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November 2021

As I write this, my upper-most feeling is, what if I let it be, an overwhelming sense of uncertainty about future planning, about meetings, about family, in Auckland and in London.



About Christmas, about going about life, being together, enjoying each others' company, all the things we took for granted two years ago.

From where I stand, prayer and the company of like-minded people gives me courage and hope. A smile, laughter, even if it comes from behind a mask, is a very special gift we can give each other each day.

On-going pandemic situation

I like this. It comes from the Week of Prayer for World Peace hand-out, and there is much that is wise and inspired in it.

We pray for all those still affected and those supporting them in many ways.

Millions of people have asked themselves and each other where they might find God in the (Covid-19) crisis.

What comes to mind is the overflow, found in the suffering that the crisis has revealed, and the creative ways in which people have responded. I see an overflow of mercy spilling out in our midst and in some a new courage and compassion.

This fills me with hope that we might come out of this crisis better. But we have to see clearly, choose well and act right. From “Let us dream“ by Pope Francis.

We are privileged to live in a time when we can read and share the hopes and aspirations from Faith leaders from around the world.

God of the Covenant, you have called us to Faith, for just such a time as this. In these unfamiliar days may we re-commit ourselves to the calling for which you created us.

Kia Kaha,

Mary White, Parish Council Chairperson

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About People

We wish a happy birthday to all those in this parish celebrating birthdays in November and happy anniversary to those celebrating anniversaries this month. We hope you 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 are very pleased that Patricia Murray is now home from hospital and doing well.

We are very sorry to record the death of Bill Francis, a much loved and respected member of our parish. We know you will all join us in sending our deep sympathy to Mary and her family. Bill's funeral service was held at our church on Saturday 23 October.

Well, Spring is here and the sun is shining and summer is getting closer.

With our very best wishes to you all,

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



A lovely photo of Rev. Robin List and the late Rev. Bill Francis enjoying the sunshine at a Parish BBQ.

Waikanae News

The fair has been cancelled due to Covid; meanwhile, Sharon Marsden is selling, on the internet, goods for the Waikanae stalls that have been collected to date. This has already raised in excess of \$500 and is ongoing. Thanks Sharon!

Church interior painting will commence soon on a DIY basis, using hired scaffolding as needed. We are considering a “one colour” scheme, as used at Paekakariki, and will do the entrance foyer this way first to see how it works out. There is no existing matching paint, so we have a free hand in selecting a new colour. Covid will play its usual role in dictating timing of the work.

The rear yard fence needs replacement; this might possibly be funded by MOE grant as it is required for playgroup. It would be another DIY project. We are considering adding a gate, and moving the fence out further to increase the yard size.

Playgroup (Waikanae) is in need of a regular helper/s to set up/put away things on Friday mornings; anyone who would like to offer to help every Friday, or go on a roster to help occasional Fridays, please contact Marie Smith 04 905 7229 or email donmariesmith18@gmail.com.

In the near future we need a mowing contractor; efforts to find one have to date been unsuccessful, and we have only a temporary arrangement with Desmond Corrigan. Thanks Desmond for all your hard work with this and the gardening! Any suggestions for a mowing contractor would be appreciated.

On 21 November it will be a 110 year celebration service of the building of the Waikanae church (it has been on the present site for about 60 years); mark your calendar! This may involve cake! Some of our members are currently creating a special celebration service. As part of the research going on for this event a Waikanae site “land story” will also be developed, and archived for long term reference.

Ian Marsden

It's a milestone worth making a fuss about



Marie with Recruit Katie Lyttle

Nearly 80 years after she joined Police, trailblazer Marie Storey has celebrated her 100th birthday.

Last week, Marie – one of the stars of Police's 2016 celebrations of the 75th anniversary of women in Police – was guest of honour at a lunch of her fellow members

of Wellington Retired Police Members Club at the Royal New Zealand Police College (RNZPC).

She was presented with a bouquet by Recruit Katie Lyttle, of Wing 348 - the youngest female recruit currently at the RNZPC - on her own 21st birthday.

Marie was inspired to join Police when her police officer father came home one day in August 1941 and told her he had seen history being made with the swearing-in of the first intake of women.

She was one of 14 women who entered training in 1943 in the third intake. She was posted to Wellington Central, where she was attached to the detective branch.

Her career lasted only a few years as she had to leave to marry, as was the requirement in those days.

