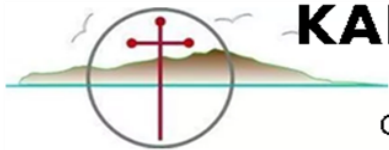


# TOGETHER

## KAPITI UNITING PARISH



ChristianChurchesNZ – Methodist – Presbyterian

December 2023



# From the Minister's Desk

This month – December – is our biggest Community Outreach month. We need your support for the many ways in which we are reaching out in faith to our communities.

- We are holding a **'Candlelight Vigil'** for the children who are suffering and dying in Gaza and Israel.
- Our annual **Children's Christmas Carol Service** is coming up soon. The more of you who are involved, the merrier! **Please Bring a Pet** (if you can) to share with the children and to be blessed in the service.
- Our **Christmas Services** attract visitors. We need you there to welcome them 😊

This is a busy time of year for many of us. I pray that your load may be lightened and your hearts lifted by Christ, whose birth we celebrate. Our gratitude for the gift of Jesus Christ to the world is as whole-hearted this year as it is every year.

Thank you for the work you do to keep the light of your personal faith shining.

Thank you for the work you do to keep that light shining in our anxious and troubled world.

**May Christmas bring you joy.**

*Rev Anna Gilkison*



# News from Waikanae

## Church Anniversary Service.

On 26 November we celebrated the laying of the foundation stone of our church building on 24 November 1911. We gave thanks for those who built the church at Te Horo, those who worshipped there, those whose vision brought the building to Waikanae, and for all who have been a part of this church's life and mission in Waikanae. We remember our building's journey to its home on the hill when it travelled along the beach on the back of a truck.



*"The tide is coming in. Will we make it?"*



*Previous page* - the Church resting at Waikanae following its somewhat dramatic journey from Te Horo to its new location. After major renovations, it was rededicated as a Methodist Church and gifted the name Te Ao Marama – The Beacon of Light on the Hill.

**Advent and Christmas.** We are glad to host KUP members for the weekly series of **Advent Studies** prepared by Rev Doug Rogers and facilitated by Rev Anna.

**Worship Group** members are working on the **Lessons and Carols** service for 17 December. The Group will also present a **Simple Service** in the church lounge on 24 December, when members will share a favourite carol, Christmas reminiscences, stories, and personal prayers – and a special morning tea.

The **Christmas Day** service will be at **9 am** (an hour earlier to enable family comings and goings). John and Diana Roberts will lead family-friendly worship with the theme of Christmas Journeys.

*Diana Roberts*

## OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO MAUREEN CALHAEM

ON ACHIEVING HER BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY DEGREE  
FROM TRINITY COLLEGE, AUCKLAND  
AND THE METHODIST THEOLOGY COLLEGE  
MAUREEN WAS A STRAIGHT A STUDENT THIS YEAR AND WE  
ARE VERY PROUD OF HER AND VERY GRATEFUL FOR HER  
FRIENDSHIP, ENCOURAGEMENT, SERVICE LEADERSHIP AND  
ALL THE WORK SHE DOES IN THE PARISH

MAUREEN'S GRADUATION WILL BE  
ON 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER IN AUCKLAND

# About People

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all those in this parish celebrating birthdays in December 2023.



Congratulations to one special lady,

*Doris Alexander*

who has already celebrated her 100th birthday this year

Happy 90th Birthdays to  
Bruce Johnston  
Pauline Thomson  
Bill McKeich



We think of those parish members who are not well or are in hospital. We wish you all a good recovery.

We sadly lost our very special musician Patricia Murray who died on 5 November and was farewelled on 10 November at a lovely funeral service in our church taken by Anna and with lots of involvement by Patricia's family. There were many special tributes to this lovely lady and we very much appreciate that we were so privileged to enjoy her beautiful music in our church.

As we head into the Christmas season we send you all our very best wishes and hope you all enjoy your Christmas. God Bless you all

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

## **Raumati Women's Fellowship**

The Raumati Women's Fellowship meets on Thursday 14 December at 10 am in the meeting room. After our business time we will have an activity followed by a Christmas play in the church. We will conclude our morning with morning tea. All are very welcome.

A reminder that if you are donating gifts for Women's Refuge, these need to be placed around the Church Christmas Tree by 10 December. Full details on next page.

Contacts: Lyn Martin 04 904 8361  
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### **Christmas Boggle – Matthew chapter 2**

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*Letters must read in order and touch at a side or corner.  
Draw a line to connect letters without lifting the pen.*

***By Rosalie Sugrue***

## Christmas Presents for Women's Refuge

Again this year we are hoping Kapiti Uniting members will support the Women's Refuge by donating Christmas presents for the families they assist.

Although presents for children are welcome the Refuge says they would be especially grateful for presents for teenagers and mothers.

You can label each gift for a mother, teenager, boy or girl, as in the past, but it's fine to just leave the gift unwrapped and put it under the Christmas Tree as the Women's Refuge workers will need to see which gift is suitable for each mother or young person.

Women's Refuge is always very grateful for the presents we donate.

