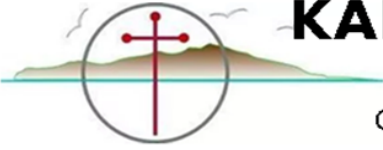


TOGETHER

KAPITI UNITING PARISH



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The new cross has been installed at Raumati

Crafted by local Kapiti firm Orchard Joinery

From the Minister's Desk

A woman whose wisdom made all the difference in my life when a difference was needed talks, amongst other things, about 'making friends with ordinary.'

Some people find this life-lesson easier than others, some find it harder. It is not a personal failure either way. So many factors influence your ability to make peace with the simplicity and repetitiveness of ordinary days.

As the Church leaves behind the drama and high days of Advent to Easter we look ahead to the long season of 'ordinary time'. In the Southern Hemisphere 'ordinary time' lasts all through winter which reinforces the association of ordinariness with emptiness.

And then, every year, when we get to winter we remember that, far from being empty, it is replete with reasons for gratitude – the comforts of home, the beautiful surprises in nature, the warmth of human contact on cold days.

'Ordinary' time in the Church is the same, full of comfort, surprises and different kinds of warmth. This year we have our 40th Anniversary to look forward to as well as the many other ways in which we connect with one another and our communities and with God.

The important thing to remember about 'ordinary time' in the church is that faith is never ordinary. It is extraordinary to have faith in this age of unbelief.

Rev Anna Gilkison

News from Waikanae



Worship Easter Day
worship provided a joyful climax to the combined Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services led by Rev Anna at Raumati. Several visitors joined the congregation on a gloriously clear and sunny Autumn morning.

Everyone was given a Waikanae River stone as a reminder of the gospel stone that was rolled away, and the psalmist's rejected stone that became the corner stone.

The reflection on Endings and Beginnings proclaimed Easter as a beginning without an ending.

Communion was celebrated with the Italian Easter bread that we later shared more generously at morning tea.

On 7th April, the Sunday after Easter, we met in the church Lounge for a Simple Service – disciples gathering after the resurrection of Jesus. Seated around tables, we pondered the Lectionary readings for the day, wrote our prayers of intercession, and sang Easter hymns. For morning tea we enjoyed hot cross buns that had been drifting their spicy fragrance around us.

Buildings and Grounds. A property inspection has recently been carried out. The report indicates the Church buildings are well maintained and fit for purpose. Maintenance has been carried out in a planned way and the Church sits well on its land, with tidy lawns and gardens.

The upgrading of the power supply is still to be resolved and it is planned to install additional fuses to avoid total loss of power. Power use needs to be managed. Repairs to an air vent and a water leak are to be carried out.

The repainting of the Church exterior is a financial challenge. However, maintenance to preserve the buildings will be carried out as resources allow.

Looking ahead.

The Women's Fellowship Special Project service will be held on 26 May. Fellowship members will lead worship centred around the two projects: youth mental health in NZ, and support for victims of violence in Samoa. There will be a soup and rolls lunch as a fundraiser for the projects.

Diana Roberts

Waikanae Women's Fellowship – Soup Group

The Soup Group met on Tuesday 23 April at the home of Don and Marie Smith. Discussion took place on the theme of Grace.





Following on from the discussion, soup (and extras) were provided for lunch.

All are welcome to attend our meetings. For more information please contact Marie Smith 04 905 7229



About People

WE wish a very “Happy Birthday” to those in our parish celebrating birthdays in May. We hope you enjoy your special day celebrating with Friends and Family.



We also wish “Happy Anniversary” to those celebrating Anniversaries in May, enjoy your special day too.

We think of those who are unwell and those who are in hospital and hope you all make good recoveries as soon as possible.

We remember fondly Cliff Couch and the huge contribution he has made to our parish over many years and, as well, all the ways he has served the Methodist Church.

Anna, our Minister, took a lovely funeral service for Cliff, we sang the hymns he had chosen, enjoyed his family sharing happy memories of a special father and grandfather and enjoyed catching up with people we hadn't seen for some years.

