



**KAPITI UNITING PARISH**

Christian Churches of NZ - Methodist - Presbyterian

# TOGETHER

May 2021

Halleluia ! He is risen indeed.

Many people have mentioned to me how much they enjoyed the Easter services at our parish. Starting with the Maundy Thursday service, led by the Rev. Roger Wiig and followed by Good Friday and Easter Sunday led by The Very Rev. Pamela Tankersley, they were a privilege to attend. Each service was well attended with a congregation of 90 people on Sunday.

At Waikanae, Heather List led the Good Friday service and the Rev. Barrie Keenan conducted the Easter Sunday service.

Many thanks go to everyone who helps to make these occasions a success, especially Bruce Johnston, who is doing a job that would in normal circumstances be part of the minister's role. In organising the preaching roster, planning the music and being patient and professional when last-minute changes - due to illness or something else comes up - he is making a huge contribution to the smooth running of the Parish during this period of vacancy.

Where do we go from here, I hear you say. The Ministry Settlement Board has not received any enquiries from within New Zealand at this point in time.

It seems that at the moment, there is a shortage of candidates in both the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. Please continue to pray about this and if you happen to attend a service while on holiday and are impressed with the preacher, remember you can mention the name to the Board when you return.

E-prayer continues to function each week, where a minister would often refer people to us for prayer. If you feel the need for prayer or are aware of someone who would appreciate it, please let us know.

The pastoral care team are in contact with the people on their lists, but the lack of a minister makes their job more demanding and again, please pass on to them any concerns you may have. They are a great bunch, working quietly away in our midst.

To the people who have attended the working bees thank you, and to Derek who organised them and to the gardeners and cleaners, the Thrifty Place staff, the members of other groups I have not mentioned here, who give generously of their time.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the lovely Mary Mill who worked tirelessly through last year, amid the lockdown, and while having her home built, she updated the financial systems of the Parish and was often, given the circumstances, in a very stressful situation. Mary has asked for six months leave from this voluntary position, as she is facing some health issues at the moment. We must mention Bronwyn, her daughter, who answered phones, and helped Mary while working from home in her own job. Thank you for your helpful and cheerful attitude.

I think it is fair to say that we are a hard-working group and if we continue to look out for each other and seek God's will for this place, he will answer our prayers.

Kia kaha.

May God bless you.

*Mary White, Parish Chairperson*

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*Right: Blessings to two very dear friends as they shift to Christchurch to be with family. Norman and Linda shared many years at Kapiti Uniting, Norman as our Minister and Linda both as his supporter and her involvement in many groups in the Parish.*

## About People

Our thoughts and prayers are with those in our parish who are ill and/or in hospital. We send you our love and best wishes. May God bless you all.

Happy Birthday to those having birthdays or anniversaries in May, may you enjoy your celebrations.

We are very happy to report that Marie Storey is recovering well from her recent fall and is now at home and making good progress.

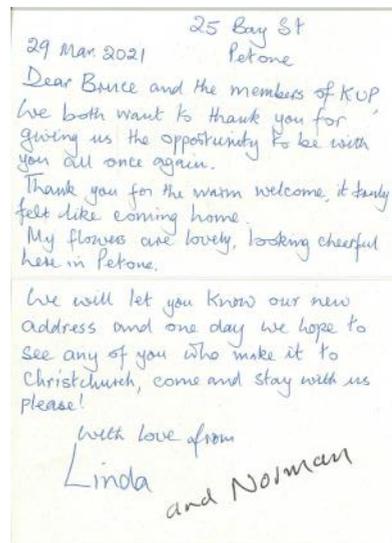


We congratulate Mikayla (Rosalie and Tony Boston's granddaughter) for doing well in an endurance race. Mikayla proudly showed us her medal after church last week.

We congratulate Cathy Drummond on finally becoming a New Zealand citizen.

We hope everyone can continue to enjoy the lovely autumn weather that we can expect to last for a while longer.

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



## Waikanae News

The Easter services were most enjoyable; thanks to Robin and Heather List for taking the small Good Friday service. Sunday was well attended (34) with several holiday visitors.

A working bee is scheduled for 10.30 am on Saturday 1 May. BYO lunch and we will make tea and coffee. Most of the work is to the grounds, in particular converting some scruffy wilderness garden to lawn, and trimming trees and hedges. If the weather forecast is bad, we will postpone until the following week and email volunteers. Look forward to seeing you all – even if just to supervise!

Mark 16 May in your diary! Women's Fellowship are taking a special 10 am service, followed by a soup-and-rolls lunch. We will email a reminder close to the day.