**Please put the gifts under the Christmas Tree by  
Sunday 11 December**





## **How Are You?** *by a parishioner*

*Eye drops for my 'dry eye'  
Nose drops for my sinuses  
Ear syringe ? As needed  
Denture glue so I 'dare to laugh'  
Kiwi fruit to keep me 'going'  
Blood pressure pills  
Vitamin B12 for my nerves renewal  
Prospan for my Bronchitis  
Ventolin for my Asthma  
St. John's Wort for Stress  
Vitamin E for my wrinkly skin  
Voltaren for my back pain  
Corn plasters !!!  
Even heel grips in my shoes  
Blah*

*“ Hi how are you?” “Good thanks , and you?”  
....Chemist Warehouse, here I come.*



## **Answers to Boggle Puzzle are:**

behold, born, child, dream, east, God, gold, Herod, Mary, may, men, old,  
saw, search, star, was, way, wise

*Claim your prize of a chocolate bauble from the Parish Office  
if you knew all the answers*

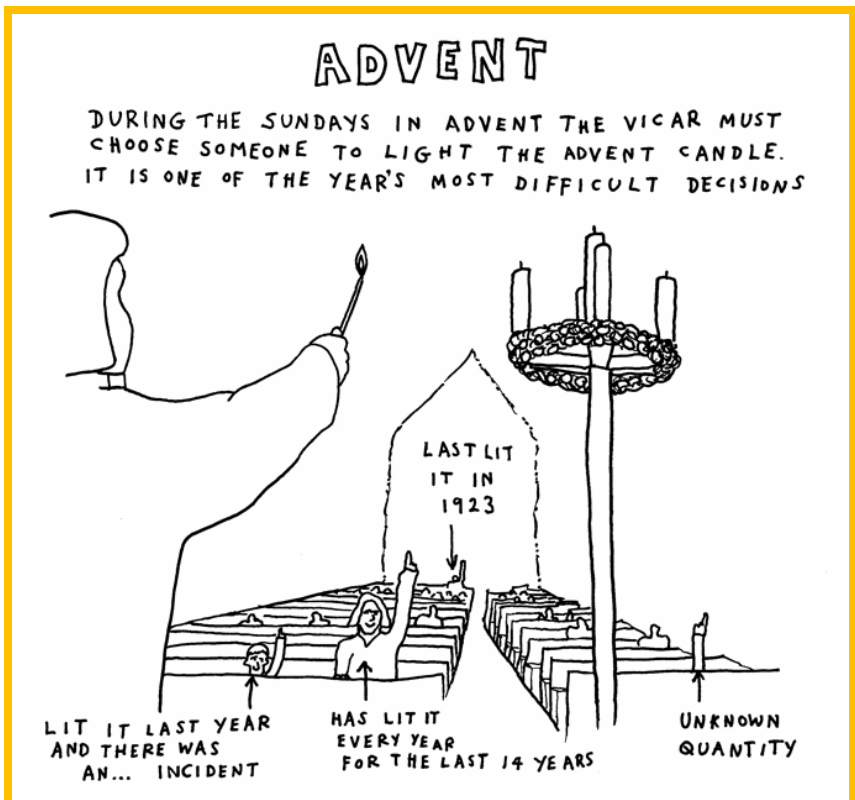


## December Services

	<b>Waikanae 10am</b>	<b>United@9 9am</b>	<b>Raumati 10am</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Advent 1</b>	Maureen Calheim	Carole Rudings and Kate Foley	Rev Anna Gilkison HC
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Advent 2</b>	Rev Anna Gilkison HC	Combined: Rev Roger Wiig	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Advent 3</b>	Worship Group	Syd Mepham	Rev Robin List
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Advent 4</b>	Worship Group	Combined: Cathy Drummond	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> 9pm</b>	Full Combined Raumati: Rev Anna Gilkison		
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b> Rev John and Diana Roberts	Combined: Rev Anna Gilkison	
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	Full Combined: Rev Anna Gilkison		

## December: regular events

Tuesdays	10am - 12pm	Women's Craft Group, Raumati until 12th
	11am - 4pm	Thrifty Place until 12th
	2-3pm	Advent Study, Waikanae (5th and 12th)
Thursdays	9.30 - 11.30am	Raumati Playgroup until 14th
	11am - 4pm	Thrifty Place until 14th
	2.30-3pm	Fruit & Vege Co-op pick up Raumati
Fridays	9.30 - 11.30am	Waikanae Playgroup
Saturdays	10.30 - 1pm	Thrifty Place until 9th



## E-Prayer Requests

*A group from your Parish family receives requests  
for prayer every week.*

*You can ring, text, or email to ask for the request to be passed on:*

Mary Francis 04 904 0457 or [billandmary262@gmail.com](mailto:billandmary262@gmail.com)

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Mary White 04 298 7727 or text 0273865020 or [marywhite@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marywhite@xtra.co.nz)

*The requests will remain confidential  
and names will not be used without your permission.*

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Raumati

## December: for your diary

4 <sup>th</sup>	12pm	Board games Christmas get-together, Carole Ruding's home
6 <sup>th</sup>	2.45-4.30pm	Children's Christmas service
12 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12pm	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
	2-3pm	Advent Study, Waikanae lounge
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am to 12.45pm	Property and finance group, Raumati
14 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12pm	Raumati Women's Fellowship
15 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12pm	Parish Council
20 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12pm	Music and Worship Group, Raumati
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Coastal Villas Service, upstairs lounge



**A BIG THANK YOU**  
A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
WHO DURING THE YEAR  
HAS GIVEN ME RIDES AND OFFERED HELP,  
SO I CAN ENJOY  
ALL THE CHURCH ACTIVITIES.  
YOU ARE SUCH  
SPECIAL FRIENDS.  
CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS,  
MAUREEN

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

**John 3:16**