Make the most of the lovely autumn weather we are experiencing, enjoy the sunshine and keep warm in the evenings!

Our love and very best wishes to you all,

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM, Lyn, Bastiana, Mary, Erice, Carole, Merrill, Diana and Diane

Mother's Day – 2nd Sunday in May

In 1907 Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia began a campaign to recognise mothers with a 'Mother's Day' service in her own church, inviting each parishioner to wear a white flower of remembrance, or a red flower if their mother was still living.

She took the idea to Synod, the Methodist Church and finally the President of US who in 1914 declared the 2nd Sunday in May (birthday of Anna's mother) an official holiday.

Rosalie Sugrue



BIBLE MOTHERS

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FIND: Adah, Bathsheba, Bilhah, Elizabeth, Eunice, Eve, Gomer, Hagar, Hannah, Herodias, Jezebel, Jochebed, Leah, Lois, Mary J (of Jerusalem), Mary N (of Nazareth), Merab, Naomi, Rachel, Rahab, Rebekah, Ruth, Sarah, Tamar, Zillah, Zilpah, Zipporah

With unused letters find the unnamed woman whose son was restored to life by Elisha.

The _____

Church Crosses at Raumati

As many of you will have seen, we have a new cross in the Raumati church, shown on the front page. It is attached to the wall behind the altar and illuminated by a spotlight.



The wooden cross on the outside wall of the church is directly behind the new cross. So they are show the presence of God both inside and outside the church

The original cross has now been moved to the West side of the church in front of the side altar where it will remain, with its important symbolism to inspire us.



The symbolism is written about in this extract from the May 1989 Together, by Rev Ken Wall, former KUP Minister:-



“Several people have made the comment that the cross looks like a signpost. I guess that is very appropriate because the cross is the most powerful signpost we can have.

Another question that I’ve heard is “why is the crossbar so close to the top?”. After all, most crosses have the crossbar lower down and they look more like what we expect a cross to look like. Well, this is intended to resemble the original cross, which would have been more a T shape than a cross.

What about the etching of Kapiti Island on the crossbar? The more I think about it the more it does seem to be appropriate to be making the statement that this cross represents the faith of the people here in this place, in this Kapiti Co-operating Parish – This is the place where we live and come and worship.

But, so that we don’t become too narrow and forget that we are also part of a world-wide church with concerns that take us far beyond this community, there is also the circle at the top representing the whole worldwide family of people from whom we can never be separated.

And then we have the sign of Christ on the central support, which makes it clear that the One who draws us together is none other than Jesus.

But the cross is not complete without the beam. The cross is a nicely-finished piece of joinery, but the beam has a roughness about it. So long as the beam is there we can never be easily secure from the roughness of the real world.

So the cross reminds us that Jesus has pioneered a way ahead for us. He provides us with a signpost. He is beckoning us to follow. The way ahead may not be easy but we can be sure that we do not tread that path alone.”



KAPITI HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

FRIDAY 3RD MAY 7PM

LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM, KUP RAUMATI BEACH

BILL BRETT, ROYAL NZ INSTITUTE OF HORTICULTURE
ASSOCIATE OF HONOUR, WILL SPEAK ON
PLANT DISEASES

ALL ARE WELCOME,
BRING YOUR BEST FLOWER, HERB, VEGETABLE OR FRUIT
TO COMPETE WITH OTHER GARDENERS

RAFFLES, SALES TABLE, SUPPER
(SUPPER KOHA APPRECIATED)



Playgroup update

Our playgroup support group met at the end of last term. The Tuesday afternoon playgroup which we tried last term will not continue, because it did not attract many people at that time of day.

The Thursday group is going fine and will certainly continue. We have Mary White coming on the first Thursday of the month but could do with helpers for the other Thursdays of the month, a day which I know is a problem for lots of people. Please contact me on 04-299 1903 if you would be able to volunteer one Thursday morning each month.

Sasha wrote up the minutes of our meeting covering numbers coming, money spent, children's details, replacing emergency supplies, and more, a most comprehensive report.

