

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to thank Lorne Campbell for doing the pastoral email for me last week. Good to see that Lorne was able to personalize it by adding some cartoon jokes instead of a bird photo.

I was down in Auckland for the *ABIDE* conference last week. The conference was put on by the Laidlaw Center for Church Leadership and held at the Anglican cathedral in Parnell. It was attended by over 400 church leaders from around New Zealand and from a vast spread of different traditions, styles and wings of the church.

One of the highlights was being lead in worship in English and Te Reo by Aaron Hardy and Te Rautini, their worship music is available on Spotify and apple music. The new album is called *Te Awa Kaiora*. One morning we also had Andrew Campbell, Lorne Campbell's son lead us in worship. It was also good to hear from speakers such as Pete Greig, who many of you will know from the video series we have run in our connect groups (the Prayer course, the unanswered prayer course and the lectio course). The challenge was that for many it was the most challenging time for leadership in the church, there was a move around the church and world to devotion to prayer, and in the face of all the challenges facing the church at the present time there is a sense of a 'careful awakening'. One verse which spoke out to me was from Job 14:7-9.

<sup>7</sup>"For there is hope for a tree,

If it is cut down, that it will sprout again,

And that its tender shoots will not cease.

<sup>8</sup>Though its root may grow old in the earth,

And its stump may die in the ground,

<sup>9</sup>Yet at the scent of water it will bud

And bring forth branches like a plant.

Speaking of even old trees sprouting with new growth at the 'scent of water'... a hope of the living water flowing from God's presence mentioned in Ezekiel 47, picked up by Jesus in John 8:37-39 when he says " "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

It was also good to catch up with Malcolm and Cheryl Bollen, who took a break from walking from Cape Reinga to Bluff to attend. They had just completed 800km of that journey and crossed over Pirongia in the Waikato the day before.

Here are the notices,

## **Worship Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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 is back after the school holidays.

10:00am HopeTikipunga      Mark 12. 41-44 (Pauline Hampshire)

9:30am HopeCentral      Mark 12:13-17 (Lorne Campbell)

9:30am HopeOnerahi      Mark 12:28-34 (Howard Carter) communion

## **Zoom Service October 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Space: a relaxed time of worship prayer and reflection 7pm**

### **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

On the first Sunday of the month there is an opportunity to gather in the HopeCentral lounge for a relaxed time of worship prayer and reflection.

## **Prayer gathering Wednesday evenings 7pm Howard's office @ HopeCentral**

Come and join together for a time of prayer at HopeCentral. A time of intercession for the church. The group meets in Howard's office at present but are open to having to move into the chapel if numbers grow too big for that space.

## **House sit or other accommodation wanted please 😊**

### **November 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto:2joyjansen@gmail.com)

## **Mission Action update, Wanaka Street community engagement**

We have news that the first 10 resident families will be signed up for their new dwelling in Wanaka Street on Friday 25 October!

Our Kainga Ora contact, Zephyr Marshall, has invited some members from our Hope Whangārei Mission Action team to be present in the Wanaka Street community room with the welcome packs on that day.

As the weeks progress, other residents will be signed into their new homes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and in the same way we will make the welcome packs available.

We want to thank all of you who donated generously to make this mission initiative possible. The Holy Spirit is guiding us to engage to love our neighbour as ourselves. Here are the words that are shared from Zephyr: "Thanks again for your support and welcoming of our new community

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### Operation Christmas Child

Every box given is such a joy and blessing , telling children about God's love & care for them

Shoe boxes available at the office

Drop off point Newberrys funeral Home 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October



### Ladies Morning tea

**HopeCentral**

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**10am**

**Keep this date free**

### Giving figures for September

Giving to 30 September is \$57,862 against a budget of \$55,623. Thankyou for your giving to the work of Hope Whangarei

### Blessing

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

and the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Kia tau ki a koutou katoa te atawhai o te Ariki, o Īhu Karaiti,

me te aroha o te Atua,

me te whiwhinga tahitanga ki te Wairua Tapu.

*Howard Carter*

**SENIOR MINISTER**

**HOPEWHANGAREI**

October 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

PS:- I didn't get out with my camera over the past couple of weeks but here is the photo I am most pleased with. I may have shared it with you before. It was taken on Father's day 2018 at

the Muriwai Gannet colony... It is of a Gannet flying over the nesting site on the cliffs. I was amazed at how the bird in flight and the birds on their nests are in focus. And while I can't tell if the bird in flight is a male , it is called "under the shadow of his Wing".