Deputy Commissioner Tania Kura presented Marie with a corsage and paid tribute to the pioneering women who did so much to forge policing as a worthwhile career for later generations joining – such as her own in 1987 and Katie's in 2021.

“The changes across policing in that time have been significant,” she said. “The shame for you is that you had to leave to marry – I still had to leave to ask permission to marry in 1990...”

“For me I have to say a whole load of thank-yous... for someone like me to be able to achieve, we needed you here to pave the way for us.”



Marie was accompanied at the lunch by her grandson-in-law Tony Musha and friend and neighbour Constable Jan Leatham.

She admitted she had woken up concerned in case no-one showed up. She needn't have worried – the event was at its COVID-19 Alert Level 2 capacity of 50, with

the aroha in the room as real a presence as the magnificent cake.

Club President JJ Taylor said it was a great turnout, and significant to see tributes paid by generations of Police represented by our highest-serving female constabulary member and the youngest female recruit on-site.

“Marie certainly understood the significance of New Zealand Police honouring her in this way,” he says.

He says although her Police career was short, it was a highlight for her – and former members of Police are always regarded as such, no matter what other occupations they have held.

“Marie is a wonderful woman - bright, alert and still very independent.

“She has been a keen committed member of the Wellington Retired Police Members Club for many years. She was granted life membership in recognition of her work for the club.

“When she speaks, members listen. We wish her many happy returns.”

First published on www.police.govt.nz

Pastoral email

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I have been advised of the death of Rev. William (Bill) Francis.

Bill was born in November 1929 and after leaving school attended Christchurch Teachers' College, gaining a Diploma in Teaching in 1954.

He then attended both Canterbury University and Victoria University part time and graduated with a BA.

Bill spent three years teaching at Johnsonville Primary School before entering the Theological Hall in 1956 – the same year he and Mary married.

He was ordained Missionary for the New Hebrides at St Paul's Church Christchurch on 17 December 1958.

Bill undertook mechanical training until he left for the New Hebrides (now Vanuatu) on 5 March 1959.

He served at Onesua High School as the 1st Assistant 1959; and the following year as Headmaster.

During his time in Onesua, Bill was, at various times, a member of different Assembly Committees in Vanuatu and in 1967 was elected to be Moderator of the General Assembly [of the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides], which was held at Onesua.

In the community, he was an active member of the Vila Cricket Club, promoted athletics and, along with others, was instrumental in setting up the New Hebrides Amateur Athletic Association. He was privileged to be manager of the athletic team to the South Pacific Games in Noumea in 1966.

(In 1998 he was awarded the Vanuatu Medal of Merit for his services to Vanuatu.)
The family returned to New Zealand in March 1968.

Bill was on the staff of Manawatu College, Foxton, from 1968-1970 before he took up a teaching position at Niue College in 1970, and then as Headmaster from 1971.



In 1972 Bill was called to Ellerslie - Mt Wellington Parish, Auckland Presbytery on 22 February 1973 and served there until he accepted a call to West Dunedin Union Parish, Wakari, Dunedin Presbytery in February 1979 until he resigned on 31 January 1984

He and Mary then returned to Vanuata to the Tangoa Bible College, Vanuatu 1984 to 1985 (Acting Principal 1984) before serving as the Minister of the English-speaking Congregational Christian Church of Western Samoa, Apia 1986 to 1987.

On their return, Bill undertook stated supply at Balmoral Church Auckland Presbytery before being inducted as minister in October 1988 until his retirement. He was granted the status of Minister Emeritus by Auckland Presbytery on 6 July 1992.

Bill and Mary moved to Raumati in 2008.

We give thanks for Bill's life and ministry and prayer for Mary and the family.

Wayne Matheson
Assembly Executive Secretary

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Parish Property Update

For Sale: St. James Church, 35 Ocean Road, Paekakariki

Tommy's Real Estate will market the property, which is to be sold by tender. The first "open home" weekend is 30/ 31 October, 11 am to 11.30am.

11 Robert Grove, Paraparaumu

This is the Parish house which is rented while there is no permanent minister in the Parish.

Unfortunately a valve in the shower in the bathroom was leaking for a while before the damp floor and wall was discovered. A bookcase in the lounge was against the wall so the damage was not readily noticed. The insurance assessor has viewed the damage and we are waiting for a quote from a builder. Walls and flooring will need to be replaced and also the shower cubicle.

