

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Glenys Currie sent me some photos of the wonderful Father's Day gifts that Mainly Music made last week. Thank you to all the folk who baked and worked to make this such a great day for the families who come to Mainly Music out at HopeOnerahi. Mainly Music is one of the ways in which we as a Church connect and serve our community. The team does such a sterling job each week with preschool children and their parents.



Also, on Saturday there was a morning tea for the women in the church. The theme was connected in Hope and Helen Blaxland interviewed four women from the congregation around the topic of 'What taking our masks off meant'. It was a wonderful connecting time for all who attended and great food I believe.



Congratulations to Lynley McFarland who has just returned from the Waka Ama World Championships, Lynley made it into the finals of the 6man masters 70 category and won a silver medal in the 12man (woman) masters 70 class. She said it was hard to beat the Hawaiian women as they were able to train all year round. But well-done Lynley... that's inspirational.

Don't forget to watch and vote for one of our young boys brigade leaders Ben

Butler's entry into the one day film challenge. A ten-minute silent movie called 'Drowned out'

Here is a link if you would like to watch the movie.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1rc6ml8zjs&t=2s>

You can also vote for it in 'the people's choice award' by following this link.

<https://dofilm.co.nz/updates/peoples-choice-round-one/>

Malcolm and Cheryl Bollen also started their intrepid journey at Cape Reinga this Sunday, attempting to walk the length of New Zealand. They sent an email saying that if people would like to keep an eye on their progress they can do that on an app called 'finding penguins' simply look for 'Kauri Snail Pilgrims'... here is the link for the app... <https://findpenguins.com/>

Here are the notices,

Worship Sunday September 8th

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 10: 46-52 (Lorne Campbell)

9:30am @ HopeCentral - Mark 11: 12-25 (Billie Portch)

9:30am @ HopeOnerahi - Mark 10:32-45 (Howard Carter) Communion

Zoom service September 8th 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.

Meeting to report back from the Project oversight Group 11:30pm 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 will be available with the pastoral email next week. 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.

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 7am-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 is back from holiday today but will be away at Paihia on Sunday September 8th, she is taking the service at Bay of Island's Cooperating parish...

Lorne Campbell is away on annual leave from Monday September 2nd through Saturday September 7th.

Howard Carter and Pauline Hampshire will be away at a one-day conference in Auckland on Wednesday September 4th.

Staff Hours

A reminder of our staff ***non days of work***

Howard-Monday; Karen – Monday; Lorne - Thursday, Friday Pauline; - Monday (off), Thursday afternoon and Friday (study days)

Giving figures for August

Giving up to the 31 August 2024 \$38,958 against a budget of \$37082.

Thank you for your giving to Gods Kingdom both local and overseas.

Mission in our Communities

We have been warmly invited to the community viewing day for the Kainga Ora housing complex in Wanaka street.

Thursday September 12th 11am.

We will be welcomed with coffee and an opportunity for a guided walking tour through the new homes before residents move in.

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 weeks 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.



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 (September 11th onwards).

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 9:00am on Sundays at HopeCentral to pray for the service and you are most welcome to join them in this.

Blessing

With Malcolm and Cheryl Bollen heading off to walk the length of New Zealand I've been thinking of faith as a pilgrimage in recent times. Lorne's connect group is also working its way through Pilgrims progress so I am reminded of that metaphor for the Christian journey with Lorne singing John Bunyan's hymn "He who valiant be" with its refrain "to be a pilgrim".

For we walk by faith, not by sight

Ko tā tātou haere hoki kei runga i te whakapono,
kāhore i runga i te titiro. 2 Corinthians 5:7

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my
path

He rama tāu kupu ki ōku waewae, he mārama ki
tōku ara. Psalm 119: 105

Howard Carter
SENIOR MINISTER
HOPEWHANGAREI
August 27th 2024

Ps:- His eye is on the sparrow

