



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

Christian Churches of NZ - Methodist - Presbyterian

Mission Statement: To promote Christian faith and values in the communities of the Kapiti Coast.



Weekly Notices: 18 December 2022 Advent 4

**This Sunday
18 December**

Waikanae 9.30 am: Lessons and Carols
Raumati 10 am: Barrie Woods
(Rev. Anna Gilkison, HC)

Raumati Church Door Duty
Pam Newey and Merrill Baker

**Christmas Eve
24 December**

Raumati 9 pm: Rev. Anna Gilkison

**Christmas Day
25 December**

Waikanae 9 am: John and Diana Roberts
Raumati 10 am: Rev. Anna Gilkison

Christmas Day Service - Waikanae: John and Diana will lead Christmas Day worship at Waikanae Church. We will celebrate with the theme of 'Opening Doors'. The service will be family friendly. We usually get quite a few holiday visitors for the Christmas Day service with the church well filled. We are looking forward to this special time. Please note the earlier start time of 9 am.

New Year's Day Worship - Waikanae: Again, John and Diana will lead worship at Waikanae on New Years Day, beginning at the earlier time of 9 am. This will be in the informal setting of the church lounge. It will be in three parts beginning with a new year focus followed by a renewing our covenant relationship with God, ending with a celebration of Holy Communion. Morning tea will conclude the gathering.

The Late Rob Ferguson: It is with great sadness we advise the Connexion that Rev Rob Ferguson died in Whanganui on 8th December 2022 surrounded by his family after a short illness.

During his thoughtful and creative ministry, Rob served the Methodist Church in many ways with appointments to Eltham-Kaponga, Palmerston North, Beckenham Sydenham, St Albans Uniting, Wanganui parishes, and Christchurch Central Parish as City Chaplain. Rob also served with Mission Resourcing in an Educational Ministry role for a number of years, held Connexional appointments on the Disciplinary Tribunal Panel, Complaints Review Panel and more recently as Synod Superintendent for the Lower North Island Synod.

A statement from the Lower North Island Synod

We are sad to have lost a friend, and a person with an inspiring ministry. The Lower North Island Synod acknowledged his leadership at our Synod last weekend. Rob blessed us by making us uncomfortable, challenging us not to accept the easy answers. He asked us to open our minds and hearts to new possibilities and understandings, to explore how we can be church in the 21st century. We will miss him. We send our love to Dawn and their family and hold them all in our prayers.

Messages of sympathy can be sent to Dawn and the Ferguson Family via the email address fergie.whanau@gmail.com. A service to celebrate Rob's life was held at Trinity Methodist Church, Wicksteed Street Whanganui on Thursday, 15 December. A memorial service will be held in Christchurch on 26th January 2023. Details will be advised.

Tara Tautari
General Secretary

E-Prayer: From 16 December until late in January, we will not do the routine E-Prayer, i.e. each Friday. However if you need E-Prayer please contact Merrill Baker amkram.nz@gmail.com or Carole Rudings crudings@yahoo.co.nz. We will notify you all when the routine E-Prayer is back up and running each Friday.

February Together: The deadline for the February Together is Friday 20 January. Please send in any contributions to kapitiuniting@outlook.com.

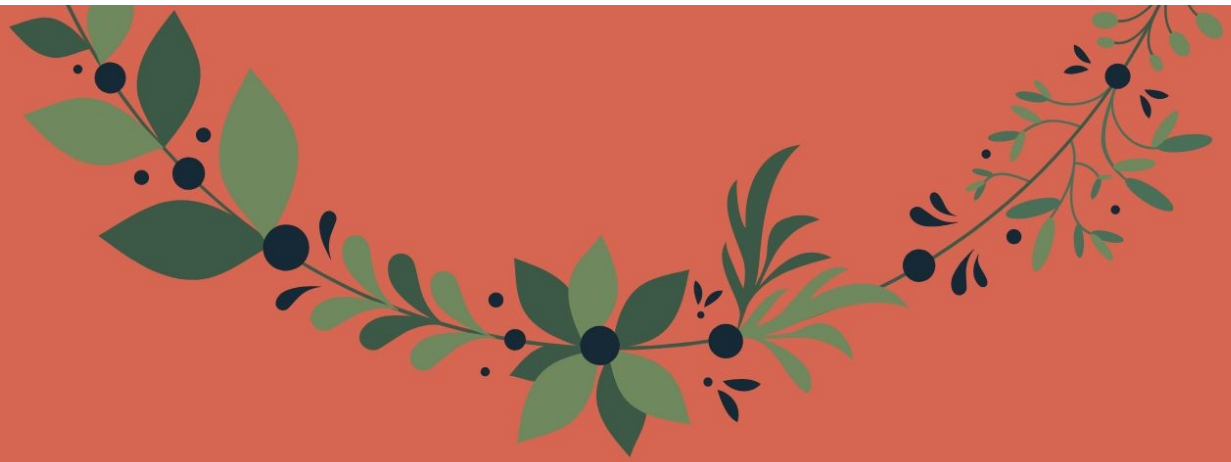
Diary Dates

Thursday 22 December

Vege Co-op Collection

2.30 pm - 3 pm

Raumati



Kapiti Uniting Parish

Christmas service times



Raumati Church

10 Weka Road

Christmas Eve 9 pm

Christmas Day 10 am

Waikanae Church

9 Taiata Street

Christmas Day 9 am



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