We bid a fond farewell to Penny Van Doorn who has moved to a home in Lower Hutt; it is near to the river so she can enjoy some long nature walks. Best wishes Penny, we'll miss you.

Parish Fair preparations are beginning early this year. Waikanae will again be doing the White Elephant and fine china/glassware stalls, plus a lucky dip. For the dip, money donations will be accepted from Parish members and the "prizes" will be purchased wholesale, to ensure we have consistency and suitability, and make a reasonable profit. The fair also needs children's amusements, so anyone able to provide any other child-oriented activity would be very welcome.

There is some serious work to be done on the church's top west-facing window frames, which are rotting and rusting due to salt attack. For safety reasons we are looking at converting these opening windows to fixed panes.



*Sharon Marsden celebrates a special birthday in April. The vegetable cake was lovingly made by her daughter Andrea. It had tiny handmade ears of corn, carrots, cabbages, pumpkins, cauliflowers, peas, vine tomatoes, eggplant, flowers, and even a bunny rabbit!*

And for Playgroup and general hygiene reasons, we've installed a paper towel dispenser in each restroom to eliminate the bug-spreading risk of the old communal hand towel.

*Ian Marsden*

## Raumati News

On 11 July the Raumati church will hold its first AGM for many years.. (Waikanae held theirs last year). The meeting will follow the combined service on 11 July and it will be a chance for you to tell us what you think about Raumati activities, and hopefully offer help to keep the church operating.

The long-awaited video monitor has been installed in the pulpit, enabling service leaders to see what is on the screen above them. This took far longer than planned, due to the difficulties finding a suitable unit with the right type of input connections.

One disappointment was the poor attendance at the special afternoon tea and information session we had planned for roster convenors on 7 April.

A quiz night is planned for Saturday 3 July: good fun for all, and maybe even some mulled wine!

The first music recital for the year is on Sunday 23 May and Ralph and Bruce are very busy tying up all loose ends. Please put this important date on your calendar now.

We have been pricing new curtains for both meeting rooms, and are shocked at how much more expensive they are. We are also budgeting to replace the very old vertical blinds behind the piano and organ.



*Working bee helpers in March clearing the gardens and washing the Raumati buildings.*

Talking of budgets, some groups who spend church money have missed their 20 April budget deadline, and some are still outstanding. Please treat this as urgent: thank you.

We have held two working bees on the property in March and April. At the first in March, all windows and some of the building was washed and the rear garden partially cleared. In April, the team trimmed trees and grass edges, chain-sawed three trailer loads of green waste, cleaned out the hall garden and oh what a difference! A gigantic thank you to all who turned up. A great effort.

We are planning another effort to remove the two huge flax bushes, one by the hall entrance that has a lot of dead leaves about it, the other by the shed which is likely to cause damage to it.

Future gardening will involve trimming or removing the walnut tree; large branches are getting close to the hall building and the tree lean is increasing. The experts have evaluated the lean and it does not look good. If we do have to remove it a new tree would be planted further away from the buildings.

*Derek Townsend, convenor Raumati Committee*



*A handful of the helpers at the April working bee held in Raumati.*

## **Thinking about the Trinity**

### *Cliff Couch ponders*

A concept that I have wrestled with throughout my life as a Christian is that of Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the Three In One.

Many years ago I heard a lay preacher in his sermon develop the analogy of water, ice and steam. This certainly opens up the possibility of a singular entity existing in three quite different forms, but it doesn't tell us much about our life in relation to God.

An explanation that I warm to is that of the Rev. Selwyn Dawson, a past President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. In a book of reflections written in his retirement he declared, "For myself, I have found it sufficient to speak of the three aspects of God as..."

- Father: God always and everywhere.
- Son: God then and there (in Jesus' days on earth),
- Holy Spirit: God here and now (in our lives and in the world today).

The bracketed comments are my own. You might find a declaration of faith used by the Rev. David Hollier, a Churches of Christ supply minister in our parish, more helpful:

- God as the centre and source of all life.
- Jesus Christ as the full embodiment of this life.
- The Spirit as the energy and the insight to make this life real as in now.

Ian Harris, who has a regular column in the monthly "Touchstone", speaks of a non-realist view of God whereby "God is conceived not as a real, objective being existing beyond the world, but as a subjective life-orientating force in human experience". This touches upon an emerging trend (in contemporary theological thinking about the nature of God, and hence the Trinity).