We look forward to the new term when the Thursday playgroup will meet 10am -12o'clock in our Raumati hall, first meeting 2nd May.

Maureen Calhaem



Raumati Women's Fellowship

The Raumati Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday 9 May at 10 am in the meeting room.

Come and hear about the Group named Awhi, Assistance To Home. Awhi is the Maori word for hugs and care and this support group empowers a person to recover at home following a stroke.

All are welcome. Contacts: Lyn Martin 04 904 8361 and
Merrill Baker 04 902 4134 or 027 353 2307

Raumati Women's Fellowship Annual Special Project service

On 26 May The Raumati Women's Fellowship is holding its Annual Special Project service at 10am, led by the Rev Anna Gilkison.

The International project focuses on the Samoan Victim Support Group in Samoa and the National project focuses on Children and Youth Mental Health.

After the service you are invited to give a donation which will be shared between the two projects and we warmly invite you to stay and enjoy a special morning tea.

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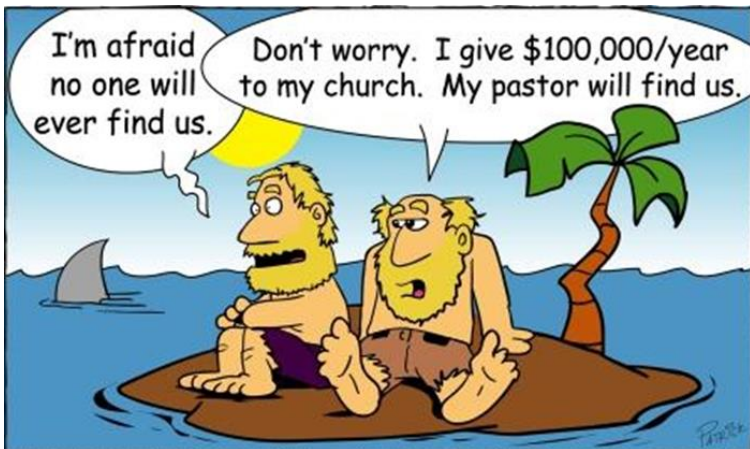
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It is the end of the tax year and a good time to recognise Dorothy Woods who works behind the scenes - counting the collection, recording donations and sending out receipts.

Thank you, Dorothy, we appreciate your hard work.



May Services

	Waikanae 10am	United@9 9am	Raumati 10am
5th	Maureen Calhaem	Rev Robin List HC	Rev Anna Gilkison HC
12th	Rev Anna Gilkison HC	Combined: Syd Mepham	
19th	Heather List	Carole Rudings and Kate Foley	Barrie Woods
26th	Worship Group	Combined: Rev Anna Gilkison <i>Raumati Women's Fellowship special service followed by morning tea</i>	

May: Regular Events

Tuesdays	10am-12pm 11am-4pm	Women's Craft Group, Raumati Thrifty Place
Thursdays	10am-12pm 11am-4pm	Raumati Playgroup Thrifty Place
Saturdays	10.30am-1pm	Thrifty Place

May: for your diary

2 nd	10-11.30am	Raumati Playgroup
8 th	10-11.30am	Property and Finance Group
9 th	10am-12pm	Raumati Women's Fellowship
	10-11.30am	Raumati Playgroup
12 th	12pm	After Service Lunch, venue TBC
13 th	1.30-4pm	Board Games, Carole Ruding's home
14 th	10am-12pm	Pastoral Care, Raumati
15 th	10am -12pm	Music and Worship Group, Raumati
16 th	10-11.30am	Raumati Playgroup
	10.30am -12pm	Coastal Villas church service, Dining room
17 th	10am-12pm	Parish Council, Raumati
21 st	10am-12pm	Waikanae Women's Fellowship
23 rd	10-11.30am	Raumati Playgroup
27 th	1.30-4pm	Board Games, Carole Ruding's home
30 th	10-11.30am	Raumati Playgroup
31 st	10am	Folding Together

Answer to word search Shunammite (2 Kings 4:8)