

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We had a really special combined Gospel and healing service on Sunday. It was meant to be a Sunday off for me, but I am pleased that I was present. It was wonderful to have people from all three of our sites and congregations involved in the service and to see the way in which people were so willing to pray for each other during the ministry time. It would be great to hear feedback from people. *Lorne who lead the service asks*

Did you receive a healing last Sunday at the Healing service?

One of the ways we can encourage each other is by giving testimony to God's intervention in our lives. Testifying is not showing off ... it is showing God off! When we read the gospels, there are so many testimonies of what Jesus did in people's lives. The healed blind man in John 9 said "one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

If you experienced a healing (physical, emotional, spiritual) at our healing service last Sunday, could you let us know by either coming in to see Lorne or Howard, or by phone / email.

Also ... please bear in mind that as we have ministered healing to others "in the church" setting ... we can also offer God's healing to others in the community. Can we encourage you to ask the Lord to open doors for you to "lay hands on the sick and see them get well again" (Mark 16: 18).

Secondly can I say thank you to those who responded to our call last week for bedding and a mattress for a couple who were basically starting over with nothing. They have been known to us at Hope for a few years and it is great to be able to show Christian care and love to them. We were able to provide them with a double bed mattress some linen and blankets, food and some kitchen essentials. Thank you.

I also want to thank the community of young adults connected through their involvement with the Northland Evangelical Movement and Holy Ground camps, that meet with Roland and Rebekah Schreurs, for helping lead the combined churches Prayer gathering at hope on Sunday night. It was a real blessing working with this team. Also, thanks to Joy Jansen from Te Aroha Noa and Helen Blaxland from the Mid Northland Hospice who along with Roland shared about their ministry in the city, both ways that Christians from different churches work together for the prosperity and peace of the city. This gave us a focus for prayer.

Here are the notices

Worship Sunday October 6th.

Come and join us for worship at one of our three sites this week. 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. The children's ministry at HopeCentral takes a break for the school holidays, but each site is welcoming of families and children.

10:00am HopeTikipunga	Mark 11:27-12:12 (Howard Carter)
9:30am HopeCentral	Mark 12:18- 27 (Colleen Poyner)
9:30am HopeOnerahi	Mark 12:13-17 (Lorne Campbell)

Zoom Service October 6th 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

Pauline Hampshire is back from the deep south, she is away this coming weekend in Hamilton. Please keep Pauline and Simon in your prayers, in particular for God's leading and guiding in seeking a ministry position as she finishes her internship. Howard will be away the week of October 7th-11th. He will be attending the Abide Church leadership Conference and spending a couple of days with family in Auckland.

Girls Brigade Garage Sale

Thanks to all the folk who donated goods to the Girls Brigade Garage Sale and who came and supported it on Saturday. The garage Sale raised \$1585.60.

House sit or other accommodation wanted please 😊

November 1st-10th

My brother and his small family are planning about a visit from London and need somewhere to stay. Conscientious & tidy Christian couple with 2 small boys. Can pay reasonable rent. Please contact Joy Jansen 436 2854 or 2joyjansen@gmail.com

An update from Hannah Jansen about here mission trip to Taiwan with Student Life.

Hannah writes Kia ora whānau/hi family!

I want to follow up on my recent invitation to you all to partner with me and the team in our Student Life mission trip to Taiwan this summer.

Firstly, THANK YOU to those that have gotten in contact with me and supported us. It's really encouraging to the team when we as individuals experience generosity. You are literally enabling a kind of God's work that couldn't happen otherwise - for poor uni students to connect with uni students across the world and share with them the good and compelling news of Jesus Christ and our reconciliation to God!

Secondly, I just wanted to remind you of this opportunity if you missed my first message or have not had the headspace to consider supporting me. Student Life do encourage us to fundraise by building a network of individuals passionate about this project. If that's you, please feel free to email me at 21hanzoh@gmail.com for further details - be it prayer points or fundraising link, I am deeply grateful!

Āku mihi/my thanks, grace and peace be with us all,

Hannah

Malcolm Bollen kindly donated four of his paintings to be sold for Hannah's trip to Taiwan with Student Life: follow this link to see one painting, then scroll down to "View seller's other listings" to see the other three.

<https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/marketplace/art/paintings/landscape/oil/listing/4942399254>

HELP NEEDED IN THE KITCHEN & SET UP FOR *THE ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE* starting Tuesday 15th October 7-9pm

The Alpha Marriage course is a six-week course designed to help couples strengthen their relationship. One of the good things about this course is that it is not about talking about your relationship with others rather its 'time and space to focus on your relationship' an intentional date night. If you would like to do the Alpha Marriage Course or be involved helping set up etc please let Howard know Howard@hopewhangarei.nz

Blessing

After the Gospel and healing service on Sunday I thought this blessing and prayer from 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 was highly appropriate. That God would continue his work, sanctification and renewing us, spiritually, and physically.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Ā mā te Atua pū anō o te rangimārie e tino whakatapu rawa koutou: kia tiakina hoki o koutou wairua,ō koutou ngākau, ō koutou tinana, kia toitū, kia hēkore, i te taenga mai o tō tātou Ariki, o Īhu karaiti. He pono te kaikaranga i a koutou, māna ano hoki e whakaoti.

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER

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Ps:- a cheerful Sparrow from a mid-week morning walk.

