



**KAPITI UNITING PARISH**

Christian Churches of NZ - Methodist - Presbyterian

**TOGETHER**

December 2021-January 2022

The Ministry Settlement Board of the Kapiti Uniting Parish is excited to announce that it has identified a candidate to become our Minister. We recommend that the parish call the Reverend Anna Gilkison to the position. This has been approved by a meeting of the Parish Council and a congregational meeting will take place to vote on her call. **Anna has been invited to Preach to the Call on Sunday, 12 December at a parish-wide service in Raumati, at 10 am. There will be a chance to meet Anna informally before the service. The congregational meeting will take place immediately after the service and members will have the opportunity to vote as to whether or not the parish calls Anna to be its next minister.**



Anna is currently Senior Minister at Hutt City Uniting Congregations. Prior to that, she was minister at Johnsonville Uniting Church for 10 years and previously Minister at Mairangi Bay Presbyterian Church. She has an impressive list of qualifications over and above degrees in Arts and Theology, including Certificates in Adult Education, Māori Language and English Language Teaching. She has been active in both Methodist and Presbyterian women's groups and many members will have come into contact with her there.

Part of Anna's first introduction to the parish was the Minister and Parish Profile which we compiled a year and a half ago when we started this process. As part of her application process, she wrote the following in response:

## Minister Profile

- *An Inspired Preacher*

Preaching is in my blood. I come from a long line of inspirational preachers. In my ministry worship always comes first. Inspiration comes from a number places - the Bible, looking within, reading and studying, the people I work with.

Inspiration also comes from the realities of the present moment. I 'read' the world continuously from a spiritual perspective.

What are the needs? Where is the wisdom? What will heal wounds, bring life, sow seeds of peace?

- *Wide theological perspective*

I am experienced at working in parishes with a theologically diverse membership. I always look for the meeting ground between myself and others, a place where I listen and learn as much as I speak and teach. Accessibility is a core value of my ministry. It informs my worship, pastoral relationships, policy-making and community involvement.

By accessibility I mean that as a minister I am a channel of God's grace in the lives of others. It is my responsibility to keep that channel clear of attitudes and actions which might be a hindrance to others.

I am always learning and growing. Recently I was the co-organiser of a series of extremely successful talks by Professor Joan Taylor on her recent findings as a scholar of the New Testament period, in particular the times that Jesus lived in.

I am currently reading John Philip Newell's latest book, 'Sacred Earth Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for reawakening to what our souls know and healing the World'.

- *Vision for the Future*

If I come to Kapiti Uniting my first priority would be to build a relationship with the people of the parish. I am good at understanding groups and at seeing the larger picture. But only after I felt we had got to know one another at a deeper level would I engage in conversations

about the future for Kapiti Uniting. It would also, obviously, involve getting to know the local communities I would be working in.

- *Leadership*

I am a strong leader and my leadership style is to work closely with others in all areas of congregational life. There is always a community of leadership in a parish. I see it as the minister's job to take responsibility for the well-being of that community so that together, leaders and minister, we can strengthen and support the ministry of the congregations.

We are all attempting 'to do our best for God's work' (to quote the Profile).

## **Parish Profile**

Highlights for me when I read the Parish Profile are numerous. It is a strong church with more than one worship centre. As a minister I like to assist churches in staying open and remaining available to local communities. I have considerable experience with planning the worship leadership for multiple sites. I am also adept at leading worship in a variety of contexts while respecting the worship culture of each place of worship. My experience of worship leadership has been varied to a unique degree and includes a big range of worship styles.

The predominant age range of the Kapiti Uniting congregations is one of the reasons I feel called to this ministry position. I have always valued the extraordinary gifts of church members with considerable life experience and a long history of contributing to faith communities. These are the very people who have ensured the continuing strength of our Presbyterian and Methodist

## **Churches**

At the same time I have a natural ability to relate to young families and great respect for parents who combine the demands of parenting with the requirements of their faith. I love children and would certainly be interested in looking at ways to interact with families and children in response to their needs in the Kapiti area.

Another aspect of Kapiti Uniting which resonates with me is the exceptional involvement in the local community. It shows a real heart for the people of Kapiti and a desire to contribute to the quality of their lives.

As a minister and as a person I have a deep sense of connection to the world in which I exercise my ministry. Kapiti Uniting is a parish with many opportunities to exercise leadership hand in hand with others whose faith keeps them searching for new and better ways to witness to the Good News which Christ continues to embody in our embattled world.