It has been indicated that the insurance policy may not cover all the repairs. The excess is \$1,000. Part of the carpet had to be removed so the whole room will need to be recarpeted.

Marie Smith, Property and Finance Committee



St James Church, Paekakariki

The last day that the members of the Kapiti Uniting Parish who live in Paekakariki were able to use the St. James Church building was on Sunday 24 October 2021. Our thoughts and prayers are with them especially at this time of change.

Here is a short history of St. James:

1918 – Mrs Bond donated 16 perches of land to build a church at 35 Ocean Road Paekakariki. Construction started within three days of the trust meeting.

1919 - The church 30 feet x 20 feet was completed. Over the ensuing years many families have been involved in the life of the church and its various activities. Part of the Otaki Methodist Circuit.

1929 - The Sunday School had 31 scholars and the Church 13 members.

1930 - A combined village Bible class was started on Friday evenings.

1958 - 40th Church Anniversary: new church furniture dedicated, carpet laid and the church painted inside and out.

1959 – The Church leaves Paraparaumu Circuit and joins Porirua Methodist Circuit.

1961 - Was given the name St. James Methodist Church.

1966 - Addition of the church hall.

1975 - Front porch was added.

1977 - Porirua Circuit subdivided, Plimmerton-Paekakariki circuit formed.

1993 - 75 years celebrated with Sunday service, a dinner and fun and games evening in St. Peter's Hall.

1996 - St. James Church Paekakariki joined the Kapiti Uniting Parish.

2015 - An extensive maintenance project undertaken with voluntary time, skills, resources and donations.

2018 - St. James Church Paekakariki celebrated 100 years in the community.

2020 - The Kapiti Uniting Parish AGM confirmed the decision to close St. James Church, Paekakariki and that the building be sold.

We give thanks for the many people who have dedicated their lives to the work of the church in the community over all these years. Many people have been touched by this outreach into the community in so many ways. This now marks the end of an era but new ways will open up for the Kapiti Uniting Parish and the Paekakariki members.

Marie Smith, Property and Finance Group



Trade Aid

Ethical Shopping for Christmas



Have you been into the Trade Aid shop at Coastlands and seen the Christmas display? I encourage you to do so and talk to Vicki the shop manager and staff about possible purchases. They'll also be able to share the stories of producers and the impact that the Trade Aid partnership has made for them, their family and community.

Some of you will be aware of Black Friday sales coming up at the end of November. Trade Aid has a campaign saying 'No' to Black Friday sales. We are asking our community and customers to be thoughtful this Christmas.

Trade Aid is making an activist statement about Black Friday - we're saying no to Black Friday. We're saying no to big sales because mass-consumerism makes an unfair world. Instead, we sell quality goods at a fair price, all year round. We believe in the power of every single person to change the future. Every positive choice makes the world a little better. Small steps lead to big change. We believe mass-consumerism hurts people and our planet. Buying cheap allows big retail to squeeze the little guys and our local industries which can't compete with such big loss-

leading sales. Buying good products made in a fair, sustainable way makes life better for everyone, protects our beautiful earth, and our way of life.

Buy good. Live green. Be kind. Speak up. Make change.

Marg Lees, Trade Aid shopper and Trustee

Parish Fair Cancelled

The Parish Fair Committee has made the decision to cancel the Fair due to the current Level 2 Covid-19 restrictions.

We are considering holding a Garage Sale in March 2022.



We will be holding a **Plant Sale** outside Thrifty Place on Saturday 20 November, 10 am to 12.30 pm. If you have any plants, produce, flowers or gardening equipment/pots to donate please deliver either on the morning of the sale from 9 am or to the office on Friday 19 November.
Contact Kate in the office 902 5809.

If you have any donations of **fine china and glassware and bric-a-brac**, that you had been saving for the Fair, please contact Sharon Marsden who will instead sell online on behalf of the Parish.

Please contact Sharon on 027 5009 333 to arrange collection.

If you have been saving items for the **books and garage sale stalls** at the Fair, please consider donating them to Thrifty Place.

Thrifty Place has been busy and we are always in need of new stock.

If you require collection of items, please phone Kay McIntosh 299 9003 or Derek 021 124 4091, otherwise Thrifty Place is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 am to 4 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 12.30 pm. Goods can also be dropped into the office 9 am to 12 pm Monday to Friday.

