



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

Weekly Notices: 9 December 2018

This Sunday:

United@9 9am: Don Niccol
Waikanae 9.15 am: Rev. Cornelia Grant HC
Raumati 10 am: Rev. Stuart Grant HC
Paekakariki 10.30 am: Own Service

Next Sunday:

United@9 9am: Rosalie Sugrue
Waikanae 9.15 am: Sue Hodgson and Rosemary Wells
Raumati 10 am: Rev. Roger Wiig
Paekakariki 10.30 am: Own Service

Raumati Women's Morning Fellowship: All women are invited to our Christmas meeting to be held on Thursday 13 December at 10 am, in Raumati. Please bring a wrapped gift for Women's Refuge and label whether for a boy or girl and age or for the mother. This will be a Christmas programme followed by morning tea.

Lessons and Carols at Waikanae Church. Waikanae will also be having an Advent Lessons and Carols Service on 16 December at 9.15 am. Sue Hodgson and Rosemary Wells have worked on the service with a little help from Rev. John Roberts. It will be something of a challenge for a small congregation such as ours. It's based on the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols service. We'll give it our best shot, intending to enjoy ourselves in the process. Sue will front the service on the day.

Sing your way towards Christmas! The Raumati 10 am service on 16 December will be an opportunity to sing the Advent carols. For this service we have put together a small choir and a chamber music group to add some highlights to the service. The key elements of the service will be sung in the carols.

Christmas and Epiphany at Waikanae Church. On 23 December, the last Sunday of Advent, the service theme will be 'This Little child'. There will be a Christmas Day service at 9.15 am which will be short and family friendly. The following Sunday 30 December will focus on Jesus being taken to the temple where his parents could only afford to make an offering of a couple of pigeons, and not a lamb as the well off would have done. The reflection will be on 'Responding to Poverty'. The next Sunday 6 January begins the season of Epiphany which continues through January and February. On that first Sunday we will celebrate the visit of the Magi to the manger in Bethlehem, with the theme 'Follow the Star'.

Monday 10 December: Parish Property Group meeting 7pm at Raumati Church. It is a small group, so others are welcome to attend. Contact Marie 905 7229.

Bible Society Christmas Cards: We have two packets left to sell of the traditional variety. \$7.99 per pack, please purchase from the office or Mary Francis on Sunday. Thank you for your support.

Summer Sale at Thrifty Place: All adult clothing, 3 items for \$5.00 (excludes designer rack). Sale runs until 15 December.

Christmas Presents for Women's Refuge: For many years we have helped the Women's Refuge by providing Christmas presents for some of the women and children under their care. They have been very grateful for the support Kapiti Uniting Parish has given them and we are doing the same again this year. Please label each gift for a mother or for a child and also put the sex and approximate age of the child who would enjoy it. **Please put your gifts under the Christmas Tree by Sunday 16 December**

If you have a gift for a baby please put it in the **Little Sprouts box** which is on the floor under the Christmas Tree. These gifts will go to various charities who help families with vulnerable babies/infants.

Save the date - Parish BBQ, Sunday 10 February, Raumati Centre - following the 10 am Raumati service. Sausages, meat patties, onions, bread and butter, fruit juice, tea and coffee provided. Please bring a salad of your choice to share. Koha \$10 for families, adults \$5.

Babysitter required: We have recently moved to the area and are looking for babysitters for our ten year old girl. We are keen to make contact from any responsible adults - ideally 18+ minimum. We are also keen to meet families with children of similar ages and would be happy to share/help if you need babysitting from time to time. Babysitting could be done at our house or yours. Please contact Deb Hambly 0210 751 228.

Diary Dates

Monday 10 December

Parish Property Group	7 pm	Raumati
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Tuesday 11 December

Pastoral Care Group	10 am	Raumati
Thrifty Place	1 pm	Raumati
Parish Council	7.30 pm	Raumati

Wednesday 12 December

Cafe Playgroup	9.15 am	Hall, Paekakariki
Thrifty Place	1 pm	Raumati
Keep Fit	4 pm	Raumati

Thursday 13 December

Cafe Playgroup	9.30 am	Hall, Raumati
Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship	10 am	Raumati
Kapiti Fruit and Vege Co-op Pick Up	2.30 pm	Raumati

Friday 14 December

Cafe Playgroup	9.30 am	Lounge, Waikanae
Kapiti Counselling Service	10 am	14 Compass Court

Saturday 15 December

Thrifty Place (last day for 2018)	10 am	Raumati
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carols at cedarwood

17 PARATA STREET, WAIKANAЕ

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER 2018 - 6.30PM

FOLLOWED BY COFFEE CARTS & ICE CREAM

**A CAN OF FOOD TO SUPPORT THE KAPITI CHRISTMAS
FOODBANK APPEAL WOULD BE APPRECIATED**

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Moderator's Christmas Message

You are loved

Greetings

Christmas is always a day to look forward to with excitement and wonder: the cards, the carols, the decorations, the mood and the atmosphere leading up to 25 December.

In a sense, it is the anticipation and looking forward to two features of the season. Firstly, who is coming this Christmas, and, secondly, what will be received. This was my view and expectation as a child, and it probably still is today.

In many ways, it is reflective of that very first Christmas in Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph were overjoyed about the baby Jesus. They would've also been wondering who was coming to visit them.

Their reality was harsh and cruel. For the safety of their baby, they fled to Egypt.

In our world today, there is much similarity with that first Christmas.

We all aim and hope for quality time with family, and we anticipate receiving a card or a present.

But sometimes, the reality does not always go as planned.

For some of us, Christmas is a sad time.

When a loved one passed away.

When redundancy took place.

When the budgeting failed miserably.

When Mum and Dad called it quits, and went their separate ways.

The list goes on and on.

However, Christmas is for you this year.

You are not alone. You are loved.

May this be a new season for you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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