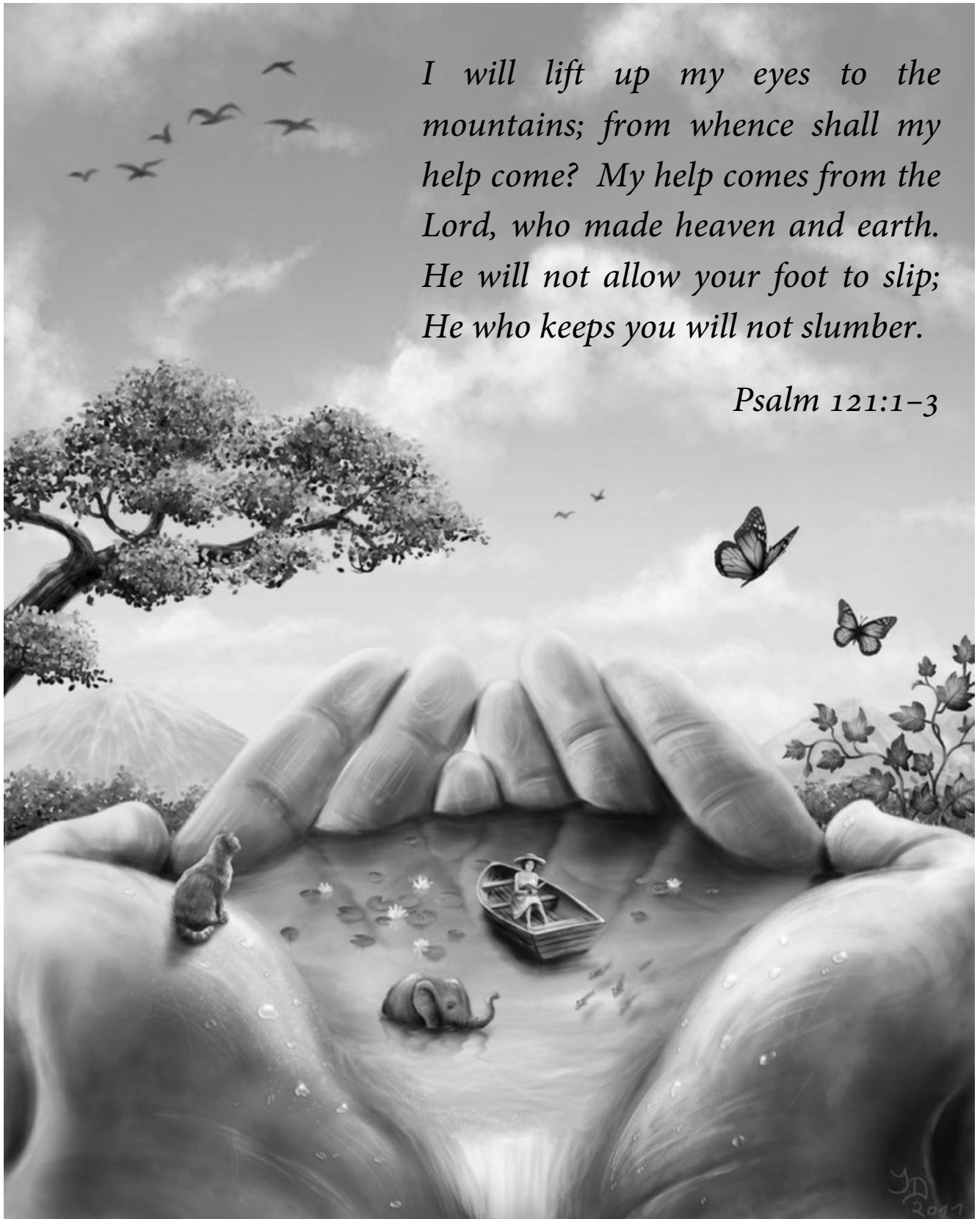




# CONNECT

*I will lift up my eyes to the  
mountains; from whence shall my  
help come? My help comes from the  
Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
He will not allow your foot to slip;  
He who keeps you will not slumber.*

*Psalms 121:1-3*





## HAWERA BAPTIST CHURCH

### OUR PURPOSE

We exist to:

**H**onour God

**B**uild the Kingdom of God

**C**onnect with our Community



honour | build | connect

### OUR VISION

**"Living Faith  
from the  
Inside Out"**

Living faith in such a way that we see our own spiritual growth result in greater participation in God's work of transformation, through significant Kingdom impact, in our community and beyond.