What makes the Trinity meaningful for you? Does it make you wonder about the wording of some of our hymns, prayers, readings and sermons? Does it matter? If so, why not share your views through Together?

*Editor: please send any replies through to [kapitiunting@outlook.com](mailto:kapitiunting@outlook.com)*

## The Queen and Prince Philips trip to Hokitika



*Rosa Sugrue's parents, mayor Winston Reynolds and mayoress Elva Reynolds with Prince Philip and the Queen.*

In 1977 a royal walk-about at the Hokitika airport was included in the Royal Tour itinerary. The road in front of the terminal was lined with excited locals including uniformed youth groups and rest home residents.

When the mayor, Winston Reynolds, and mayoress Elva Reynolds were introduced to their majesties, the Duke scrutinised the mayoral chain. Each link of that chain was inset with pounamu. Pointing to the round medallion at the bottom of the chain, a crest on a green-painted background, Prince Philip said to Winston, “What happened here, did the town run out of greenstone?”

Mayoress Elva later said she had a real job keeping up with the Duke as he had long legs and moved unpredictably.

*Rosa Sugrue*

# MUSIC RECITAL



Enjoy NZ's international classical trio. Here in Raumati Beach!

*Welcome back*

## Te Kōkī Trio

*Piano: Jian Liu*

*Violin: Martin Riseley*

*Cello: Inbal Megiddo*

*In a programme of captivating music  
by Franz Liszt, Zoltan Kodaly and  
Johannes Brahms*

**Tickets from:**

- Bruce Johnston 902 3771
- Heather Freeman 293 2707
- The Bookshelf, Waikanae
- Moby Dickens Books, Paraparaumu Beach
- Parish Office 902 5809 9 am to 12 pm, Tuesday to Friday

**Sunday**

**23 May**

**2.15 pm**

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Recital

followed by  
light refreshments  
*and meet  
the performers*

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Kapiti Uniting Parish  
Raumati Church  
10 Weka Road  
Raumati Beach

**\$20 ADULT**

**\$10 STUDENT**

## Trade Aid

**GOOD TO  
LIVE BY.**



**BUY GOOD.**  
START WITH RESPONSIBILITY



**LIVE GREEN.**  
THE CARE OF OUR PLANET



**BE KIND.**  
TREAT EVERY PERSON HUMANELY



**SPEAK UP.**  
STAND UP FOR YOUR VALUES



**MAKE CHANGE.**  
BECAUSE THE WORLD NEEDS IT

We're all familiar with Trade Aid shops and the quality products produced by the farmers and artisans, but more and more Trade Aid wants to 'Speak up' and make people

aware of social issues. By working with other like-minded groups Trade Aid believes it can help to generate change.

Currently, Trade Aid and World Vision are working together, supported by businesses such as Kathmandu and Commonsense Organics, to urge the government to develop legislation to make supply chains more transparent and so address the slave labour problem.

The word slavery may seem out of place in the 21<sup>st</sup> century but if we stop and think about it, modern slavery is sadly very much alive and well – there are 40 million people globally in modern slavery with 25 million of these in forced labour, for instance, trafficked for sexual exploitation or forced to work in very poor condition for little or no pay.

Trade Aid's Fairtrade supply chain model is transparent. Trade Aid has a clear idea of the people involved in each step of its supply chains and ensures that the producers are not exploited. However this is not the case with many New Zealand businesses who presently have no obligation to understand the risks of modern slavery in their global or domestic supply chains and have very little idea of where products are made, where the materials have been sourced, or knowledge of who has been exploited in the production or how our planet has been adversely affected.

Two thirds of all people in modern slavery live in Asia and the Pacific – areas New Zealand trades with extensively. We know modern slavery exists within the supply chains of New Zealand products. This means the goods you love may be made with slave labour. We need to change this.



We encourage you to take action against modern slavery by signing the petition which urges the government to develop legislation to make

Aotearoa New Zealand supply chains more transparent. This can be done by signing a copy of the petition at church by 9 May or by signing the petition online at [www.signforfreedom.nz](http://www.signforfreedom.nz)

*Marg Lees – on behalf of Trade Aid.*

## Harvest Festival



*Harvest Festival and Palm Sunday was held on 28 March across all congregations. Left: Maureen Calhaem leads United@9. Right: The Harvest Festival offerings at Waikanae. All donations of perishable and non-perishable goods were donated to the Kapiti Women's Refuge.*

## Furniture movers

Thrifty Place requires two fit and able people to assist with moving furniture. Approximately twice per month for an hour. Van and trailer provided, you provide the biceps! Furniture is sold on TradeMe and all proceeds go to the parish. Contact Derek for more information 021 124 4091.



