

Kia Ora

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and we move into the week of Easter. Walking through Jesus last week before his crucifixion and the wonder of the resurrection. The events of this week are at the centre of our faith and the key to our hope. Leading into this time we've spend seven weeks focusing on Jesus sayings on the cross. This Sunday, Palm Sunday we focus on Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem and what it tells us. On Good Friday we will gather together at the cross in front of HopeCentral to remember Jesus death and on Sunday we will gather at our three sites to rejoice and to hear the wonder of Christ risen from the dead. The highpoint of the Christian year. You could say it is the reason for the Oh Yeah! That the folk at HopeOnerahi finish each of their weekly services with.

Here are the notices...

COVID Level 1

We are still at COVID level 1 so please remember and follow basic health and safety guidelines. Regularly wash hands, avoid touching your face, and sign in using the QR code and COVID tracer app or on paper. We still have a few COVID tracer diaries in the church foyer if you don't have a smart phone. Please stay home if you are unwell. Get in touch with health professionals and get tested if you have any of the COVID symptom. Respect people's desire to socially distance and avoid contact. Bumping elbows is as much a greeting as shaking hands. Some of our folk work in positions where they have to take extra care to avoid COVID.

Palm Sunday Services

All our services this week will focus on the Jesus entry into Jerusalem

10:00am @ HopeTikipunga - Lorne Campbell

9:30am @ HopeCentral - Howard Carter

9:30am @ HopeOnerahi - Enosa Auva'a

Zoom service

We will be having a Zoom component to our services on Sunday. If you are unable to come to church in person this is a great way to worship with us and stay connected.

The **9:30am** service at HOPECENTRAL will be streamed on zoom.

The link to the service is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89285364673>

If you are using the zoom app on your mobile device then the meeting ID is: 89285364673

If you are going to dial in using a landline the phone number is 09 884 6780

And when prompted put in the **meeting ID: 89285364673**

Funeral for Margaret van der Loeff

Margaret van der Loeff's funeral will be held here at Hope Central at 11am on Thursday March 25th followed by a burial at Maunu Cemetery.

Tenants: An Information Session - Tues March 30th 7pm-8:30pm and Thurs April 8th 10am-11:30am

In partnership with Citizens Advice Bureau and the Community Law Office there will be two tenant Free Information Sessions run at HopeCentral, so that people will know their rights and responsibilities under the new tenancy laws.

Good Friday Service April 2nd 10:00am at The Cross (Park in Front of HopeCentral)

This Good Friday we will be hosting a combined churches Good Friday service at 10am at the Cross in the park. The service is at 10am. **Bring a folding chair** if that will be useful. If you want there will be people walking down from Whangarei Anglican Church....there will be communion.

Good Friday Service at Onerahi - If folk from Onerahi are wanting to attend a more local Good Friday service there will be one at St Stephens Anglican church at 1pm.

End of Tax year – donations receipts 2020/2021

The end of the financial tax year is fast approaching. Any donations received into the church bank account by the 31st March will be included in the 2020/2021 tax donation receipts. If you have any questions please contact Karen in the church office Monday – Friday 9am – 2pm or via email karen@hopewhangarei.nz

Church Office

If you require administration assistance please contact the church office during the week Monday – Friday between 9am and 2pm or email our Administrator Karen on karen@hopewhangarei.nz for assistance. Thankyou.

Attention all musicians and singers ... Postponed meeting this Saturday

Our proposed meeting this Saturday, March 27th, has been postponed until either April 17th or April 24th ...

Details will be communicated when we have settled on a date.

This needed to happen as some significant people have had to withdraw at the last minute...

We really appreciate those who have emailed us with some ideas. Thank you!

“Bless the Lord Oh my soul”!

Blessing

It seems fitting to finish today's pastoral email with the Blessing associated with Palm Sunday from Psalm 118.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Kia whakapaingia te tangata e haere mai ana i runga i te ingoa o Ihowā

Psalm 118:26

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER

HOPEWHANGĀREI

23rd March 2021