

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you to those who attended the meeting to report back to the congregation from the Project Oversight Group on Sunday. We do want to hear peoples continued feedback from the reporting back and if people want to make comment then please email it to karen@hopewhangarei.nz and she will make note of it and pass it on to the Project oversight group. The project is taking a hiatus at the moment until the church has had a chance of working through the City to City revitalisation report and process.

Here are the notices,

Worship Sunday September 22nd

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. There is a children's programme run at HopeCentral each Sunday but all three sites are welcoming of families and children.

10:00am HopeTikipunga Mark 12:18- 27 (Colleen Poyner)

9:30am HopeCentral John 6: 1-13 (Lorne Campbell) Girls Brigade Service

9:30am HopeOnerahi Mark 11:27-12;12 (Howard Carter) Communion

Zoom Service September 22nd 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.

Please note This is the girls brigade service so will be a wonderful full and joyful service with lots of participation from our Girls Brigade Girls and leaders.

GirlsBrigade Parade and service 9:30am Sunday September 22nd HopeCentral

The Girls Brigade will be taking the service at HopeCentral on Sunday September 22nd. It is usually a wonderful and full service with the girls and their families joining us for worship.

Girls Brigade garage sale coming up on Saturday 28th September 7-30-11-30am

Contributions are welcome from 16th September

Advance Warning: Day light saving changes on September 29th

We did wonder if it was a good thing to give advanced warning about daylight saving... It is not this weekend but on September 29th daylight saving begins and you will need to put your clocks forward one hour.

Combined Gospel and healing service Sunday September 29th 10:00am HopeCentral

As is the custom at HopeWhangarei when there is a fifth Sunday in the month there is a Gospel and Healing service. This month we will be gathering for a combined service at 10am at HopeCentral. The service is lead by Rev Lorne Campbell and a team from all three of our sites. This is a great opportunity to join and to pray for those in need of healing, both within our congregation and in the community. Please be praying and asking God if there is someone that you should be inviting along to this service. Someone who you've been sharing the gospel with or who you know needs a healing touch from the Lord.

Combined Church's Prayer gathering HopeCentral 6:30pm Sunday September 29th

HopeWhangarei is hosting the monthly combined Churches Prayer gathering on Sunday September 29th. Come and join with fellow Christians from around the city in a time of worship and prayer.

Staff Matters

Pauline Hampshire is at the KCML spring block course in Dunedin. She will be away till Tuesday October 1st. 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 in Auckland and spending a couple of days with family in Auckland.

House sit or other accommodation wanted please 😊

My brother and his small family are planning about a month's 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

Blessing

As part of the continued missional connection between HopeWhangarei and Te Aroha Noa medical centre, staff members from the church take devotions at Te Aroha Noa on Tuesday mornings. With Malcolm and Cheryl away on their pilgrimage walking the length of New Zealand I thought for my devotions I would walk through the psalms of ascent (120-134). Psalms that would have been used by pilgrims heading to Jerusalem for one of the three big festivals each year.

This week we looked at Psalm 124, which is a communal psalm of praise for God's continued help for Israel as a community, and for people individually. It finishes with an affirmation that God is our help in times of difficulty and trial. When it says that our help is in the name of the Lord, it speaks of our help from God being dependant on his very character. Also, when we face issues in this life it is good to know that our help comes from the one who made heaven and earth. In the psalm this is put in juxtaposition with the troubles Israel face which are from 'Adam' or from people. So be encouraged that...

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

the Maker of heaven and earth.

Kei te ingoa o Ihowā he āwhina mō tātou,

kei te kaihangā i te rangi, i te whenua.

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER

HOPEWHANGAREI

September 10th 2024

PS:- On Monday I went for a walk along the Hatea River Loop track and it was great to see Spoonbills (kōtuku-ngutupapa) along the river bank at half-tide.