### OUR FOCUS

Our focus comes out of what we value and forms an important part of the implementation of our vision.

- Prayer & Worship
- Discipleship & Training
- Care & Inclusion
- Local & Global Mission

# Elders Report

## New 60% Pastor

A big thanks to the Pastoral Search Committee; Nathan Sutherland, Nigel Smillie, Olya Bartlett, Yvonne Evans and Matthew Smythe, for their time and effort of seeking God's will, to bring us to the point of calling a new Pastor. Pastor Paul and Heather Grant are coming to us from Welcome Bay Community Church in Tauranga and will begin in February 2016. We have had a relationship with Welcome Bay Community Church over the years sending mission teams to each other. Brendan Grant will step down from Eldership when his Father starts in February.

## Summer Preaching Plan

Over the summer we have an open preaching theme called 'Yielding to God', we are blessed to have such a large group of willing and gifted people to share God's Word with us:

### Date

22 November  
29 November  
6 December  
13 December  
20 December  
25 December  
27 December  
3 January  
10 January  
17 January  
24 January  
31 January  
7 February

### Preacher

Karen Coombe (AOG)  
Matthew Hurst  
Stephen Barrett (St John's Presbyterian)  
Sean Fortuin (AOG)  
Hawera Combined Churches Service at AOG  
Matthew Smythe  
Chris Wright (Vernon Wright's son from South Africa)  
Nigel Smillie  
Antony Squires  
John Omundsen (St John's Presbyterian)  
Geoff Dunlop  
Ian Carswell (AOG)  
Paul Grant (Begins ministry)

## New Church Contacts Book Now Available

Thanks Inge Smythe for all the work you have put into this, it looks great. Get your copy now.

## Prayer & Worship Team

After 3-4 years service Andrew Bartlett is stepping down as Prayer & Worship Team Champion. The Worship Leaders have agreed to continue this role in a shared capacity; Antony Squires, Lynette Gous, Inge Smythe and Eleanor Sutherland who would like to become a worship leader. Andrew will continue to be a part of the music team, thank you all for your commitment to this key ministry, we are blessed by a talented team who lead us in the Worship of a Worthy King and Saviour. The Worship team are always on the lookout for musicians to join the team. Also for those who would like to pray and intercede, remember to join us in the prayer room 9:30am on Sunday's.

## Property and Finance

The Church Pohutukawa Tree has had a major haircut. The Church Hall roof is ready to be replaced, waiting for approval to start from TSB community Trust who have granted us half the cost \$7400. The Manse is about to be let and we are having a working bee 9am Saturday 28 November to prepare it. Well done Church over this past 12 months without a Pastor we have managed to save \$40K to prepare us for this new ministry phase. May these funds be used to proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, that He reigns over Heaven and Earth and longs to have a personal relationship with every person.

## Mission Support Changes

Our support for John and Susan in Bangladesh/India, Andrew, Andrea & family serving in East Asia concludes at the end of the year as they come home to NZ.

We have begun supporting ICEJ International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (NZ) \$50 per month. Their purpose put simply, is to show concern for the Jewish people and the reborn state of Israel. "Comfort, comfort My people, says your God." (Isaiah 40:1). Come and learn more about this mission 7:30pm Thursday 3 December at Central Baptist Church, New Plymouth. We have a local mission outreach in town during the Christmas Parade, Saturday 12 December. Come and be involved in the Combined Churches stall, prayer station, free BBQ, face painting, balloon animals, parade float.

## Christmas and Summer Holiday Season

We hope everyone has a restful time and able to spend time with family and friends during this holiday season. If you are feeling alone please talk to one of the Elders, we will make sure you are connected to a family particularly over the Christmas period.

# Introducing

*Pastor Paul*

&

*Heather Grant*



Though born in Auckland, Paul was adopted as a baby into the Grant family in Paeroa where he did all his schooling. Leaving Paeroa College it was a four year Management Studies degree at Waikato followed up by three years Theological Studies in Auckland. His hobbies are horticulture, business and sport.

