



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

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TOGETHER

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As the new light of Matariki arises
May it be to you a sign of resurrection and new life.
May it be to you a sign of hope in times of darkness.

May it be to you a sign of the wondrous mystery
of Atua who loves you.

May it be to you a sign that the eyes of the Eternal One
are ever upon you and that the presence
of the Holy One is ever with you.

And may this be the cause of your rejoicing.

From the Minister's desk

The Parish's 39th Anniversary Service on Sunday 11th June was a well-attended and joyful celebration of the Uniting of our Methodist and Presbyterian churches to create our parish.

During the service parish members shared with us their particular roles and the way they serve in the parish. Thank you to Desmond Corrigan, Mary White, Maureen Calheim, Diana Roberts and Carole Rudings for showing us their examples of the many and varied activities and duties taking place in our parish.

After the service there was a Special General Meeting, details of which are on the next page.

The Meeting was followed by a buffet lunch which was much enjoyed, sharing food and socialising with parishioners from both Waikanae and Raumati churches



We were blessed with a beautiful day with warmth and sunshine streaming through the Hall windows





Lyn, Pam and Carole working hard in the kitchen making tea and coffee for everyone, thank you

Looking ahead, next year will be the 40th Anniversary of our Parish and we will be celebrating this milestone with special events over the weekend of 8 and 9 June 2024.

For this we will need to come up with ideas and with ways of implementing them. We have so many great organisers and planners in our Parish that I would like to form an Anniversary Committee – if anyone would like to be a member of this committee then please let Fiona in the office know.

With blessings to all as we look forward to another united year of worship and fellowship in our parish.

Important Parish Council Notice

The Special General Meeting of Kapiti Uniting Parish was held in the Raumati church at the conclusion of the Parish Anniversary service on 11 June. At the meeting the Parish Council decided to withdraw the motion to insure the Raumati Church buildings (excluding Thrifty Place) for functional replacement (also known as Agreed Value) in 2023/24.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions

About People

It is with sadness we heard of the passing of Hans Peters on the 27 June. Our love and prayers are with Annie and the family at this sad time.

Happy Birthday to all those celebrating these in July, including Mary White, Isobel Robertson, Ailsa Tanner, Robin List, Heather List, Barbara Nicol and Merrill Baker.

Congratulations to George and Daphne Forster celebrating 65 years of marriage – their Blue Sapphire Anniversary



To those other couples celebrating Anniversaries *our congratulations and very best wishes to you.*

Our prayers are with all who are unwell.

Gordon Solloway is now in the Care Home at Coastal Villas.
Patricia Murray is expecting to have time in Kenepuru hospital before returning to Winara.

Marie Storey has returned home from Kenepuru Hospital.

Diana Gilberd is currently in Wellington hospital awaiting a bed in a care home.

Very good wishes to you all
Merrill Baker for the Pastoral Team.

What's happening in Waikanae?

Building our Waikanae community. Waikanae is growing! Two new retirement villages are underway, with advertising billboards for the Summerset Waikanae Park complex already in Coastlands. Hundreds of new houses are springing up on Waikanae North subdivisions.

How do we nurture a sense of community amongst more than a thousand newcomers to our place?

The Kapiti District Council are planning a Waikanae Community Hub as a part of the development of the new library facilities in the heart of Waikanae Village. They are asking us to let them know what our priorities are for the new centre. Surely community connection is top of the list, because our wellbeing as individuals and a nation relies heavily on positive, repeated contact with others. Our church community needs to respond to this call.



Our church family is strengthening its community through Women's Fellowship and Soup Group activities, and in our worship services and morning teas.



We held a Refugee Sunday service on 25 June, noting that Levin is one of the designated resettlement communities for refugees.

Matariki

The Waikanae Worship Group will be leading a Matariki Service on Sunday 16 July, with Matariki Merriment to follow.

There will be pizza and popcorn to accompany the screening of several Waikanae Golden Oldies Moviemakers films which feature members of the congregation in unexpected roles!

Diana Roberts

Andrew Doubleday, Executive Officer of Uniting Churches of Aotearoa NZ

Andrew will be visiting our parish on Saturday, 8th July. Please join us for a special morning tea in the Meeting Room at 10 am to meet Andrew and to hear from him about his vision for Uniting Churches. It will also be an opportunity for us to raise with him our concerns about insurance.

This is an informal occasion. Andrew is good company and it is very kind of him to make this time to get to know us.

Everyone is invited and we would appreciate a good number of attendees out of respect for the effort he is making on our behalf.

Raumati Women's Fellowship

The Raumati Women's Fellowship is holding its annual luncheon at the Infinite Cafe, Rosetta Rd, Raumati Beach, on Thursday 13 July at 12.30pm. Numbers in to Merrill by Sunday 9 July, please, 04 902 4134, 027 3532307.