Springtime Word Search

Bible FLOWERS and TREES

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Words may cross each other, read horizontally, vertically, diagonally, or backwards. X may mark a space or full-stop.

Complete sentence below from unused letters.

The _____ on the earth

(Songs of Soloman 2:12)

Answer on page 18

Raumati Church - Jobs to be done - November

As I am not able to currently do much manual work due to health problems I am listing the jobs that currently need doing to maintain the Raumati Church property. If any parishioner could offer to help with any of these jobs I will be pleased to speak with them.

Derek Townsend

021 1244 091 or mtrnz@outlook.com

- Quotes for painting church
- Quotes for cleaning church, meeting rooms and hall
- Quote for driveway replacement (long term)
- Quote for western emergency door
- Water blast rear path and steps (water blaster provided)
- Handrail on shed concrete steps
- Centre rail on hall handrail
- Extend handrail on pulpit
- Replacement CD player for sound desk
- Clean out Valley Road storage shed to tip
- Hooks and eyes on passageway doors (4)
- Replace vertical blinds in main church

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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

Everyone welcome!



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12 October 2021

Kia ora and warm greetings

This week we have a massive push for vaccination with the Government initiative:

Super Saturday: Get vaccinated | Unite against COVID-19

Where does the PCANZ stand on this? While we have no official policy the biblical text has plenty that can help us in our decision making.

Firstly, there is the central tenant of love for neighbour. In this case, our thinking needs to be very focused on what will help keep our neighbours safe.

Secondly, there is the biblical call to respect those who govern us. In this case political parties from a variety of sides of the political spectrum are united around the need for as many as possible to get vaccinated. And they are strongly supported by the vast majority of people working in the medical and scientific sectors.

I urge you to consider these 2 elements of biblical faith very carefully in your decision making.

I have made my choice - for the sake of my neighbours (children, grandchildren, parishioners, golf club members, people I pass in the supermarket, people with underlying conditions or who need hospital beds for non-COVID related issues) I have taken seriously the advice of political leadership and I got vaccinated as soon as I could!

There is another biblical tenant that is so important at this time – the call to pray for our nation. I know that has been ongoing in the churches during this COVID season but it would be great for that to become a very concerted effort this week – a SUPER SUNDAY – Let's Pray

I have also found the latest statement of The Inter Church Bioethics Council helpful and have attached that for your consideration.

Editor: Copy of the attachment is available from the office.

Hamish Galloway
Moderator
Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa NZ



Christian World Service

The Gifted brochure and the CWS Christmas Appeal envelope will be included in the December/January Together.

If you wish to view the Gifted catalogue now visit <https://cws.org.nz/get-involved/give/gifted/>

Raumati Women's Morning Fellowship

Thursday 11 November, 10 am

Bill Day will speak about the new Children's Hospital in Wellington, a very interesting topic.

Contact Merrill Baker, 902 4134.
All welcome.

E-Prayer Requests

“God, however we see you or fail to see you, you are always there”

A group from your Parish family receive 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



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.

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November: 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



November: for your diary

**Due to Covid alert levels, diary dates may be cancelled.
Please phone the office or check with the convenor.**

Wed 3rd	1.30 pm	Raumati Committee, Raumati
Mon 8th	1.30 pm	Board Games
Tue 9th	10 am	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
Wed 10th	1.30 pm	Property and Finance, Raumati
Thur 11th	10 am	Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship, Raumati
Tue 16th	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship
Thur 18th	9.30 am	Parish Council, Raumati
Fri 19th		Deadline for December/January Together
Mon 22nd	1.30 pm	Board Games
Tue 23rd	10 am	Preachers Meeting
Fri 26th	10 am	Folding and distribution of December/January Together

The Afternoon Women's Fellowship is cancelled for November and a Christmas Café Lunch will be held in December.

November Services

Date	Waikanae 9.30 am	United@9 9 am	Raumati 10 am
7th	Rosalie Sugrue	Carole Rudings and Maureen Calhaem	Colin Anderson
14th	Rev. Doug Lendrum HC	Rev. Roger Wiig HC	
21st	110th Anniversary Service	Maureen Calhaem	Rev. Barrie Keenan
28th	Rev. Doug Lendrum	Rev. Robin/ Heather List	Barrie Woods

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