***We ask that as many people as possible attend the service on 12 December. You must be there in order to vote on this important issue. It is unfortunate that proxy votes are not possible.***

*Cathy Drummond, KUP Ministry Settlement Board*

## **Christmas Presents for Women's Refuge**



Again this year we are hoping Kapiti Uniting members will support the Women's Refuge by donating Christmas presents for the families they assist over the Christmas period.

Presents for children are welcome but the Refuge says they would be especially grateful for presents for teenagers and mothers.

You can label each gift for a mother, teenager, boy or girl, as in the past, or you can just leave the gift unwrapped and put it under the Christmas Tree as the Women's Refuge workers will see which gift is suitable for each mother or young person.

Women's Refuge is always very grateful for the presents we donate.

**Please put the gifts under the Christmas Tree by  
Sunday 12 December**



# Kapiti Uniting Parish

## Christmas service times



### **Raumati Church**

10 Weka Road

Christmas Eve 11.15 pm

Christmas Day 9.30 am

### **Waikanae Church**

Corner of Ngapaki and Taiata Street

Christmas Day 9 am



[www.kup.org.nz](http://www.kup.org.nz)

Phone 04 902 5809

## About People

We wish happy birthday to all those in this parish celebrating birthdays in December and happy anniversary to those celebrating anniversaries this month. We hope you enjoy your special occasions! We also wish everyone in our Parish a very peaceful and joyful Christmas.

We think of those members suffering poor health and those in hospital and we wish you all a speedy recovery. We are very pleased to report that Marie Storey will be home from hospital by the end of November.

We are very sorry to record the death of Rosalie Boston, a respected member of our parish. She and Mikayla will be missed. We know you will all join us in sending our sincere sympathy to Tony, Andrea and Rebecca and to Mark, Melanie and Luke in Australia. Rosalie's funeral service on 17 November was taken by Roger Wiig and well attended.

The sun is shining again and summer will soon be here, enjoy!

With our very best wishes to you all for the festive season and the New Year



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



### Thank you!

Marie Storey wishes to say a very big thank you to all the lovely people who sent her special cards, lovely flowers and gifts in celebration of her recent 100th birthday. So many to acknowledge, please accept her very grateful thanks.

*Marie Storey, courtesy of the November Touchstone*

## Waikanae News

The Waikanae Playgroup is still 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 on occasional Fridays, please contact Marie Smith (04 905 7229, donmariesmith18@gmail.com)

A mowing contractor has been engaged for Waikanae lawns; this is "Crewcut" who currently also do the Raumati lawns. A big thanks to Desmond Corrigan who has been mowing the lawns and tending the garden in the interim.

In other good news, our neighbour on the west side (the ocean side) has indicated they would like to remove the troublesome boundary hedge and replace it with a 6 foot fence, at their own cost. We intend to accept this offer, with thanks.

We are purchasing a heat pump for the church to replace the costly and inadequate overhead black heaters. The heat pump is currently on special and the budget is expected to be only about \$4,000 all up, including a 7-day timer system for automatic start-up a couple of hours before the service. This proposal has been approved by Parish Council; the maintenance budget will be reduced to accommodate it, and some of the maintenance will instead be done DIY. Paint and wood has been purchased with a view to starting soon; the first task will be refurbishing the entry foyer. The colour will be ¼ Dutch White, which is a very good match to the existing paint on the church interior.

On Sunday 21 November we celebrated the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Waikanae church building with a special service. See story on page 8.

As you have no doubt heard, since the fair was cancelled, Sharon Marsden has been selling online the various goods that had been accumulated for the Waikanae stalls. Funds raised were: Children's stall \$62.50, Bric-a-brac \$545 and Fine China \$522, making a total \$1,129.50. Much of the goods came from sources other than parishioners, and it is encouraging to see members of the general community supporting the church. *Ian Marsden*

## Waikanae Church 110-year Anniversary

I could feel the anticipation in the air at church on 21 November.

I came a bit early to see if anyone needed a hand with anything, and besides, I was the minister's steward. I scanned in and walked into the church.

I saw a few people setting up the tech and readying preaching notes, music, and props. The orders of service were laid out, and everything looked well-organised. I went through to take a peek at the lounge, where the all-important morning tea would be taking place later, and I wasn't disappointed! All the tables were set up to seat groups of four, dainty plates and forks and colourful serviettes graced the place settings. Half a dozen large plastic storage containers groaned with food on the servery. It looked festive and filled with cheer. The turnout was better than we had hoped—we had 33 people attending, including neighbours of the congregation, and a couple from next door to church.