Questions are good. Answers can surprise

A couple of emails in my 'inbox' recently purported to be from my bank. They suggested that my account had been 'locked' because 'the bank' had identified some suspicious activity that may have been fraudulent. The invitation of course was to click on 'the link' that would take me directly to the bank's web site where I could review the activity and 'unlock' the account. Needless to say, I immediately deleted those emails, checked my bank account and of course it hadn't been 'locked' nor was there any activity that I hadn't initiated.



We have all been warned about scammers and the danger of handing over any personal or bank details either on the phone or the internet. Sadly some don't take those warnings seriously and get caught; sometimes for very big sums!

The internet has its dangers. The increasing number of scams and disinformation means we must ask questions about what we are hearing, what we are experiencing, what we are finding on our computers or phones.

That shouldn't be difficult for Christians. We should have developed good skills asking questions about our faith, the Bible and prayer, about worship and belonging to the church, about what it all means and what it does for us and others. Questions are critical. The truth and the meaning of the bible and our faith is something we have to discover for ourselves. We can only do that with probing questions.

Sometimes the answers will surprise us. New insights, new ways of thinking that might lead on to our being stronger when somebody wants to dupe us, or scam us, and stronger and clearer in our faith when we are wanting to apply it, or share it.

So keep up the questioning and remember that faith is something we have to discover. Its beauty and truth will surprise us.

Kāpiti Coast District Council are reviewing Easter Trading hours

We have been invited to make a submission on this as a Parish and this will be on the agenda for the July Parish Council meeting .

If you have something to say about this you can speak to a Parish Council member before that meeting.

All Parish members can put in an individual submission at [Easter Sunday Shop Trading | Have Your Say | Kāpiti Coast \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz)

Trade Aid



Kapiti Trade Aid's Chair, Catherine Brabham cutting the cake with Geoff White, Trade Aid CEO

Last month Kapiti Trade Aid celebrated 50 years since the establishment of Trade Aid in New Zealand. Kapiti Uniting has had close ties with our local Trade Aid shop. Both Stuart Grant and

Don Nichol attended the Kapiti shop opening in 2015 and Don continued to keep us in touch with the shop through Together articles over a number of years. Many of our parishioners shop at Trade Aid and currently we have Kate Foley, Mike Copeland and myself on the Kapiti Trade Aid trust

How much do you know of the history of Trade Aid?

It was founded by Christchurch couple Vi and Richard Cottrell who were living in Northern India working with organisations helping the 100,000 displaced Tibetan refugees after the Chinese takeover. These peoples were living in settlements in areas like Northern India where they had to find a way to earn a living so they turned to skills passed down from generations. Artisans banded together to produce beautiful hand-crafted products and they became self-reliant in the process.



Vi and Richard Cottrell with the Dalai Lama

Upon returning to New Zealand in 1972, Vi and Richard wanted to find a way to continue to help those they had worked with overseas. They gathered their friends, cleared out their garage in preparation for artisan handcrafts from around the world. In the early days Trade Aid had strong links and support from CORSO locally, using some of their shops and storage. Trade Aid started as a social enterprise, before anyone knew what a social enterprise was and well before the term fair trade had even been coined.

UK-based Oxfam helped Trade Aid with potential partners to trade with. The first partnership was with CORR The Jute Works in Bangladesh. Over the years this partner has assisted thousands of artisans to become economically independent, helped their communities and ensured that their children have received education. And here's the real Fair Trade success story - this partner is now assisting other less fortunate people. In Bangladesh, as a result of climate change and repeated flooding, many people

have been displaced and have lost their homes and livelihood. CORR is helping some of these people – giving them hope, through providing them with work and a chance to move forward. Trade Aid will continue to champion ethical and sustainable trading practices, and to make a positive impact on the world that will benefit both producers and consumers for years to come.

*Marg Lees
Trade Aid shopper and trustee.*

Fruit and Vege Co-op Kāpiti keeps up with growing demand

This article was first published by the Kapiti News and written by David Haxton, Editor.

It's midday in the St Paul's Anglican Church hall and a group of volunteers are hard at work. They're working in the nerve centre of the flourishing Fruit and Vege Co-op Kāpiti. It's a military operation every Thursday as a variety of fruit and vegetables are taken out of boxes and placed into bags.



Christine Bull with a box of fruit and vegetables. Photo / David Haxton

When the *Kāpiti News* visited, the team were filling 251 bags, which was the most they've done since the branch started. It's demanding work but the volunteers are a happy bunch as they chat and ensure each bag gets the right amount of food.

The bags are then transported by vehicle to three other pickup areas – Ōtaki, Waikanae and Raumati Beach – where customers collect their pre-ordered \$15 bags, place the contents into their own bag and take them home mid-afternoon.

This weekly supply of fruit and vegetables has grown in popularity, especially now the cost of living is rising.

