



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

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TOGETHER

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**This Delft plaque was a souvenir of the
First Assembly of the World Council of Churches
held in Amsterdam in 1948**

From the Minister's desk 'Are we there yet?'

Like a child on a long car trip, Bruce Johnston asked a version of this question at the recent meeting with Andrew Doubleday. We have been 'Uniting' for so long! When are we getting to 'United'?

Andrew's visit prompted a discussion about being what we are – a Uniting Church (parish).

It's a good discussion to have and we should all be part of it. Do you know, for example, what the letters, UCANZ, stand for? Or the terrible acronym, UPOG? (*for the right answer see footnote*). Most of us probably neither know nor care. Why care?

There are a few reasons for 'giving a damn' about our identity as Uniting churches. We are the realisation of a dream. In the early decades of the twentieth century there was a passion for ecumenism. Ecumenism is 'the belief that the different Christian Churches should be as united as possible'. That was the dream of the twentieth century. The Delft plaque pictured was a souvenir of the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches which my father attended. It incorporates the charming symbol of the ecumenical movement.

In countries such as South India, Australia and Canada whole Churches united into an altogether different Church. Losing their lives as Presbyterians and Methodists and others they gained a life as a single United Church. They developed their own identity, supporting congregations with innovative resources and simplified structures. They encouraged congregations to unite the rich traditions of their original Churches with their new way of being the Church.

In Aotearoa NZ the dream of a single United Church failed. Instead we developed in a typically number 8-wire way. Uniting Churches emerged as pragmatic solutions to local problems. Churches agreed

to unite in different places at different times in order to be able to continue as a strong presence in their local communities.

We care about our Uniting Parish because we have become more than the sum of our parts. We have become a mix of all sorts of traditions and backgrounds. We care because mixing traditions has made us adaptable, tolerant, creative and visionary. We treasure the past but we aren't chained to it. We imagine a future but we are also willing to let the winds of God take us where they will. In the present we try to live as who we are collectively, rather than living according to someone else's idea of who we should be.

Thank you, United God, for our United Parish.

*(UCANZ – Uniting Churches of Aotearoa NZ
UPOG – Uniting Churches Oversight Group)*

Benefits to Thrifty Place from the Fruit and Vegetable Co-op



On Thursday afternoons people who have ordered fruit and vegetables from the Co-op collect it from our church. Kate Foley oversees all of this, and the number of collections is increasing, currently around 60.

Thrifty Place benefits as many of those people call in here too - either to drop off goods, or buy goods.



Discovering where we are located has been a bonus for us, and we're meeting, chatting to, and selling to many more customers.

It seems that having all these people arriving on the property is every bit as good as advertising our shop!

Kay McIntosh

Winter in Waikanae.

Matariki. We celebrated Matariki in our worship, followed by a fun time. Despite some members being unavailable through health problems, our Worship Group (Evan Ireland!) led us in a service of thanksgiving for God's gifts of creation in our land, remembering those who had died over the past year, and looking forward in hope. Evan introduced each of the nine stars of the Matariki cluster. The congregation gave very positive feedback, welcoming the enlarging of our understanding of the meaning of this special time for our country.

Following the service we enjoyed watching two short Waikanae Golden Oldies comedy movies, accompanied by pizza, popcorn, cans of fizz and Jaffas (of course!) Lots of laughter and warm fellowship.

Soup Group. On 18 July a goodly group gathered, despite the deferral of our planned 'Life is for Living' focus to September. Instead, we shared our thankfulness, and considered possibilities for our life as a congregation – all in the spirit of Matariki. A fruitful time for new ideas and deeper connecting. When things don't go as planned, the plans the Holy Spirit has for us can blossom. Hearty soup for the soul, as well as the body!

Daphne Taylor. Daphne, a loved and valued member of our congregation for many years, died on 2 July aged 97.

Property matters at Waikanae.

Well, it's time to return the ladder to our kind neighbour, wash out the paint brushes and store the left-over paint away for next time. The painting inside the Church is finished but now we need to look at the exterior as it has not seen a paint brush for many a long year. Matariki is a welcome reminder that we need to not only think of the past but consider the future.

