

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Just a word of encouragement from our staff devotions this morning. We are reading the Psalms at the moment and are up to Psalm 94, one which focuses on God's justice. I found verses 18 and 19 very encouraging for facing difficult times. They are the promise of God's continued presence and faithfulness to us, as we trust in him.

*When I said, "My foot is slipping,"
your unfailing love, Lord, supported me.
19 When anxiety was great within me,
your consolation brought me joy.*

Here are the notices...

Worship - Sunday August 11th

Come and 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 10:1-12 (Howard Carter)

9:30am @ Hope Central - Mark 10:13-16 (Lorne Campbell)

9:30am @ HopeOnerahi - Mark 10:17-31 (Pauline Hampshire)

Zoom service August 11th 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.

Staff matters

Colleen our receptionist is away on Holiday till Monday August Monday 19th. Other staff and volunteers will be covering over that time.

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

Please sign up before Thursday August 8th

The Bible Course



"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

bestselling book."

Starting August 13th we will be running the Bible Course here at HopeWhangarei. The course is put together by the Bible Society UK. There is a **cost of \$15** for the course participants booklet.

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 09 4381 667 to book a place.

There will also be sign up forms at all three sites this Sunday.

Chosen! – a report back from the WorldVision chosen reveal

Cherie and Jimmy Hemara were "Chosen" by a young girl in the Alito village in N Uganda following our world vision visit at the end of July. World Vision comment that sponsorship has more than doubled since their new approach. Cherie and Jimmy are very excited about their new ministry!

Grace Fund

Hope Whangarei runs Grace Fund which is a fund that offers small interest free loans to congregation members who may find themselves short of funds. Loans have been given in the past for new washing machines, car tyres and minor repairs to enable a warrant on a vehicle, credit cards on high interest rates etc.

If you wish to know further information please contact our Senior Administrator, Karen Cullen on karen@hopewhangarei.nz

Giving

Giving for the month of July being the first month of our new budget year is \$16,799 against a budget of \$15,666. Thank you for giving to God's kingdom in Whangarei and Overseas. If you wish to give to HopeWhangarei please contact Karen Cullen, our Administrator on karen@hopewhangarei.nz who can assist you.

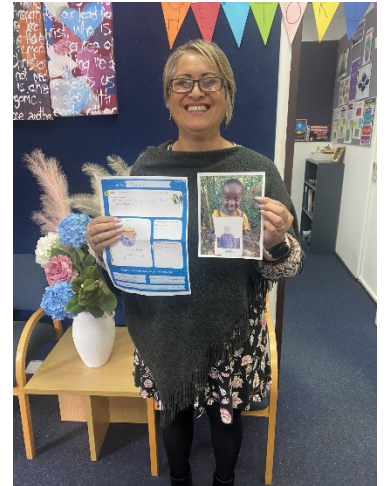
Abby Armstrong Green is seeking some work as a housecleaner in the Whangarei area. She is flexible with hours, and payment can be negotiated between herself and the "employer". Please contact her direct on 027 5270330

Mission in our Communities

We are making welcome packs for new residents in the Kainga Ora facility in Wanaka Street. Bring donations of these items or make a \$25 donation. On-line banking or in envelope with ref. WANAKA.



Contact Pauline@hopewhangarei.nz for any questions.



Blessing

The Lord bless you
and keep you;
²⁵ the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

⁴Mā Īhowā koe e manaaki,
māna koe e tiaki:
²⁵ Mā Īhowā e mea kia tīaho tōna mata ki a koe,
māna anō hoki koe e atawhai:
²⁶ Mā Īhowā tōna kanohi e whakaara ki a koe,
māna anō e tuku te rangimārie ki a koe.

Numbers 6:24-26

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER

HOPEWHANGAREI

August 6th 2024

PS: - Had an amazing day with my camera on Monday. Out at Matapouri. Very essential Northland at this time of year... Tui in a flame tree.

