

Dear Friends,

You'll be pleased to know that my stay in hospital last week was short and the infection in my left leg (again) responded well to antibiotics. So much so that Kris and I managed to get away up north for the weekend. The long term prognosis seems to be a life style change. Keeping my blood sugar under better control and staying out of harbour mud... or at least covering my legs. It does seem quite trivial compared to the many medical issues that I know our congregation face at the moment.

Thy Kingdom Come is a season of prayer for the church, the ten/eleven day period between Ascension and Pentecost, where we pray for thy kingdom come, for Jesus to renew his church and for people to come to know Christ. I have found the short inspirational videos produced for this year's season to be very... well inspirational. Today's one on 'praying for...' was specifically encouraging about praying for people to come to know Christ. It revolved around the story of, George Muller, a German immigrant to England in 1832 who started an orphanage and who was a faithful prayer for five friends and family members to come to Christ. One came to Christ after eighteen months of prayer but the others took time, and the last two didn't become believers till after Muller had died. The focal point for the video was *keep praying... God is at work*. Encouragement for many of us who pray for children and grand-children, sisters and brothers, spouses, neighbours or those people who have been so special in our lives for so long to know the love Christ has for them.

Thy Kingdom Come also finishes this year with a **combined Pentecost service this Sunday (June 5th 10am at Central)**. Pentecost is the forgotten festival of the church calendar, it is really the birthday of the Church, when the group of believers were transformed into a group of witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, from inward looking to outward looking, because of the filling of the Holy Spirit. It is an opportunity for us once again to simply pray and say together *Come Holy Spirit...* and to experience a fresh... *come Holy Spirit*.

Here are the notices...

Sunday Worship Combined Pentecost service 10:00am HopeCentral

Let's come together to celebrate Pentecost, this week at 10am HopeCentral.

The message will be 'Come Holy Spirit' looking at Acts 2.

If people need transport from Onerahi or Tikipunga let someone know and we can see what can be arranged.

Zoom service June 5th

The zoom service is a streaming of the 10:00am HopeCentral service.

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

If you are using an app on a mobile device the meeting **ID number is: 89285364673**

You can join via landline.

The phone number is 09 884 6780 you will need to input the meeting ID when prompted: 89285364673 followed by the # key. Then you will be asked for a further ID number or to press the # key again. Press the # hash key again. The host will ask for your name so we can put it on the computer screen so after the service people will know who you are.

After the service we will break into small groups so people can catch up, pray with each other. If you are on a landline you can unmute yourself by pressing *6. If you have someone on a landline in your group please introduce yourselves to them.

Inspire Presbytery Conference June 18th St Columba Botany



Save the Date – Bring a Team, \$15pp for workshops, m.tea & lunch

If you would like to come along to this Leadership conference in June please let the office know. We can take the van down and make a day of it.

The Keynote speaker is Craig Greenfield on his blog he writes

My name is Craig Greenfield. During two decades of living in slums and inner cities (in both Asia and North America), I founded a grassroots youth discipleship movement called *Alongsiders International*, now reaching thousands of vulnerable children across 21 countries in Asia, Africa and Europe.

To register go online to

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFMR-tvofHMiUQtFVltkwEbKOZ1PfrHtUkHpNXuQkIaKJv_w/viewform and let the Hope office know so we can book a seat on the van.

Tikipunga Challenge July 2022



Knitted beanies, scarves, booties, slippers, blankets or whatever takes your fancy. All items will be delivered to "Family Works" (part of Presbyterian Support), based in Mair Street. Morning Tea in July, exact date and time yet to be confirmed.

Enquires to Helen McGregor

Unlocked Gospel Concert with Nicki Moran 7:30pm, THIS Thursday June 2nd HopeCentral

Nicki comes to us through our connections with Gini Shepherd and He Waka Eke Noa (Prison Fellowship New Zealand), as Nicki has done many gospel concerts in prisons round New Zealand.

For a taste of Nicki's music here is a link to a YouTube clip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyDqKAJhni4>

Testimonies from Healing Service last Sunday at Central

A report from Lorne's brother that his shoulder has had a marked improvement following prayer for healing. For the first time in two years he slept on his right side on Sunday night, and he can move his right arm considerably higher than before. Praise God!

If anyone has any testimonies from the ministry time on Sunday, please could you tell Lorne so these can be shared for everyone's encouragement.

We thank You Lord for Your love and healing power as we wait for Your kingdom to come in all its glory one day. Amen.

Lawn mowing

We are looking for some new lawn mowing volunteers. If this is something you could help with please contact Gordon Wright or the office on 4381667.



Does anyone have a reasonable size TV that has a USB port access that Hein and Colleen could buy or borrow to run an alpha course from their home mid-June. If so please contact Colleen on 0276052897 or the office.

Blessing

I want to finish this pastoral email with a promise that we have in scripture from our Good Father, who knows how to give good gifts to his Children... It's been part of our exploration of the Lord's Prayer as it follows on from Luke's version of the prayer in Luke 11.

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, *how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!*"

Ko tāku kupu anō tēnei ki a koutou, Īnoi, a ka hoatu ki a koutou; e rapu, āka kite koutou; pātukia, a ka uakina ki a koutou. Ka whiwhi hoki nga tāngata katoa ina Īnoi; ka kite ina rapu; ka uakina ki te tangata e pātuki ana.

Ko tēhea matua o koutou ki te Īnoia e tāna tama tētahi taro, e hoatu ranei ki a ia he kāmaka? ki te Īnoia he ika, e hoatu ranei ki a ia he nākahi hei ika? Ki te Īnoia he hua manu, e hoatu ranei ki a ia he kopiona? Ki te mea ko koutou, hunga kino nei, e mātau ana ki te hoatu mea papai ki ā koutou tamariki: tērā noa ake te hōmaitanga o te Wairua Tapu e tō koutou Matua i te rangi ki te hunga e Īnoi ana ki a ia.

-Luke/Ruka 11:9-13

Come Holy Spirit

Blessings

Howard Carter

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PS: - A photo from down at the Hatea River which I think illustrates the goodness of God to provide all our needs physical and spiritual. For our daily food and our spiritual renewal... and kind of fits in with the passage from Luke as well... because I think a white faced heron might ask the father for a worm... or a fish