## Raumati Women's Morning Fellowship

Thursday 13 May, 10 am  
Gus Evans from Gus Evans Nurseries  
will be the speaker.

All welcome.  
Contact Alison Johnston 902 3771.



## Special Project Service

Sunday 16 May, 10am at Raumati.



Rosalie Sugrue will lead the Women's Fellowship special project service. The speaker will be Peter Wood from St Johns Ambulance. There will be morning tea to follow and an opportunity to give a donation to the special project.

## E-Prayer Requests

A group of 15 people from your Parish family receive requests for prayer each week.

If you would like prayer for a family member, a friend or yourself, please contact one of the following people who will direct it to the larger group;

Mary Francis 904 0457 or [billandmary262@gmail.com](mailto:billandmary262@gmail.com)  
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Mary White 298 7727 or [marywhite@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marywhite@xtra.co.nz)



Requests will remain confidential and your name will not be used without your permission.

## May Word Search: Mother's Day

A	B	I	G	A	I	L	L	M	A	S
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S	Z	S	R	H	T	H	B	B	J	H
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Abigail, Adah, Anna, Bathsheba, Delilah, Elizabeth, Esther, Eve, Hannah, Jezebel, Joanna, Leah, Lois, Lydia, Martha, Mary, Miriam, Naomi, Rebekah, Rhoda, Ruth, Sarah, Susanna, Tirzah, Vashti

*Words may read horizontally, vertically, diagonally or backwards.  
Mark off each as found. Circle each unused letter to find the unnamed mother.*

Who was the wife of Joseph?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 41:45) Answer on page 14



### Kapiti Hidden Books

Have you found a Kapiti Hidden Book? Books are being hidden around parks in Kapiti for children to find, read and re-hide. Thrifty Place has donated books and plastic bags to keep the books dry.

For more information please visit  
[www.facebook.com/groups/1219158381790497](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1219158381790497)

## 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, Penny Currier and Angela Claridge.

Phone 902 5809.  
Please leave a message and contact will be made.

### PARISH DIRECTORY

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**Crossword answer from page 11: ASENATH**

## May: regular events

Mondays	9.30 am	Raumati Music Café Playgroup, (term-time)
Tuesdays	10 am	Women's Craft Group, Lower Lounge, Raumati (term-time)
	11 am-4 pm	Thrifty Place
Wednesdays	4 pm	F.I.T. Exercises, Raumati
Thursdays	9.30 am	Raumati Café Playgroup (term-time)
	11 am-4 pm	Thrifty Place
	2.30-3 pm	Fruit and Vege Co-op pick up
Fridays	9.30 am	Waikanae Café Playgroup (term-time)
Saturdays	10 am-12.30 pm	Thrifty Place



## May: for your diary

Tue 4th	2 pm	Afternoon Women's Fellowship, Raumati
Wed 5th	1 pm	Raumati Committee, Raumati
Mon 10th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Raumati
Tue 11th	10 am	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
Wed 12th	1.30 pm	Property and Finance, Raumati
Thur 13th	10 am	Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship, Raumati
Sun 16th	10 am	Women's Fellowship Special Project services, Raumati and Waikanae
Mon 17th	9.30 am	Parish Council, Raumati
Tue 18th	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship
Fri 21st		<b>Deadline for June Together</b>
Mon 24th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Raumati
Fri 28th	10 am	Folding and distribution of <b>June Together</b>

*Please send all contributions for the June Together  
to the editor, Kate Foley, [kapitiuniting@outlook.com](mailto:kapitiuniting@outlook.com)  
by Friday 21 May. Thank you.*

## May Services

Date	Waikanae 9.15 am	United@9 9 am	Raumati 10 am
2nd	Colin Anderson	Maureen Calhaem	Rev. Ken Irwin
9th	Rev. John Roberts HC	Rev. Roger Wiig HC	
16th	Women's Fellowship 10 am <i>Special Project</i>	Colin Anderson	Rosa Sugrue <i>Special Project</i>
23rd	Rev. Roger Wiig	Heather List	Rev. Doug Lendrum
30th	Ian Marsden	Maureen Calhaem	Rev. Barrie Keenan



**The Parish Directory** will be printed in May and will be available to purchase at church or from the office for a gold coin donation . **If you are on the Parish roll, your details will be published.** If you do not wish to be listed in the directory, please contact Kate in the office ASAP.  
Thank you

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