



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

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TOGETHER

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Love Them Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centred;
forgive them anyway.

If you are kind,
people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
be kind anyway.

If you are successful,
you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;
it was never between you and them anyway.

Attributed to Mother Teresa



We have done it!!

Well Kapiti Uniting, we have done it!! Or have we? When the Rev. Cornelia Grant preached her last service and retired in February 2020, and the Rev. Roger Wiig became our Part-time Interim Minister who kindly agreed to fill the gap as it were, through the vacancy, clearly none of us knew what was ahead.

As we all know now, in March 2020 everything changed. In common with the rest of the world we were unprepared and somewhat bewildered by how to proceed in this unprecedented set of circumstances. I think I can say that we did our best; we made mistakes, but we did not give up.

During that time there have been some unsung heroes who have quietly and without fuss kept everything going. As in all periods of life some of us have lost loved ones and friends, Ministers and families have had to adjust funeral arrangements which has added to the grieving process, some have been very ill and recovered, others have had joyful times. Life goes on, as they say.

As a Parish, we have faced many challenges and now we have welcomed the Rev. Anna Gilkison and have promised to support her in her role as our spiritual leader. We were told that we would not be able to find a new Minister, that Ministers are an endangered species and in the current Covid climate, they were not inclined to move to new positions. In spite of this, or possibly because of it, we became more determined.

People in this Parish prayed faithfully every week that God would call someone out there to Kapiti Uniting Parish, so therefore in a sense we have done it, but only because our prayers were heard and answered.

Thank you to everyone who has prayed and thank you Lord that you have answered our prayers.

Mary White
Parish Council Chairperson



About People

We wish happy birthday to all those in the parish celebrating birthdays, and a happy anniversary to those celebrating anniversaries this month. We hope you all enjoy your special occasions!

We think of those members suffering poor health and those in hospital and we wish you all a speedy recovery. We especially pray for Heather List who has been in hospital.

We are very grateful to Rev. Roger Wiig for his caring stewardship of our congregations for the past two years while we have not had a permanent minister. His Easter sermons were particularly inspiring, especially on Easter Sunday, when we had an excellent attendance. Roger has always taken funeral services when we have asked him to do so and has helped many people in doing so.

With our very best wishes to you all for the approaching autumn, we hope the lovely sunny days continue even if the nights and early mornings are a little cooler!

Blessings to you all,

The Pastoral Care Team, Adrienne, Merrill, Erice, Kay, Jennie, Lyn, Carole and Diane

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The new Christ candle was lit at the Easter Sunday dawn service at Raumati. "We will light it Sunday by Sunday and give thanks for your light that shows the way into the future."

Tribute to Augusta McRae



Long-term Parish member Gus McRae passed away from us recently. Below is a tribute to her by Maureen Roxburgh, who shared with Gus in many of the activities Maureen describes below.

“Gus was part of the Kapiti Uniting Parish from its inception. She was particularly committed to the Parish community life and its outreach to the wider world.

This was expressed in her untiring involvement in several important committees. From the end of the 1980's she convened the Parish Life Committee which organised both social events for Parish members as well as events around important social issues. When that committee divided into two, Gus took the chair of the Social Issues committee, a role she retained until 2009 when Erice Carley took over, but with Gus still a very active member of it until 2018, when it eventually disbanded.

Under her convenorship two events well supported by the wider community were a panel discussion with Nandor Tanczos on drug law reform and one with David Garrett on the Three Strikes law, which she was very much against. The Social Issues Committee also supported the work of Christian World Service, and notably the Fair Trade movement,

bringing Fair Trade tea and coffee for church morning teas and Fair Trade goods for sale to parishioners. Support was also given to Amnesty International's campaigns on behalf of people unjustly imprisoned, for whom parishioners were encouraged to write letters urging their release. Gus was also active in promoting the annual Peace service with members of other religions in the district.



Gus and the late Don Niccol opening up the Parish time capsule in 2014.

Besides these social concerns, Gus also had a keen interest in new directions in theology, and in 1993 with Bea Salmond formed the Kapiti Ephesus Group which explored new ways of understanding the Christian Faith. This group continued for 25 years with Gus always at its heart.

Furthermore, Gus formed a meditation group which until recently met in the church, to which she invited two local Anglican ladies whom she met through their peace group. She was active in the Women's Evening Fellowship and the FIT exercise group and assisted in many other Parish roles including the sound system cleaning, flower arranging, welcoming, helping at Thrifty Place and Bible reading in services. And she was editor of Together for several years.

Gus, you were truly a dedicated, hard-working and inspirational Christian. You deserve to rest in peace.

Maureen Roxburgh

A Memorial Celebration for Augusta McRae will be held on Saturday 14 May, 1.30 pm, at the Raumati Uniting Church.



Gus enjoying Mary White's daisy bush in a 2018 garden walk.