In the past our Church was used for baptisms, marriages and for the final farewell for loved ones. Changing times means there is much less demand for these occasions now. Our Church usually remains unused from one Sunday Service to the next.

While we must maintain our buildings, we also need to ensure they are fit for purpose to meet our current and future needs. As the needs of our congregation change, we need to adapt our buildings to meet these challenges.

This includes ensuring everyone can hear the service, see the screens when they are used and access the whole building. We have been discussing these needs for some time and while some work has been done, more is needed to ensure that everyone can fully participate.

While our buildings will remain as the physical presence of our Church in our community there is a growing need to offer more for those who are unable to attend regular Church activities.

Our buildings may well be the heart of our Church but the heartbeat is our congregation. We need both to be working together as we face the challenges of the future.

Diana Roberts and Desmond Corrigan



Our Waikanae Playgroup turns 18 this year. Congratulations!



Waikanae Café Playgroup

Pictured above ~ some of the happy Mums, Dads and children at the second Café Playgroup held in the Church Lounge.

About People

We note with sadness the passing of Daphne Taylor on 2nd July. Daphne was a long time member of the Waikanae congregation. Our prayers and thoughts are with Daphne's Family.

Happy Birthday to all those celebrating these in August, including Gordon Solloway, Lyn Martin, Don Smith and Rosalie Sugrue.

To those celebrating Anniversaries, our Congratulations and very Best Wishes to you.

We are pleased to be able to say that Patricia Murray has now returned to Winara Care Home.

Diana Gilberd has moved to Millvale Lodge at Lindale.

Best wishes to Everyone
Merrill for the Pastoral team



**First published in Touchstone –
Kapiti Couple Celebrate 65
Years of Marriage
Methodist Church stalwarts Daphne
and George Forster receive a
greeting from King Charles and
Queen Camilla.**

Daphne and George Forster recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Rosalie Sugrue reports on a lifetime

commitment to each other and of service to church and community. Achieving 65 years of marriage is no small achievement as accolades from international and national leaders testify. Amidst an impressive collection of cards on display in Forster's lounge, there is a congratulations card from the Palace from King Charles and Queen Camilla along with a 60th anniversary acknowledgement from Queen Elizabeth II. Recent official cards are from Prime

Minister Chris Hipkins, Governor General Dame Cindy Kiro, and the Minister for Seniors Hon Ginny Andersen.

George and Daphne met at a Methodist 'Winter School' (a live-in study programme for youth) at Bridge Lodge, Otaki in 1953. They married in the Petone Methodist Church in 1958 and in January the following year they went to Samoa for four years, under an Australian mission scheme. George taught in a Methodist Primary School. Daphne gave birth to two sons. Their daughter was born after George resumed teaching in New Zealand.

As an accredited lay preacher, George led services for 50 years. Daphne completed 33 years as a Girls' Brigade Officer. Both did some Sunday School teaching. For 17 years they helped organise and cook for Church family camps. Methodist Family Camps held in the summer holidays at Whangārei, Hamilton, Rotorua, New Plymouth, Hastings, Waikanae, Motueka, Dunedin and Queenstown were very popular in the 60s, 70s and 80s giving Methodist families all over NZ the opportunity to holiday together informally with communal meals provided.

George chaired the Property Committee at Kapiti Uniting for some years and was a parish representative to the Wellington Synod. Their hobbies include wood-turning and handcrafts - knitting, sewing, embroidery and restoring old linen. Over 20 years of supporting Kapiti Uniting Parish's church fairs with their skills they personally raised thousands of dollars.

Rosalie Sugrue / Jun 28, 2023

Course on food preserving and storage

A fun and practical day - learn how to bottle, pressure can, make sauerkraut - and how to store food for use in an emergency and also to save you money.

Saturday 5 August, Raumati Hall 9.30am - 5pm
Tickets \$70, contact Joanne, 021 166 8633
Email joannekeswick@gmail.com



Raumati Women's Fellowship

The Raumati Women's Fellowship will meet on 10 August in the meeting room at 11am (please note the time). We are hosting the Waikanae Women at this meeting. Lois Robertson will be the speaker and her topic will be 'A.P.W. (The Association of Presbyterian Women), The End of An Era.'

