

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You'll notice that attached to the pastoral email this week is the Property Development Investigation Progress Report, which will be the basis of the reporting back from the Project Oversight Group this Sunday at 11:30am after the service here at Hope Central. I am not going to write much this week as there is a lot to digest in the report. I just want to thank the Project Oversight Group for the mahi they have done over the past months.

Here are the notices,

Worship Sunday September 15th

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 12:13-17 (Lorne Campbell)

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

9:30am HopeOnerahi Mark 12:18- 27 (Colleen Poyner)

Zoom service September 15th 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 there will be communion at the HopeCentral service this week so people may wish to have communion elements to join in.

Meeting to report back from the Project oversight Group 11:30am Sunday September 15th HopeCentral hall.

The project oversight group have come to a place where they will be reporting back on progress to the congregation. This will take place after worship on Sunday September 15th. The report itself is available with the pastoral email this week. If you need a hardcopy you can pick it up from the church office at HopeCentral. This will **not** be a congregational meeting but at an important juncture give chance for the group to let the congregation know where we are at, to answer questions and make comment.

Open day for the Wanaka street Kainga Ora housing complex. Thursday September 12th 11am.

Everyone is welcome for coffee and an opportunity for a guided walking tour through the new homes at the Wanaka Street Kainga Ora Housing development this Thursday before residents move in. It's a great opportunity for us as a church to be welcoming and neighbourly.

The lovely welcome packages we have prepared, thanks to your generosity, will be on display in the community room. The housing and placements managers of Kainga Ora who will connect

new customers to our mission's team during the open day event, and in the following week's as the homes become occupied. This way we will not only provide the welcome packs but create connections and start the journey of building relationships.

The team who has been working on this project have a lunch together after the open day to review the work they have done as a Mission Action Experiment.

Girls Brigade 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

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.

Staff Matters

Pauline flies out for here spring block course in Dunedin on Friday September 13th she will be away till Tuesday October 1st. this is the last Block course in Pauline's internship, we will be farewelling Pauline at a special combined service on December 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.

Alpha Marriage Course



We will be running the *Alpha Marriage Course* here at HopeWhangarei in the fourth term this year. The Alpha Marriage course is a six-week course designed to help couples strengthen their relationship. **Tentatively we are looking at a Tuesday Evening 7pm- 9pm starting on October 15th**. 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

We would also be looking for a few people to join us to help run this course... Relax we are not looking for people to do the upfront teaching (that is done by video) but people who can help with set up and behind the scenes. Contact howard@hopewhangarei.nz

Prayer for HopeWhangarei 7pm-8:30pm Wednesdays

@HopeCentral

There is an intercessors group starting on Wednesday evenings to pray for HopeWhangarei, its ministry, mission, life and also for the City it is called to serve and reach. It will be held in Howard's office (Wednesday is the busiest night of the week at church so space is at a premium) for now. It is being hosted by Kevin and Judith Ralph, who coordinate our prayer ministry team.

Kevin and Judith and others also join together at 8:45am on Sundays at HopeCentral to pray for the service and you are most welcome to join them in this.

Blessing

Next week is Māori Language week this week 14-21st September, the moderator of the PCANZ Rose Luxford has issued a message to the church at this time... here is a link to it (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wnlpeCUppqWoEf2HdlHw0fdeJovEyXxP/view?usp=drive_link). Rose as well as encouraging everyone to take a small step this year in the use of Te Reo finishes with a blessing from the Anglican prayer book...

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
*Haere i runga i te rangimārie i runga i te aroha me te ngākau
hihiko ki te mahi ki te Ariki.*
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.
Āmine. Ka haere mātou i runga i te ingoa o te Karaiti.

Howard Carter
SENIORMINISTER
HOPEWHANGAREI
August 27th 2024

*Ps:- I went back to
Matapouri on Monday to
get photos of the Tui in
the flame tree there.*

