

Greetings,

Last weekend was very full with the folk from Mahurangi coming up and sharing with us on Saturday as part of our Renewal weekend. Then the combined service on Sunday morning, and it was great not to have any worry about numbers as we are in COVID alert level-1. And the debate on the End of life choice act Referendum on Sunday evening.

The renewal event on Saturday was very encouraging as Nick McLennan and his team shared the story of what God was doing in and through the Mahurangi Presbyterian Church and the Mahu Vision Community Trust they had established. He shared that the future of the church was very much dependant on two things.

1. *Compassion to the community*: constantly being willing to look outwards to meet the needs of those outside the church with Christ's love.
2. *Dynamic spirituality*: Inwardly a Christian life that was saturated in, and fuelled by, communal prayer at the centre of its life. Looking at Presbyterian churches that had sustained growth and vitality the distinguishing factor was a commitment to praying together.

This week is equally significant for our church with our AGM on Saturday night at HopeTikipunga and worship on Sunday at all our three sites.

Sunday Worship

We will be holding services at our three sites again this Sunday

Hope Tikipunga @ 10am

HopeCentral @ 9:30am

Hope Onerahi @ 9:30am

We ask that people follow Level 1 health and safety guidelines. Good health and hygiene practises are essential; washing hands and catching any cough with your elbow. If you are unwell, particularly if you are displaying flu like symptoms please stay at home. We also ask that people respect the level of close contact that others are comfortable with, handshakes and hugs are OK but so is bumping elbows (winging it) or simply waving from a good physical distance.

Zoom service

There is a zoom service. Which will be the 9:30am service from HopeCentral.

Here are the links

If you are using a laptop or PC here is the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89285364673>

If you have a mobile device with the Zoom app the meeting ID is 89285364673

If you are wanting to join us by phone the number is 09 884 6780

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If you are attending the service live you might still want to drop into Howard's office and say hello to Kris, who hosts the zoom.

Church AGM 5PM Saturday October 3rd @ HopeTikipunga

The church's annual meeting will be taking place at HopeTikipunga this year. It will be like last year a meal followed by the meeting. The meal will be bring and share 'finger food'. The meal is an integral part of the gathering, providing a sense of family togetherness, but if you are simply coming for the AGM then we estimate we will be getting underway with the formalities at 6pm.

The reports are available in print from the office at HopeCentral, or as a PDF online.

Here is the link to the PDF version <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VIHtkdngZiqTt0elgMnz-RpLg62CVxuE/view?usp=sharing>

Evening Worship 6:30pm October 11th

Come join us for our monthly evening worship on October 11th. Evening worship is designed to give people space to encounter Christ, in a candle light atmosphere, with sung worship, reflection on scripture, time for prayer and silence.

The first Bledisloe Cup match between the All Blacks and Australia is on at 4pm that Sunday afternoon, and will be showing in the hall before the service. So why not come down early and have some fellowship together watching the match and stay on to worship together.

This Saturday, 10.00am-3pm: The Order of St Luke: "Area Day of Ministry of Healing and Blessing":

Are you in need of healing? Do you know of anyone who needs a touch from the Lord?

This will be held at the Anglican Parish Hall, opposite the Christ Church Anglican in Deveron Street, and will be hosted by Revs Bruce & Margot Postlewaite who will be leading a time of teaching and ministry.

Lunch will be provided, but a koha is being requested to cover some of the expenses.

Helmig Gerritsen update

Helmig worshipped with us at Hope central about 5 years ago. He is in his late 20s, and was married last year to Nanda.

Helmig is very ill in Intensive care in Amsterdam. He has aplastic anaemia which attacks his bone marrow (diagnosed in May 2020). Following various infusions, he has recently had his colon removed and is in septic shock. Nanda has just given birth to baby Judith ... and they will need God's comfort and strength.

Please do pray for them...

Blessing

I want to leave you with an encouragement from Paul's letter to the Colossians. That encourages us in that dynamic spirituality that we believe leads to and enables compassion to the community.

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

Kia ū ki te Īnoi, kia mataara tonu ki taua mea i runga i te whakawhetai;

Colossians/korohe 4:2

Howard carter

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