A shared finger food lunch will follow. All are welcome.

Contact Lyn Martin 904 8361 or Pam Newey, 902 4462

NAMES FOR JESUS

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Alpha-and-Omega, Bread-of-Life, Christ, Door, Line-of-David, Gate, God's-Word, High-Priest, I-am, King-of-Kings, Lamb, Light, Lord-of-Lords, Prince-of-Peace, Rabbi, Rock, Sage, Saviour, Son-of-God, Son-of-Man, Son-of-Mary, Saviour, The-Good-Shepherd, Teacher, The-true-vine, Truth, Way

'Hyphenated words' may not be in the same line but they will meet. Complete sentence below with the unused letters

They shall _____

which means, God is with us (Mtt 1:23)

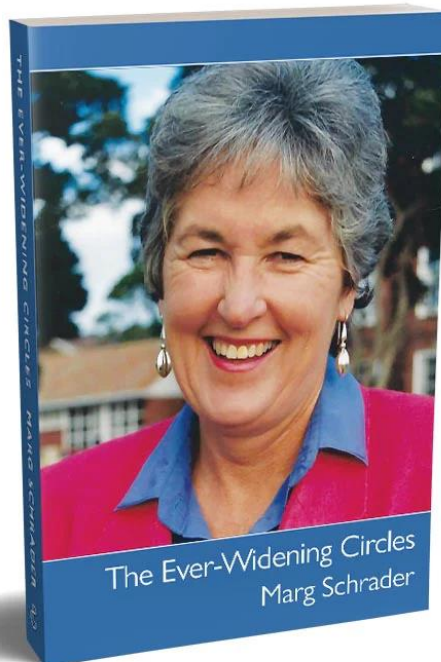
Invitation to Book Launch

2pm on 13th August at Waikanae Church

Our own Marg Schrader has published an important book 'The Ever-Widening Circles' of her memories and experiences in the Methodist Church.

As the Moderator of the PCANZ from 1994-1995 Marg played a pivotal role in the development of the Church.

This book is highly recommended reading for all who are interested in the spiritual life and development of the Presbyterian and Uniting Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand.



All are invited to attend our celebration of the life and ministry of this special person. Marg will give a talk followed by afternoon tea and the opportunity to purchase signed copies of the book.

Please let Fiona in the office know if you will be attending.

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.

The counsellors are: Marie Livesey and Penny Currier.

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August Services

	Waikanae 9.30am	United@9 9am	Raumati 10am
6th	Rev Robin List HC	Rev Anna Gilkison HC	Rev Anna Gilkison HC
13th Lay Preacher Sunday	Barrie Woods	Maureen Calhaem	Heather List and Rev Anna Gilkison
20th	Rev John Roberts	Syd Mepham	
27th	Maureen Calhaem	Rev Anna Gilkison	Kevin Boyce

August: regular events

Tuesdays	10am - 12pm	Women's Craft Group, Raumati
	11am - 4pm	Thrifty Place
Thursdays	9.30 - 11.30am	Raumati Playgroup
	11am - 4pm	Thrifty Place
	2.30-3pm	Fruit and Vege Co-op pick up, Raumati
Fridays	9.30 - 11.30am	Waikanae Playgroup
Saturdays	10.30 - 1pm	Thrifty Place

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "*What do you think about all this Satan stuff?*" The other boy replied, "*Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your dad.*"

August: for your diary

6th	2.15pm	Music Recital, Raumati
8th	10-12pm	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
9th	10.45-12.15	Property and Finance Group, Raumati
10th	10am -1.30pm	Raumati Women's Fellowship with Waikanae, followed by lunch, Raumati
13th	2pm	Marg Schrader Book Launch, Waikanae
14th	1.30-4pm	Board games at Carole Ruding's home
16th	10am -12pm	Music and Worship Group, Raumati
18th	10am – 12pm	Parish Council, Raumati
25th	10-11.30am	Folding Together
30th	2-3pm	Practices of Prayer Study Group, Raumati

Answer to word search: Name Him Emmanuel

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.

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