Heather (nee Smith) was born in Te Kuiti and spent her early years on sheep and beef farms in Piopio and Whakamaru. After a stint at boarding school in Hamilton it was then to Otumoetai College in Tauranga. Heather's training has been in music (piano) and over the years she has taught piano to many private students. Raising four children plus involvement in church work, always meant a busy life. The opportunity came 15 years ago to study part-time for a Bachelor of Nursing through E.I.T. in Napier. Heather successfully completed that and has been working as an In-Patient Nurse at Waipuna Hospice (Tauranga)

In terms of church ministry Hawera Baptist will be our fifth appointment. We began in 1980 in Stokes Valley, followed by four and a half years in Waitara. Then came a long-term M.E. illness for Paul, a resignation from ministry and a return to Paeroa. Twenty years ago we returned to ministry in Havelock North and the last eleven years have been in Tauranga. It's been a long and eventful journey. God has shaped us through our ups and downs and proved faithful in both exciting and dark times.

We are very blessed with four adult children and six grandchildren. We always felt our work in Taranaki wasn't complete and so while the invitation to consider Hawera Baptist came as a surprise, we see the Lord's hand in it and look forward to coming and sharing the journey of life and faith together. Going back to a rural town means going back to our roots and knowing we can relate to country life makes it all quite exciting.

In Christ's love

Paul & Heather

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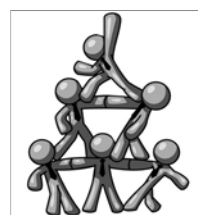
# Groups

You can be part of ...



## **Community Craft Group**

Tuesday Mornings 9:30-11:30am  
Yvonne Evans Ph 278 3388



## **Ngaio Home Group**

Tuesday Nights 7:30-9:00pm  
Brendan & Deanna Ph 278 7422



## **Music Practice**

Thursday Nights 7:00pm



## **Egmont Home Group**

Friday Nights 7:00-9:00pm  
Matthew & Inge Ph 278 3009



## **Prayer & Worship**

Sunday Prayer 9:30-10:00am  
All Age Worship 10:00am





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 Eleanor Sutherland  
 Inge Smythe

**Discipleship & Training**  
 Matthew Smythe

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**Hawera Baptist Church**  
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# Upcoming Events

Please feel welcome to join us for any of the following activities.

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NOV

### Manse Working Bee

Time: 9am – 12pm Saturday Morning  
 Venue: 8 Rimu Street Hawera  
 Come and help get the church house cleaned up inside and out ready for the new tenants. Many hands make light work.

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### International Christian Embassy Jerusalem

Time: 7:30pm Thursday Night  
 Venue: Central Baptist Church, New Plymouth  
 Speaker Ryan Jones is a regular contributor to Israel Today Magazine. Contact Nigel Smillie if interested Ph 272 8495.

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DEC

### Drama – Women Who Knew Christ

Time: 2pm Saturday & 7pm Sunday 6 December  
 Venue: St John's Presbyterian Church  
 A beautiful and moving dramatic presentation bringing us ten of the women who knew Jesus. Stories together with song & dance.

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DEC

### Christmas Party for Senior Citizens

Time: 2pm Sunday Afternoon  
 Venue: St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall  
 Hawera Combined Churches event, including an entertaining programme of musical items, Christmas carols and afternoon tea.

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### Christmas Biscuit Decorating & Delivery

7pm Friday Night Decorating Biscuits  
 3pm Saturday Afternoon Package and Delivery to Seniors  
 Venue: Smythe's Home

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DEC

### Christmas Festival & Parade Outreach

Time: 9am Saturday Morning  
 Venue: Hawera Town Centre  
 Help with the stall and float, as Hawera Combined churches lets be a presence in our community.

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DEC

### Christmas Carols

Carols for Annie Brydon - 3pm Sunday Afternoon  
 Presented by Hawera Baptist Church  
 Carols in King Edward Park – 5pm Sunday Evening  
 Hosted by Normanby Lions

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DEC

### Combined Churches Service

Time: 10am Sunday  
 Venue: Hawera AOG  
 Christmas Celebration

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DEC

### Christmas Day Service

Hawera Baptist Church Service 10am

### Christmas Dinner

5pm Grant Family Home Potluck, All Welcome

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JAN

### Church @ King Edward Park

Time: 10am Sunday Morning  
 Venue: King Edward Park  
 Followed by BBQ Picnic and Games