Waikanae News

Covid has struck a few times at Waikanae, but nonetheless attendance has been reasonably good.

For those who have been staying away, the church was opened on a Tuesday afternoon, to visit and have a quiet time; a way to reconnect spiritually and reflect without risk. This may become a regular weekly event.

Property happenings

The new heat pump is now in use, and the repainted church entry doors have smartened up the place quite a bit. Thanks Desmond.

He and Ian have also erected a new paling fence in the back yard to replace the old, rotten “temporary” fence that went up for playgroup many years ago. Its gate will be a real boon when doing property maintenance and mowing lawns. The fence also hides the outdoor playgroup equipment, so hopefully it will not be stolen again.



After Easter our western neighbour will start removing the backyard hedge (delayed by Covid) and replace it with an extension of the existing boundary fence. He has generously offered to do all of this at his own expense. Part of his rebuild includes removing a retaining wall, and he will donate to us the surplus blocks, which can be used to improve the rear of our yard, where some places at the top of the steep sandy rise are unstable.

Playgroup

Playgroup will start soon after Easter, with our new co-ordinator, Rebecca McDonald. Meanwhile Sharon has washed all of the dress-up clothes and soft toys, to give a fresh start. Even the doll cot has been spruced up, with a new mattress. Thanks Sharon.

Vera Lawson

On Wednesday 13 April, a service of celebration for the 98 years of the life of Vera Lawson was held in the Waikanae church. Vera was a faithful member of our congregation for many years, during which she served as Communion steward and flower lady, and arranged legendary Harvest Festival displays with flowers and produce from her fabulous garden. Vera had a real ability to get people to take part in activities and causes. She was an energetic supporter of the Save the Children Fund and a worker for Forest and Bird.

Easter at Waikanae.

John Roberts led the Good Friday service with the theme “On a Friday Noon”. The service featured images of the crucifixion from Latin America, Africa and Aotearoa NZ. Readings offered comment and reflection, and evocative music accompanied quiet meditation. A number of visitors attended, and after the service shared with us the hot cross bun morning tea prepared by Heather Freeman.

Holiday visitors swelled our congregation for the Easter Day Holy Communion service led by John and Diana Roberts. The ‘Sure to Rise’ reflection featured a bread-making demonstration – a parable for the presence of Jesus in the world. In the second reflection: ‘Look for Life’, Diana talked about the Ukrainian paska loaves she had made for communion bread and for morning tea. She shared the insights of theologian Jürgen Moltmann: “In the wonder of the resurrection, life becomes new.”



Ian Marsden and Diana Roberts

Raumati Village Community Garden

The community garden at the Raumati church has a brand new compost bin. It was purchased thanks to the Kapiti Coast District Council, Waste Levy Fund.

The Waste Levy Grants aim to increase the range, scale and number of waste minimisation activities on the Kāpiti Coast. They are funded by part of the Waste Levy fees paid by waste disposal operators to the Ministry for the Environment, which is then allocated to local bodies to administer.



We plan to compost waste from the community garden, playgroup and Thrifty Place.

The garden had a good tidy up on Easter Monday and we are now ready for winter plantings, such as silverbeet, broad beans, spinach and herbs.

Donations of surplus seedlings are always welcome.

The garden has remained popular in the local community and visitors to Thrifty Place enjoy seeing what the garden has to offer, along with the Women's Craft group on a Tuesday morning. In recent months, Jan Rae brought her Brownie group to learn about gardening and my Cub Scout pack came and planted some seedlings.

The old compost bin will be removed in the near future as well as topping up the garden with more compost.

The community is invited to come and plant seedlings, pick some vegetables and do a bit of weeding.

Kate Foley



Thrifty Place

Quality second hand
clothing and
household items

Tuesday 11 am to 4 pm

Thursday 11 am to 4 pm

Saturday 10 am to 12.30 pm

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**World Fair Trade Day is on 14 May.
A time to celebrate Trade Aid's fair trade commitment.
The 2022 theme is Climate Justice.**

Tackling the climate crisis is not just an ecological necessity, but also a social justice issue and a matter of survival for the worst affected who are facing extreme weather conditions and on-going tragedies.

The crisis is caused by a broken economic system that ignores the welfare of people and our fragile environment. Unfair trading systems and unethical business practices that dominate our global economy are spreading inequality and causing climate and ecological breakdown. Profit by overproduction is the dominant economic model of most conventional businesses. Mass production of goods has led to the dependence on burning fossil fuels that is causing large amounts of carbon and greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Amassing the global market with consumer goods has also led to waste and pollution crises. As a result, we are facing a global ecological breakdown that is threatening our very survival. The environmental challenges are already impacting communities and endangering the sustainability of livelihoods of producers. Yes, we are all affected, but the marginalised communities who are least responsible for the climate problem are suffering the most.