Diana Roberts with her beaming smile led an interactive, joyous, and God-honouring service, with Desmond Corrigan treating us to a historically interesting presentation on





the early church on the Coast, and the part the Waikanae Church played. The best picture was of the church on the back of a gigantic trailer: no roof, stuck in the beach sand at the stream mouth, with the truck on the other side, none of it going anywhere. Three or four men were standing around looking back at the church, and you can tell their anxiety to this day from the elbows-out, hands-on-head poses as they wondered what they would do. It was late in the day and the tide was rising!

The singing was also great (*Rejoice in the Lord always, and Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord* among others) and afterwards the congregation said their goodbyes to Ansie Esterhuizen, whose last day it was.

Morning tea was a huge blessing, with wonderful food and lots of conversations and reminiscing about the church's former days. It was quite poignant having several people point out to me in photo albums on the back table, their mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, and friends from past days, now all gone. Everyone was well pleased with the good company and the historical occasion. Our great thanks to all the pixies in the kitchen and behind the scenes to make it all come to fruition!

(Oh yes, the church movers eventually called in a bulldozer, which escorted the church from the beach to its current location in the knick of time!)

*Renata Joyner*



## Waikanae Women's Fellowship



*Back row, left to right: Marie Smith, Waveney Bowman, Heather Freeman, Rosemary Wells, Ansie Esterhuizen, Marylyn Watling, Shirley Clarke, Judith Bradley, Diana Roberts, Renata Joyner  
Seated: Cynthia Brooks, Betty Johnson, Jenny Daglish. Absent: Sue Hodgson*

On the morning of 16 November, Marie Smith hosted the Waikanae Women's Fellowship at her home in Waikanae. We had 14 people in all, 13 women plus Don Smith who took on many roles for us, including doorman, waiter, and kitchen hand. Thank you, Don & Marie!

After lots of talking together, we had devotions led by Marie, and then went around the room, sharing memories of Christmases we'd spent outside of New Zealand. We pretty much covered the globe: New Caledonia, England, Europe, South Africa, the US and Canada, Australia, Ellice Islands (Tuvalu), the Middle East and a few others.

One of our ladies, Ansie Esterhuizen, was attending the fellowship group for the last time, as she is relocating to Australia to be closer to family, so we gave Ansie the opportunity to tell us more about her move and wished her all God's best for the future.



The food, of course, was epic. Diana Roberts laid on chicken, asparagus, homemade dressing, buns, wholegrain bread, cheese, sausage rolls, fresh cherry tomatoes, dip and crackers, along with fruit juices and bubbly infusions. For dessert (as if we needed it), Marie presented us with a homemade marshmallow cake (yum), ice cream, chocolates, and monster

strawberries. It was heartening and uplifting to see such a great turnout of our ladies, many of whom had been unwell, and we talked and ate and didn't go home until two o'clock. It was really a blessed time together.

*Renata Joyner*

## **Raumati Women's Morning Fellowship Christmas meeting**

*Thursday, 9th December at 10am*



Please bring along a gift for Women's Refuge, either for a child or mother. They would particularly like gifts for teenagers or mothers.

Please label who the gift would be for.  
All welcome.

## **E-Prayer Requests**

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](mailto:billandmary262@gmail.com)

Merrill Baker 902 4134 or [amkram.nz@gmail.com](mailto:amkram.nz@gmail.com)

Mary White 298 7727 or [marywhite@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marywhite@xtra.co.nz)

The requests will remain confidential and names will not be used without your permission. *Mary White, E-Prayer Group*

## Lighten her Load with Joy and Justice

*“Seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow”. Isaiah 1:17*

The 2021 Christmas Appeal is for people living on the frontline of climate change, struggling to survive through disaster and the pandemic. The last year has been tough for many people.

Christian World Service’s local partners have worked hard to meet their needs. They have delivered food rations, sanitation supplies and taught isolated communities how to be safe or grow gardens. It is work that is needed more than ever.

Your gifts this Christmas could buy seeds and agro-ecological training for small farmers adapting to a changing climate. Or train people to understand and claim their legal rights, and campaign for street lights and safe drinking water for people afraid of violence and disease.

Families have faced years of conflict and uncertainty. They have worked hard but lost ground. The Covid-19 pandemic has pushed many to the brink of despair.

Who knows what would have happened to Muneeswari if she had not found the support of the local women’s *sangam* (association), trained by the Women Development Resource Centre. She may have lost her low paid and irregular job as an agricultural labourer or faced more violence from the supervisor who treated her so brutally.

