

Dear friends,

Last week I was away in cyberspace for the Special General Assembly of the PCANZ, as it was an online assembly I was able to attend it down in Tauranga, which meant I went down with Kris to catch up with her family. I worked during the day and caught up with family in the evening. Assembly is normally very intense and draining and being in an online format made it even more so, as you do not get the added encouragement and stimulus of speaking face to face with colleagues from around the country. Lorne and I first met and talked over breakfast at the 2018 general assembly in Christchurch. The following is a link to a summary of decisions made at this year's assembly.

<https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/sites/default/files/SA22%20Summary%20of%20Decisions.pdf>

The highlight of the week however was being able to be at and contribute to the Ordination and induction of Rev Enosa Auva'a as a minister at St Peter's in the City Tauranga, on Saturday April 30th. It was a wonderful celebration for Enosa, Felicity and their family, and also for the congregation. It was good that eight of us from Hope managed to make the journey to Tauranga to support Enosa, and I know many of you joined us online as well. If you did not manage to catch the ordination and would like to here is a link to it online. After the service we had a ceremony where Enosa's family handed him over to the church and the families became connected because of it. Something we missed out up here in Whangarei as Enosa really was on loan to us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-l56eyz4y1A>

In my message (on Thessalonians 2:1-15) I did acknowledge that Enosa had had a hard time in his internship here at Hope, not in any way like the stories of the abuse of interns that have come out of other churches in New Zealand in recent times, but because of the effects of COVID. Enosa spent a lot of time in lockdown in Auckland ministering with us by phone and zoom, and the times that he was with us was always under the uncertainty of further lockdowns, and I mentioned that I really respected Enosa and Felicity for their commitment to travel back and forth from Auckland to Whangarei over the two year period. I said that Enosa and Felicity could like Paul and his team say 'with the help of our God we dared tell you his Gospel in the face of strong opposition.' An example for us of persevering and continuing to be people of the gospel in the face of all the 'ups and downs' and backwards and forwards of life, trusting in Christ's great love and abiding presence.

Here are the notices.

Sunday Worship May 8th 2022

Happy Mother's day to all our mothers and grandmothers and great grandmothers and mothers-in-law. In all three of our services this week we also continue with our series Teach us to Pray looking at the Lord's prayer as a model for prayer and life.

HopeTikipunga 10:00am Lorne Campbell (Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done)

HopeCentral 9:30am Kris Middendorf-Carter (Give us today our daily bread)

HopeOnerahi 9:30am Howard Carter (Our Father Who is in Heaven)

We are in Orange in the COVID suppression plan so there is no limit to numbers, masks are highly encouraged, please sanitise your hands when entering the worship spaces, stay home if you are exhibiting COVID like symptoms.

Zoom Service

Thanks to Shane and Amelie Jansen for looking after the Zoom service while Kris is preaching.

The zoom service is a streaming of the 9:30am 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.

Please note that the process has changed. The phone number is 09 884 6780 you will need to input for the meeting

The number when Meeting ID 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.

A message from Graeme Drummond (Previous Minister of St Andrews)

Graeme has done a podcast to share the story of God's faithfulness over the years. The heading he gave it is - **"Someone called my name"**

Please find the link below

<https://grahamedrummond.substack.com/p/someone-called-my-name-grahame-can?s=r>



Inspire Presbytery Conference June 18th St Columba Botany

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.

Unlocked Gospel Concert with Nicki Moran 7; 30pm, Thursday June 2nd 2022 at 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>

Up-coming private movie-showing: "Sabina"

Winner of Best feature Film Christian Worldview Film Festival 2021; Rated M
Thursday 12th of May; 6:30 pm; Event Cinema 18 James Street.

The Powerful True Story of Sabina & Richard Wurmbrand (The founders of
Voice of the Martyrs)

"Great character is sometimes forged amid great turmoil. Sabina is the story of
how God's love transformed an ambitious, atheistic hedonist into one of the
greatest Christian women of the 20th century. The film opens with Sabina
Wurmbrand risking her life to show Christ's love to a trio of Nazi soldiers. Why?
Why would a Jewish Christian risk her life to help her enemies – members of
the army that killed her entire family? Experience the amazing true story that
has redefined the concepts of love and forgiveness for millions around the
world"

Get your tickets now before they all sell out!!

Purchase tickets over the phone 03 352 9568 or by
emailing events@vom.org.nz

Tikipunga Challenge this year

Knitted beanies, scarves, booties, slippers, blankets or whatever takes your fancy ☺

All items will be delivered to "Family Works" (a part of Presbyterian Support), based in Mair Street.

Morning Tea in July, exact date and time yet to be confirmed.

Enquires to Helen McGregor

Blessing

"May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead
our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will,
and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and
ever. Amen." (Heb. 13:20-21)

*Nā, mā te Atua o te rangimārie, nāna nei i whakahoki mai i roto i te hunga mate tō tātou Ariki, a
Ihu, taua Hēpara nui o ngā hipi, he meatanga nā ngā toto o te kawenata mutungakore, Māna
koutou e mea kia tino tika i runga i ngā mahi pai katoa, kia mahia anō e koutou tāna i pai ai; Māna
e mahi i roto i a koutou te mea e āhuareka ana ki tāna titiro, i roto ano i a Ihu Karaiti; waiho atu i a
ia te kororia ake. Āmine.*

Blessings

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER

HOPEWHANGĀREI

May 3rd 2022

PS: - It's amazing that such a rear bird as this pure white Torea (Pied Oystercatcher) is such a regular occurrence at Onerahi. If you are driving or walking round the waterfront keep an eye out for this amazing local.