Many of Trade Aid's trading partners have established programmes to support the environment and protect against erratic weather events and the possibility of future food and water shortages.

In Indonesia Pekerti Nusantara provides market access for 72 rural craft groups. In keeping with Indonesia's sustainable forest management policy, Pekerti has adopted a timber legality verification system that guarantees the timber used for export has not been obtained through illegal logging. Pekerti has helped to rehabilitate many victims of severe natural disasters (e.g. tsunami) in the region.



In Delhi, India, Tara Projects has initiated a range of environmental awareness programmes including a water-harvesting scheme in response to the water shortages currently confronting the city.

In Nicaragua coffee co-operative PRODECOOP funds an organic production programme. With help from Trade Aid, it has also constructed a wet processing mill that reduces pollution and makes better use of water supplies in a region where a 30% decline in rainfall is predicted.



Support Trade Aid to be planet friendly and socially just.

Marg Lees, Trade Aid shopper and trustee.

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 A vertical poster with a blue background and white wavy patterns at the top and bottom. The text is white and reads:

keeping Kāpiti warm this winter

SHARE THE WARMTH

Let's share warmth and love amongst our Kāpiti whānau this winter through donating any winter wear surplus to requirements!

Scan the QR code below and fill out the form below to either donate warm clothes or request warm clothes for you, someone you know or your organisation. Or, head to <https://forms.gle/Equmpeas28Tpm8i6A>

This is a confidential service.

Feel free to get in contact via Kapitisharethewarmth@gmail.com or 02108947590

A QR code is located at the bottom of the poster.



Methodist and Presbyterian Women's Special Fundraising Projects 2022



Sunday 22 May, 10 am

The theme for this year is Family Wellbeing.

The New Zealand project is focusing on the work of the Anglican Trust for Women and Children, which is based in Auckland.

The Overseas project is supporting Christian World Service and partners such as SEEP (Social Empowerment and Education Programme) enabling them to aid Pacific communities affected by Covid-19, starting in Fiji.

On Sunday 22 May, the Raumati Women's Fellowship will hold their annual Special Projects service at 10 am. It will be followed by a special morning tea to which all are warmly welcomed and invited to give a donation for the special projects.

E-Prayer Requests

A group from your Parish family receives requests for prayer every week. You can either ring, text, email or ask for the request to be passed on.



Mary Francis 904 0457 or billandmary262@gmail.com

Merrill Baker 902 4134 or amkram.nz@gmail.com

Mary White 298 7727 or marywhite@xtra.co.nz

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

Mary White, E-Prayer Group Coordinator

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PLAYGROUPS

Raumati Beach

10 Weka Road
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Music Playgroup

Mondays 9.30-11.30 am
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Cafe Playgroup

Thursdays 9.30-11.30 am

Waikanae Beach

Corner Ngapaki and
Taiata Streets
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Cafe Playgroup

Fridays 9.30-11.30 am

Free

All welcome



www.kup.org.nz

Kapiti Counselling Service

The Parish's own professional counselling service is available for confidential counselling or discussions for any member of the Parish or their family.

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May: regular events

Mondays	9.30 am	Raumati Music Café Playgroup
Tuesdays	10 am-12 pm 11 am-4 pm	Women's Craft Group, Raumati Thrifty Place
Thursdays	9.30 am 11 am-4 pm 2.30-3 pm	Raumati Café Playgroup Thrifty Place Fruit and Vege Co-op pick up, Raumati
Fridays	9.30 am	Waikanae Café Playgroup
Saturdays	10 am-12.30 pm	Thrifty Place



May: for your diary

Wed 4th	1.30 pm	Raumati Committee, Raumati
Mon 9th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home
Tue 10th	10 am	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
Wed 11th	1.30 pm	Property and Finance, Raumati
Thur 12th	10 am	Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship, Raumati
Tue 17th	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship, Waikanae
Fri 20th		Deadline for June Together
Sun 22nd	10 am	Women's Fellowship Special Project Service and Morning Tea, Raumati
Mon 23rd	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home
Fri 27th		Folding and distribution of June Together

Raumati Women's Morning Fellowship

Thursday 12 May at 10 am

The speaker will be Valerie Reitnauer from Kapiti Goodies Gift Boxes.
A warm welcome to all.

Contact Merrill Baker 902 4134 or Lyn Martin 904 8361.

May Services

Date	Waikanae 9.30 am	United@9 9 am	Raumati 10 am
1st	Rev. Anna Gilkison Parish Combined Service, Raumati, 10 am		
8th	Maureen Calhaem, HC	Rev. Anna Gilkison HC Raumati, 10 am	
15th	Rev. Doug Lendrum	Rev. Anna Gilkison	Rev. Roger Wiig
22nd	Rev. Anna Gilkison	Carole Rudings	Women's Fellowship
29th	Ian Marsden	Syd Mephram	Rev. Anna Gilkison

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