The Kāpiti branch started in 2017 at the Paraparaumu Baptist Church before moving to St Paul's Anglican Church, in Kāpiti Rd. When it started 60 bags were filled but the demand has grown so much that the number is 220 to 230 bags in recent weeks. The fruit and vegetables come from Market Gardens Wellington, a group of local growers that sell to the co-op at wholesale prices.

Any perception the fruit and vegetables were for people less well off couldn't be further from the truth. "It's for absolutely everyone and a chance to help people make their dollars go a little bit further."

There were a variety of reasons volunteers helped out.

"Someone told me it was a reason to get out of bed. For others, it's a chance to serve the community.

"And customers love picking up a bag and seeing what's inside. One person described it like Christmas every week."

For more information please visit our Parish website:

<https://www.kapitiunitingparish.org.nz/kapiti-fruit-and-vege-co-op>

Pick up from our Raumati Church is each Thursday 2.30 pm to 3 pm and run by Kate Foley.

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 and Penny Currier.
Phone 04 902 5809.

Message about Touchstone

Over recent months we have been assessing the costs associated with producing *Touchstone* as increased printing and distribution costs, combined with lower returns on investments, have impacted our ability to continue sending papers free-of-charge. We proposed introducing a subscription model and had hoped that would enable us to continue printing the paper, however fewer than 2000 people / parishes committed to paying for the publication and so it has proven to be no longer viable for us to publish. The Methodist Publishing Board this week reached the following decision:

That printing and posting *Touchstone* is discontinued immediately. From July, *Touchstone* will be available via the online blog style format that is currently accessible from the MCNZ website. In addition, a pared-back version of the monthly publication will be created as an A4 PDF (10 pages / 20-sides). This PDF attachment will be emailed to all contacts on the Connexional Office database, and those contacts on the dedicated *Touchstone* distribution list, so that parish contacts can print off the pages and distribute to those parishioners and readers who prefer a printed copy and / or do not have access to a digital forum.

The creation and dispatch of two, monthly versions of *Touchstone* will be trialled until December 2023, when the MPB will review the decision. It is envisaged that many readers may transition to the standard blog style online format over the coming months.

Although we recognise this decision will be disappointing to those members of the Connexion who responded favourably to receiving copies of *Touchstone* for a subscription fee, we trust that the option of an attached PDF will enable those that prefer a print version of *Touchstone* to continue to share in the news, views and life of Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa.

Ngā mihi nui

Pauline McKay, Acting Convenor Methodist Publishing Board

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Kapiti Horticultural Society June Meeting

Will be on Friday July 7th from 7-9pm in the lower meeting room at Raumati. Free Entry.

Bill Brett will talk about fruit trees – pruning, selection, care and pests and diseases.

Followed by product competitions, raffles, sales table and supper.

July Services

	Waikanae 9.30am	United@9 9am	Raumati 10am
2nd	Maureen Calhaem HC	Rev Anna Gilkison HC	
9th	Heather List	Carole Rudings and Kate Foley	Rev Anna Gilkison
16th Matariki	Worship Team	Rev Robin List	Barrie Woods
23rd	Maureen Calhaem	Rev Anna Gilkison	Rev Anna Gilkison
30th	Rev Anna Gilkison	Heather List	Rev Roger Wiig

July: regular events

Tuesdays	10am - 12pm 11am - 4pm	Women's Craft Group, Raumati Thrifty Place
Thursdays	9.30 - 11.30am 11am - 4pm 2.30-3pm	Raumati Playgroup Thrifty Place Fruit and Vege Coop pick up, Raumati
Fridays	9.30 - 11.30am	Waikanae Playgroup
Saturdays	10.30 - 1pm	Thrifty Place

July: for your diary

8 th	10.00am	Visit of Andrew Doubleday, Raumati Lounge
9 th		Waikanae Committee
10 th	1.30-4pm	Board Games, Carole Ruding's House
11 th	10am - 12pm	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
12 th	10.45am–12.45	Property and Finance Group, Raumati
13 th	12.30pm	Raumati Women's Fellowship Lunch, Infinite Café, Rosetta Road
16 th	9.30am	Matariki Service at Waikanae followed by Matariki Merriment
18 th	10am – 12pm	Waikanae Women's Fellowship
19 th	10am – 12pm	Music and Worship Group
21 st	10am – 12pm	Parish Council, Raumati
24 th	1.30-4	Board Games, Carole Ruding's Home
28 th	10-11.30	Folding Together

E-Prayer Requests

A group from your Parish family receives requests for prayer every week.

You can either ring, text, email or ask for the request to be passed on.

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Merrill Baker 04 902 4134 or amkram.nz@gmail.com

Mary White 04 298 7727 or marywhite@xtra.co.nz

The requests will remain confidential

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- Bruce Johnston 04 902 3771
- Heather Freeman 021 165 1985

**Sunday
6 August
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**

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