

Dear friends,

**This Sunday we are having a combined 'gospel and healing' service at HopeCentral at 10am. John Fergusson is our guest preacher.** Many of you are familiar with John from other times he has spoken and ministered here at Hope, both in services and weekend seminars on the Holy Spirit and healing ministry. John has also lead mission trips in Nepal, where Lorne Campbell and others from our church have been part of his team.

This is a great opportunity to invite friend's neighbours or family members along. Even those who do not normally come to church. Particularly those who might need a touch from the Lord (if you don't mind me using that Christian jargon). Can I also please encourage you to pray during the week that God might meet people at their point of need at this service, and bring healing, wholeness and salvation. The greatest healing of all is when people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Of course we often have questions and concerns about healing. Does God heal today? What about those who do not get healed? In Rob Yule's (former moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand) book *'The Holy Spirit as Person and Power'* makes the point that it often is those who are involved most in praying for people to be healed that wrestle with those questions the most. In the end we find ourselves in the tension of the all-ready but not yet. The fact that in Christ the Kingdom of God has been inaugurated, sin and death are defeated at the cross and resurrection, but we await the consummation of that when Christ returns.

One of the resources that we have made available to people to help wrestle with this is the Prayer course (part 2) or the unanswered prayer course where Pete Greig works through the challenge of what happens when God does not seem to answer Prayer. Pete was at the forefront of a worldwide prayer movement (ThyKingdomCome is part of that) and his wife was diagnosed with a very rare and severe form of epilepsy. No matter how much prayer, or pleading with God seemed to help. But Pete and his wife worked through that and came to a place of knowing God's presence and peace. This series is available for use by our connect groups, or on line if you want to do it as an individual.

Having said that I still believe in the power of God to heal. I believe in praying for people to be healed, trusting in God's goodness and mercy. I find comfort in John Wimber's great quote when he was asked about healing by secular media ' All I know is that I have seen more people healed since I stopped believing that God did not heal people today and so I didn't pray and have started believing that God does heal people today and so pray."

Come Holy Spirit

**Here are the notices**

**[Worship Sunday October 30th 10am combined Gospel and Healing Service HopeCentral](#)**

There is only one service this week at Hope a combined service at HopeCentral. If people need a lift in from Onerahi or Tikipunga please let people know and we can arrange such transport.

John Fergusson is coming to us to minister at our Combined gospel and healing service. John heads JF Ministries here in NZ <https://www.jfm.org.nz> and has a passion for preaching the gospel and seeing the Lord healing the sick. Since 2003, John began Schools of Healing, to encourage the 'ordinary' believer to pray for the sick. Over 50,000 have been trained in these schools around the world, and thousands more healed including some wonderful miracles under the hands of complete beginners.

## Zoom service Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>

The zoom service will be at 10am on Sunday and will be the combined gospel and healing service from HopeCentral. I must apologise for having to change the link last week. Please note this is the new link for the service.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83111922245>

If you are using an app on a mobile device the meeting ID number is: 83111922245

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.

## Hope Tikipunga Invite you to their Community Christmas

Morning Tea (provided)

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am

Come along and make new Christmas Decorations

For catering and craft numbers please RSVP to: Helen  
027 437 3016 – 4373656-[heljo@themcgregors.net]

## Worship Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>

We will be back meeting at all three sites and continue our journey through Paul's letter to the church at Colossae Colossians: Christ and Christ alone.

10:00am @ HopeTikipunga - Colossians 3:5-17 (Chris Garland)

9:30am @ HopeCentral - Colossians 2:20-3:4 (Lorne Campbell)

9:30am @ HopeOnerahi - Colossians 2:5-19 (Howard Carter... via video)



### A personal note from Lorne and Sue

Lorne and Sue would like to thank all who wished them well and prayed for Amy & Alastair's wedding. It was a totally blessed day in every way ... and the couple looked so happy together.

All glory to God... I (Howard) should add mother and father of the bride are recovering nicely...

## A service of thanksgiving for the life of Kris Batelaan November 2<sup>nd</sup>

As we announced on Sunday at Central, Kris Batelaan died on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a service of thanksgiving for Kris' life at HopeCentral on the afternoon of Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will advise as soon as time is confirmed.

### Blessing

With the Gospel and healing Service happening this coming weekend I want to leave you with the assurance and blessing from Paul to the church at Philippi

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Ā mā tōku Atua e mea kia hua ngā mea katoa e matea ana e koutou, kia rite ki te nui o tōna korōria, i roto i a Karaiti Īhu.

Philippians/Piripai 4:19

Howard Carter

**SENIOR MINISTER**

**HOPEWHANGĀREI**

October 25<sup>th</sup> 2022

*PS:-* Matuku Moana is the maori name which covers two different types of Heron that populate out shoreline. The very common white faced Heron and the rarer Pacific Reef Heron. Pacific Reef Heron's are squatter birds, they are a deeper grey with no white heads, and they have green thicker legs and a thicker grey beak. There are only about 300-500 of them in New Zealand. It is great to have a few of them around the Whangarei area. One that frequents Onerahi at half tide. Here is a sequence of four photos featuring that bird. As it moves from stealthy hunter mode to full on puffed out bird and back. Their eyes are very intense and yellow in colour.