**Please give generously in the envelope provided or donate on line. Share joy and justice this Christmas, giving people decent livelihoods and a say over the decisions that affect them. Thank you.**





Kapiti Uniting Parish

# Children's Christmas Carol Service



Join us for afternoon tea,  
Christmas carols and a story

---

Wednesday 8 December, 2.45 pm - 4 pm  
Raumati Church, 10 Weka Road

Cafe style afternoon tea  
served from 2.45 pm  
Carols and story at 3.20 pm

Free event  
All ages welcome

[www.kup.org.nz](http://www.kup.org.nz)



## 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

Parish Council Chair:	Mary White	298 7727
Parish Council Secretary:	Jan Rae	298 2562
Treasurer:	Cathy Drummond	299 3867
	kuptreasurer@gmail.com	
Envelope Secretary:	Ralph Martin	904 8361
Together Editor:	Kate Foley	
	kapitiuniting@outlook.com	902 5809
Counselling Centre:	Kapiti Counselling Centre, Raumati	902 5809

### Parish Office Contact

Parish Office phone:	902 5809
Parish Office Administrator:	Kate Foley
Address:	10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach
Office hours:	Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 12 noon
Office e-mail:	kapitiuniting@outlook.com
Parish website:	www.kapitiunitingparish.org.nz
Waikanae Church	Corner of Ngapakī and Taiata Streets, Waikanae

This Together magazine was delivered to you by.....

Phone .....

## December/January: regular events

Mondays	9.30 am	Raumati Music Café Playgroup, last day 5 December.
	11 am-4 pm	Thrifty Place
Thursdays	9.30 am	Raumati Café Playgroup, last day 9 December
	11 am-4 pm	Thrifty Place
	2.30-3 pm	Fruit and Vege Co-op pick up
Fridays	9.30 am	Waikanae Café Playgroup, last day 10 December
Saturdays	10 am-12.30 pm	Thrifty Place



## December: for your diary

Wed 1st	1.30 pm	Raumati Committee, Raumati
Tue 7th	12 noon	Afternoon Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch, Café Palms, Kapiti Lights
Wed 8th	1.30 pm	Property and Finance, Raumati
	2.45 pm	Children's Christmas Carol service, Raumati
Thur 9th	10 am	Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship, Raumati
Sat 11th	12.30 pm	Thrifty Places closes for 2021
Mon 13th	1.30 pm	Board Games
Tue 14th	10 am	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
Mon 20th	9.30 am	Parish Council, Raumati (Date TBC)
Fri 24th	12 noon	Parish office closes for 2021

## January: for your diary

Mon 10th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings home
Tues 11th	11 am	Thrifty place opens for 2022
Thur 13th	9 am	Parish Office opens for 2022
Tue 18th	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship, venue TBC
Fri 21st		<b>Deadline for February Together</b>
Mon 24th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings home
Fri 28th	10 am	Folding and distribution of February Together



## December Services



<b>Date</b>	<b>Waikanae 9.30 am</b>	<b>United@9 9 am</b>	<b>Raumati 10 am</b>
<b>5th Advent 2</b>	Ian Marsden	Rosalie Sugrue	Rev. Roger Wiig
<b>8th</b>	Children's Christmas Carol Service Rev. Tony Wood, Raumati <b>2.45 pm</b>		
<b>12th Advent 3</b>	Parish Combined Service, Raumati <b>10 am</b>		
<b>19th Advent 4</b>	Rev. John Roberts Lessons and Carols	Rev. Doug Lendrum, Raumati <b>10 am</b>	
<b>Friday 24th Christmas Eve</b>	Rev. Roger Wiig, Raumati <b>11.15 pm</b>		
<b>Saturday 25th Christmas Day</b>	Rev. John and Diana Roberts <b>9 am</b>	Rev. Roger Wiig Raumati <b>9.30 am</b>	

## January Services

<b>Date</b>	<b>Waikanae 9.30 am</b>	<b>United@9 9 am</b>	<b>Raumati 10 am</b>
<b>2nd Christmas 2</b>	Ian Marsden	Colin Anderson Raumati <b>10 am</b>	
<b>9th Epiphany 1</b>	Rev. Ken Irwin	Rev. Roger Wiig Raumati <b>10 am</b>	
<b>16th Epiphany 2</b>	Rosalie Sugrue	Rev. Robin and Heather List Raumati <b>10 am</b>	
<b>23rd Epiphany 3</b>	Rev. Roger Wiig	Syd Mephram Raumati <b>10 am</b>	
<b>30th Epiphany 4</b>	Barrie Woods	Maureen Calhaem	Rev. Tony Wood