

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Kris and I had a week away down at Glenn Innes in the Central Hawkes Bay. Glenn Innes is a farm that was bequeathed to the PCANZ. The two houses on the farm are set aside for holiday homes for Presbyterian ministers and their families. It was a real blessing just to get away and have some time out in the country. Our son James came along with us as well and it was good just to have some time catching up with him. I want to thank Lorne Campbell for taking the combined service with World Vision and the ordination of Adrian Whale as an elder, with the portfolio of hospital chaplaincy, that enabled us to get away.

The highlight of the week away was a long walk on the Pārangahau beach at low tide. With its vast expanse of sand and the constant pound of the surf it really was a wild and wonderful place. The expanse of the ocean off over the horizon reminded me of a hymn we used at central on Sunday.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward
to Thy glorious rest above.

May you know Gods love surrounding you as the ocean surrounds our island home.

Here are the notices,

Worship Sunday July 21st

Come join us for worship at one of our three sites this week, as we continue our journey through the gospel according to Mark. Each site has its own feel and style, but you will receive a warm welcome and be encouraged to encounter the presence of God amidst sung worship, prayer, scripture reading and expository preaching.

10:00am	HopeTikipunga	Mark 9:30-37 (Howard Carter)
9:30am	HopeCentral	Mark 9:38-41 (Pauline Hampshire)
9:30am	HopeOnerahi	Mark 9:42-50 (Lorne Campbell)

Zoom service July 21st 9:30am

The zoom service will be the 9:30am service from HopeCentral. Here is the link for the service <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429062440>

If you are using the zoom app on a mobile device or smart phone the Meeting ID is 83429062440. If you are joining by landline, dial 09 8846780 and follow the Instructions, again the meeting ID is 83429062440. There is a waiting room and then our host will let you into the live stream.

Behold a new song this Sunday at Central.

At central this Sunday we will be singing a new song called Behold by a group called Mission House. Here is a link to the song so people have a chance to familiarise themselves with it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f95FCUAMf9E>

lyrics

The empty filled, the wounded healed
The broken back together
The poor are blessed, the weary rest
We will dance forever
The blinded see, the chained are free
The doubtful now believer
The outcast known, the orphan home
You are my Redeemer

Behold, behold
Behold what love can do
Behold, behold
He's making all things new

The lost return, the voiceless heard
The mourner now rejoicing
The mountains shake, the world awake
Creation all composing
The sad untrue, the earth renewed
The song has found its singer
The darkness light, the dead alive
You are my Redeemer

We've been struck down, we're not destroyed
We've sown in tears, we'll reap in joy
We've been struck down, we're not destroyed
We've sown in tears, we'll reap in joy
My eyes are open
Behold, behold

Mission Spot

Hoang Tran is one of the YWAM leaders we support in Vietnam in the city of Dalat... he recently wrote to Dennis Thorne and our Overseas Mission Action Group...

"Hi Dennis. This is Hoang from Vietnam. How are you? I've received the support from Whangarei Church. Thank you, thank you and thank you so much. Our family is truly appreciative. It's not just money, for us, we felt love and care and know that we are not alone. Help me to say Thank you to the church. Much love and blessing from our family."

You can still be "Chosen" by a child in the Alito district of Uganda.



Following the presentation of the World Vision Chosen project from the Alito District of Northern Uganda 2 weeks ago, it is still not too late to sign up! So far 7 people across Hope have committed to this.

You can do this by [scanning the QR code \(see below\)](https://www.wvnz.org.nz/church10) or go to www.wvnz.org.nz/church10 or text "Chosen10" to 4040.

On July 23rd , there will be a special party in Alito, Uganda, where children will choose their sponsor, then in 2 Sunday's time on July 28th World Vision workers will visit our church to "reveal" which child chose those who wanted to become sponsors.



The Bible Course; an eight-session course helping you explore the BIG story.

The Bible Course



bestselling book.”

“Big, complex, old ... just some of the words people use to describe the Bible. Sound familiar? That’s where *The Bible Course* comes in. The course will increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life. The course provides a birds-eye view of the world’s

Starting August 13th we will be running the Bible Course here at HopeWhangarei. The course is put together by the Bible Society UK.

Who is it for? The course is accessible for people new to Christianity, ideal as a follow-on from courses like Alpha or for mature Christians wanting to increase their understanding of the Bible.

We will be running 7pm Tuesday Nights for eight weeks from Tuesday August 13th

Please contact Howard (howard@hopewhangarei.nz) or Colleen (colleen@hopewhangarei.nz) or by phone at the office 094381667 to book a place.

“Mission in our communities” initiative at Tikipunga

Pauline is leading us to engage in "Mission in our Communities".

Group meetings at Hope Tikipunga:

TODAY Tuesday 16 July, 2-4pm, **Planning our action**

Exciting times, we will be brainstorming what our Mission Action will be!!!

First week of August - MISSION ACTION such as

- Loving service responding to human need
- Doing something which aims to better society
- Caring for God’s creation

Final meeting Tuesday Sept 10 (review and continuation)

Giving figures for financial year

Giving for the financial year 1 July 2023-30 June 2024 is \$219,734 against a budget of \$225,500
Thankyou for giving to Gods kingdom both here and overseas.

The Get Together Twice a Month HopeCentral lounge. Wednesday July 24th 12-2pm.

The relaxed get together for friendship, fellowship is happening again on Wednesday, July 24th from 12 noon onwards. So, bring your lunch (hot drinks provided), some activity (puzzle, board game, handcraft, conversation) to do, learn or share and come and meet with people from around Hope.

Blessing

Our staff devotions today was Psalm 84 and it finishes (v112) with a beatitude (a blessing) this one is addressed to God and acknowledges God's goodness and faithful love to all who put their trust in him.

Lord Almighty,

blessed is the one who trusts in you.

E Ihowā o ngā mano,

ka hari te tangata e whakawhirinaki ana ki a koe.

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER

HOPEWHANGAREI

July 16th 2024

Ps:- I didn't take any bird photos while I was away... but here is a Torea (Oystercatcher) at Tutukaka that I took last Monday. With that intense red eye.

