

Dear friends,

I was encouraged by the combined service on Sunday, it was good to get together and celebrate two years of being Hope together. Being up the front during the first hymn you could tell there was a real sense of thanksgiving and praise, as Ted Greenwood said on Sunday, 'we almost took the roof off', it was also great to see the affirmation and encouragement and welcome that the new council and Cristina de Silva as an elder received. Thanks to all the people who took part and for Karen organising the wonderful lemon cake for us. I must admit there is a real sense of unity and buoyancy over the whole event. I hope and I pray that this continues into the coming years as we worship, pray and work together to see God's kingdom come in this city and beyond.

Colleen has started at the church office this Monday and if you are round HopeCentral please make a point of dropping in and saying hello. We are really blessed to have her working here.

Here are the notices...

Essential Health and Safety notice: COVID-19 Level 1

We are at COVID level 1. So regularly wash hands, avoid touching your face, and sign in using the QR code and COVID tracer app or on paper. *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. We would also encourage people to get the COVID vaccine when you are able.

Sunday Worship

We are back in our three regular service this week and continue in our series *Her story, Her Voice: women in the Bible.*

10:00am - HopeTikipunga - Howard Carter (1 Timothy 2:8-15) *Communion*

9:30am - HopeCentral - Cath Bremner (Judges and Deborah)

9:30am - HopeOnerahi - Diane McKinstry (Women in Luke and Anna)



EVENING WORSHIP
6:30AM SUNDAY JULY 11TH
HOPECENTRAL

The fruit of the Holy Spirit: Goodness
Hua o Te Wairua Tapu: He Ngakau Pai

HOPEWHANGĀREI
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | SINCE 1867

Evening worship 6:30pm HopeCentral

Come and join us for a time of sung worship, reflection and prayer. This month we are looking at Goodness in our ongoing series on the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Zoom service

We will be having a Zoom component to our service 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** combined 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**

We must apologise for the continuing internet issues last week. We are in contact with our internet providers to try and remedy the problem... Like most intermittent faults it is hard to trace and fix.

Alpha Dinner – change of location – now at Hope Central this Friday

If you are bringing a friend or two to the **Alpha** Dinner this Friday, please let them know that we have changed location!

Alpha Dinner details:

- **This Friday, July 9th**
- **6pm**
- **At Hope Central**

At the last count we have 44 people coming that we know about.

If you have a last minute invitee – please let us know straight away ...

karen@hopewhangarei.nz or phone 09 438 1667

Enosa Auva'a our intern

Enosa starts a three week placement at St John's Papatoetoe this week so please keep him in prayer as he spends time learning and working in a different environment. He will be with us next week as he is taking a major role in the wedding of Hugh and Noela on July 17th.

Blessing

It seems appropriate as we celebrate two years of HopeWhangarei and also Matariki, almost like a maori new year. To simply give thanks for God's continued goodness and his unfailing love.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

*Whakawhetai ki a Ihowā, he pai hoki ia,
he pūmau tonu hoki tāna mahi tohu.*

1 Chronicles/ 1 Ngā Whakapapa 16:34

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER

HOPEWHANGĀREI

6th July 2021

