

Dear friends,

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Nā, anō te pai, ano te āhuareka o te nohoanga o ngā tēinā, o ngā tuākana i runga i te whakaaro kotahi!

Psalm/Ngā Waiata 133:1

It was good to be together on Sunday at HopeWhangarei and celebrate the climax to our long journey through the book of Revelation. Thank you to everybody who took part in the service and also to the wonderful team who prepared and served the soup and bun lunch, and the clean-up crew. I managed to get round a few of the tables at lunch and it was great to see people from all our sites mingling and sharing fellowship together. It was also great to have some new folk and visitors with us as well. People may also not have been aware of the growing children's ministry that we have at Central, they normally go out during the service but this week were out from the start of the service as they were finishing their study of the first book of the bible with a film 'Joseph: king of dreams'.

This week of course we are back to our three sites and I've asked the preachers for this week to share on their favorite bible passage.

In September we will be looking at the season of creation, giving thanks to God for the created world and reflecting on creation care as part of our Christian faith and practice. Being September of course, here in the southern hemisphere it is the start of spring, and the cold weather starts to move away and there is a newness and that expectation of new growth and harvest, so a good time to give thanks to God for what he has made. It will also be Maori Language week (Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori) 13th-19th September, another opportunity for us as a Church to grow in our understanding and use of Te Reo in our worship and lives. Also at Central on September 18th the Girls Brigade will be having their annual service. I am aware of how many of our women have had a lifelong commitment to Girls Brigade and have invested so much energy and time into generations of girls and young women.

Here are the notices:-

Sunday Worship August 28th

Note we move back to our three sites and to our normal worship times.

HopeTikipunga 10:00am (Romans 12: 14-21) '*Dealing with Evil*' Billie Portch

HopeCentral 9:30am (Psalm 119:105) '*Don't just read it need it!*' Lorne Campbell

HopeOnerahi 9:30am (Psalm 113, Philippians 2:4-11) '*The God who draws near*' Howard Carter

Zoom service Sunday August 28th

The zoom service is a streaming from 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.

Acts of kindness and being neighbourly with the Central City Chaplain

Do you have spare spring flowers in your garden? Are you baking batches of Biscuits? Elaine Holwell, our Central City Chaplain is looking for bunches of flowers and/or biscuits to be able to bless the people she visits on Tuesdays in the CBD. It is a simple act of kindness and being neighbourly and it opens doors and breaks down barriers and builds relationships in the community. If you have an overabundance of flowers in your garden or your biscuit barrel and are happy to bring some to HopeCentral on Monday (before 1pm) or on Tuesday morning before 9:30am they will be given to people as a gift. We are not looking for a huge push on a specific day or great amounts, a small offering can have a great effect.



CTN Spring gathering September 17th 9:30am-2pm HopeCentral

We will be hosting the CTN spring gathering here at HopeWhangarei on Saturday September 17th. It is open to all who would like to come along. Opening at 9:30am with worship and communion. Then a key note address from Rev Dr Stuart Lange on the essentials of a Growing Church. As well as Stuart being one of New Zealand's foremost church historians he has also pastored a thriving Presbyterian Church in West

Auckland for well over twenty years. A church that is involved in planting and replanting churches in growing areas and that has embraced the challenge of the very multicultural environment of Massey and its surrounding areas. In the afternoon there will be Churches Together Northland business to attend to. Lunch is \$10 and you'll need to register at the office by September 14th.

Praying for children

Support Northern, the social services wing of the Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Children and families ministry have designated the week of August 21st-27th as a week to pray for children in New Zealand. Here is a link to the website with a lot of information prayer points and resources to help guide you in your prayer.

<https://nzprayingforchildren.org/>

Alpha Course Survey. See attached.

Council would like to have some feedback from the fellowship about an opportunity to run and Alpha Course at an off-site location next year.

Please can you have a look at the attached survey, and let the office have your responses.

Hard copies of the survey will be available this Sunday at all three sites.

Many thanks.

Rev Lorne Campbell

The Operation Christmas Child Pack a Shoe Box



Please contact Colleen at the office if you would like to support this wonderful ministry of providing children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and fun gifts. You can even purchase a shoebox on line. Check out

www.operationchristmaschild.org.nz

National Collection starts in October

WANTED - Quiet Caring female - Almost free separate upstairs self contained accommodation at Maungatapere is offered for someone who studies or stays at home during weekdays, in return for checking on a 90plus year old lady who is alone quite a bit of the day. No nursing. Prefer driver who could take her to the occasional appointment.

References needed. email boyesjan@gmail.com Phone Jan 0212965447

Blessing

Just a short blessing today and as we finished our series on revelation it seems appropriate to conclude with the blessing John gives at the end of his letter. It is the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ shown to us that enables us to be a people together and it is the grace of Jesus Christ that we show to one another that enables us amidst all the differences and difficulties to find unity together.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

Kia tau ki te hunga tapu katoa te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, o Īhu Karaiti. Āmine.

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER

HOPEWHANGĀREI

August 23rd 2022 *PS:-* I don't often take photos of sparrows but this one sat still for a lovely portrait.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Matthew 10:29-31



