

Dear friends,

I need to apologise to our people at HopeTikipunga as we had technical glitches around playing the video of Pauline's message on Sunday. Humble apologies. It was the first time we were using the new cloud-based computer system for such things, and it must have been an operator (i.e. Me) error.

We have put it online and you can view/hear it by following this link.

https://youtu.be/tA4o_wp0EyQ

If you go to Onerahi and Central you'll get to hear it live over the next two weeks.

I have finished going through the book of Ephesians for my daily devotions and have moved on to work through the Gospel of Mark using the '*Journey through*' series published by Our daily bread (if you want to access the series online here is the link <https://journeythrough.org/>). My daily reading today was Mark 1:9-13, Mark's account of Jesus baptism and temptation. One of the comments by Robert Solomon was the way in which at Jesus baptism the whole of the Godhead, the whole of the trinity, is seen to be involved in the baptism but also in our salvation. Jesus the son submits to baptism and shows his desire to be about God's purpose and plans. The Holy Spirit is sent to enable him to fulfil the mission he is called to do, being the Messiah, God's suffering servant. God affirms Jesus' identity; this is my Son in whom I am well pleased. This is encouraging when we think of how much God loves us and is working to see us bought back into a saving relationship with him. It is encouraging when we are looking at One Anothering in our services over these winter months, and we can see the trinity as this wonderful example of being united and working in total unity for the common good.

Here are the notices.

Worship Sunday July 2nd

Join us this Sunday for worship and as we continue our winter sermon series, '*OneAnothering: the Spirit filled art of Christian Community*'. It's been good to see new folk turning up at services over the past few weeks. It's also been great to see everyone being very welcoming and encouraging to these newcomers.

10:00am HopeTikipunga Ephesians 5:21 Be Subject to One another (Howard Carter)

9:30am HopeCentral Colossians 3:12-13 Forgive One Another (Lorne Campbell)

9:30am HopeOnerahi James 5: 13-16 Confess sins and pray for One Another (Pauline Hampshire)

Zoom Service 9:30am July 2nd

The zoom service this week will be the 9:30am service from HopeCentral.

Here is the link for the service <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84819102883>

If you are using the zoom app on a mobile device or smart phone the Meeting ID is 84819102883

If you are joining by landline, dial 09 8846780 and follow the Instructions, again the meeting ID is 84819102883.

Staff update

Our Senior Administrator Karen is still working from home while she awaits her back operation. Please remember her in your prayers. If you need to contact her for Church related things Please do so within normal work hours: 9:00am-2pm Tuesday -Friday.

Mission Spot –

As a church HopeWhangarei supports a range of missionaries around the world. Each month our Overseas Mission Action Group (OMAG) gives us an update on one of those missionaries in our pastoral email to encourage us to pray and continue supporting these servants of Christ around the world.

Stephanie Herron



The Lord started to call me to be involved with missions as a teenager – while we were still in Singapore – so when we returned to NZ and I did my studies (including my Vet training), it was with the aim of going overseas to serve the Lord.

After working for several years as a vet in Westport, the opportunity arose for me to go to the Philippines and I started in full-time missions there in 1991 (this served as a missionary training time for me). In 1993 I felt the Lord was directing me to Mozambique and I spent a year in South Africa (1994) doing a health course for missionaries, so that I could translate some of my vet skills into human health care and especially health education.

In 1995 I started working in Mozambique, on a Tear Fund project involving health education and Bible teaching, and having worked with and trained a Mozambican couple to carry on that work, in 1997 I was invited, and felt the Lord's confirmation to join with the team starting up a Bible training centre in the same province – Volta à Bíblia (Back to the Bible). We began classes there in 1998, as an interdenominational centre, working with students sent by churches from a wide range of denominations and backgrounds, but with the aim of training faithful servants for the Lord's work, who have a real, living relationship with the Lord, understand and are guided by the Word of God, and are able to return to their sending churches to make a difference to the body of Christ.

Some of our students have also taken up the challenge of missions, serving the Lord outside their own tribe and culture, in northern Mozambique. My role at the Bible School at any time depends on the needs – whether as a Bible teacher, health adviser, kitchen supervisor, first-aid worker, vet or anything else that is needed.

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Steph is currently in New Zealand and will be in Whangarei from 10th - 24th July. Steph will be at the Sunday Service at HOPECENTRAL on 16th July and will be available to share with Connect Groups etc during her time in Whangarei. If you are interested in meeting with Steph please contact the Office or Glenys Currie [glenyscurrienz@gmail.com].

Winter Sermon Series: One Anothering: The Spirit Filled Art of Christian Community

Starting on Sunday June 4th in our Sunday worship at all three sites we will be exploring the topic of One anothering... Jesus called us to 'love one another as I have loved you' and this is an inspirational and aspirational hope at the centre of our Christian living, the one anothering sayings in the Epistles help us to put that into practise. Epistles written to churches struggling with coming together in Christ from across the spectrum of the cultural divides of their day. Giving practical advice on how as this diverse

group of people can come together as one and love one another amidst everyday life with its difficulties and disagreements.



Home help needed

Margaret Scrivens is needing female home help due to physical health.

Do church attenders have family/relatives who may be interested.

1 .5 hours per week with good fair pay and work conditions.

Phone 4300568 or approach Margaret at church.

Hope Tikipunga Challenge 2023

The past four years we have had a challenge to support Family Works (Presbyterian Support) 2023 - Any knitting/crochet is acceptable. **We will have a morning tea on Thursday July 13th** at Hope Tikipunga and will invite a representative from Family Works to come along and receive the projects.



There are several ways you can contribute.

Crochet a small rug, Knit Peggy squares and sew together, Polar fleece is a good option, Patchwork throws are popular, or you might like to donate some wool for someone to use.

Enquiries to: Helen McGregor 027 437 3016 or Kaye Anderson 021 109 9002

Coming up ... a ladies morning tea

Hope Central 8th July- 9-30am

Our speaker will be Helen Blaxland speaking about her time in Cambodia and her work in Hospice Whangarei All Welcome Keep this date free ladies!!!

Blessing:- At our staff devotions we are working our way through the book of Hebrews. While it does not start with the normal niceties of other epistles, it jumps straight into some deep theology, it does end very much like a letter, with a blessing and some news about people that would be known to the people being written to. A blessing which is a bit longer than what we are used to but which is quite comprehensive. It prays God's peace upon its reader and that we may be equipped for doing every good work, that is pleasing to him.

²⁰ Now 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, ²¹ 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.

²⁰ Nā, mā te Atua o te rangimārie, nāna nei i whakahoki mai i roto i te hunga mate tō tātou Ariki, a Īhu, taua Hēpara nui o ngā hipi, he meatanga nā ngā toto o te kawenata mutungakore,²¹ māna koutou e mea kia tino tika i runga i ngā mahi pai katoa, kia mahia anō e koutou tāna i pai ai. Mana e mahi i roto i a koutou te mea e āhuareka ana ki tāna titiro, i roto anō i a Īhu Karaiti; waiho atu i a ia te korōria ake ake. Āmine.

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER

HOPEWHANGAREI

June 27th 2023

Ps:- With my foot in a moon boot I am not supposed to head off onto the beach or clamber over the rocks. So, on Monday I went for a drive and took quite a few surprisingly good photos out my car window. But out at McLeod's Bay a Matuku Moana (White faced Heron) was sitting on a rock at the end of a grass field. So, I got out and walked towards it and it let me walk up quite close. Although you must remember I am using a 500mm lens so am still a distance away (well about five meters).

