

# TOGETHER



## KAPITI UNITING PARISH

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October 2023

### Uniting Parish AGM



The Church Service followed by the Parish AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> September was well attended by parishioners from all our congregations.



*The members of our Fijian congregation were introduced at our first Service together and sang a beautiful hymn in Fijian*

**Everyone was invited to a lunch in the hall hosted by the Parish following on from the AGM**





*Annie Peters celebrated her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday at the AGM - so she kindly brought an enormous Birthday chocolate cake to share with us – enough for everyone to have for dessert.*

*Thank you and congratulations, Annie*

## **From the Minister's Desk**

### **'What is in your hand?'**

*Exodus 4:2*

Last week I was in Auckland at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. Short of a funeral or something equally serious, we were not permitted to leave Assembly so it was an immersive experience. It was not a comfortable environment for some of us.

Women have a low profile in the governance and leadership of the church. If you think I exaggerate here is an example. Four new lecturers have just been appointed to the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership training. They are all men, in addition to the Principal.

That means five men are responsible for all ministry and leadership training in PCANZ. No Pacific Island lecturers, no Maori, and no women. That would be unacceptable in the Methodist and Anglican Churches in this decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Although I worked persistently and actively to make us visible it was clear that Uniting Churches do not exist as far as Assembly is concerned. Anyone of liberal leanings was as a grain of sand on a shoreline of extreme conservatism.

It was in spite of this prevailing culture of Presbyterianism in Aotearoa today that Rose Luxford did a wonderful job as Moderator. She is a very good person and her goodness permeated the Assembly in a life-giving way.

Andrew Doubleday of UCANZ was present, although not acknowledged, and seemed to spend half his time trying to fix our insurance cost problems! To good effect I might add. I am so grateful for his support of our parish.

As diamonds in the dust of the dull business sessions there were some inspirational speakers and there were people I met who reduced my sense of isolation and marginalisation.

The life-giving question I came away with from another participant is a quote from Exodus where God asks Moses, 'What is in your hand?' Let that be the question to us as a parish in the coming year.

*Rev Ann Gilkison*



# New Signs at Raumati Church



*The exterior signs at Raumati have been updated.*

The Waikanae signs have not been finalised yet but we will share them in Together when they have been installed

## News from Waikanae



September **worship services** included a joyful Spring Flower festival, a lively acknowledgement of Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori, and a celebration of World Communion Sunday. A number of our members shared in the combined service for the Parish AGM.

On 24 September Rev Anna presided over **our AGM**. Issues which arose from the reports presented include the increasing contribution of the Worship Group to leading services, and the urgency of repainting the exterior of the church building. The growing use of the church lounge by community groups was noted. Waikanae Committee members are: Marie Smith and Evan Ireland (co- chairs), Desmond Corrigan (secretary), Diana Roberts and Rev Anna Gilkison.

Evan is the Waikanae representative on Parish Council, where he is joined by Marie Smith a member of the Parish Property and Finance team.

Warm thanks to Desmond for preparing the Annual Report and preparing for and facilitating the meeting. Grateful acknowledgement of all who gladly take on the tasks which sustain our congregation's life as a household of faith.

*Diana Roberts*

# About People

## **Billie Young**

Billie died on 7<sup>th</sup> September at Seven Oaks and her funeral was held at the Kapiti Coast Funeral Home on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Billie was a long time member of the Raumati Congregation and our prayers are with Billie's family and friends at this sad time for them.

Dorothy and Barrie Woods have moved to Trent Drive at Midlands Gardens in Paraparaumu, and George Watson and his son Neil have moved to Lorna Irene Drive, Raumati South. We send our very best wishes to you all.

Birthday Greetings to all those celebrating these in October, including Heather Freeman, Ken Rae, David Davis, Maureen Calhaem, Marie Storey, Monica Olsen, Ian Paterson, Jennie Dickens, Doris Alexander, and Liz Sutherland. We hope you enjoy your special day.

Marie Storey will be turning 102 on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, we wish her a Very Happy Birthday

To those celebrating Special Anniversaries our congratulations and very best wishes to you.

To those who are unwell at present or in hospital we hope you will soon be feeling better.

Take care everyone

*Merrill Baker for the Pastoral Team.*

# Raumati Women's Fellowship

The Raumati Women's Fellowship meets on 12 October, 10am in the upper meeting room. Our speaker will be Maria Brocklebank speaking about N.Z. Native Oils. All are very welcome.

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*October 4<sup>th</sup> Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi -  
patron saint of animals*

## BIBLE ANIMALS

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antelope, ape, ass, badger, bat, bear, boar, bull, calf, camel, cat, cow, cubs, deer, doe, dog, donkey, ewe, fox, gazelle, goat, hare, hart, horse, ibex, kid, lamb, leopard, lion, mouse, mule, ox, rabbit, ram, roebuck, sheep, swine, weasel, wolf

Question: which animal on the list does not appear in the Bible?



# Study: The Art of Prayer





Our most recent study ‘The Art of Prayer’ has been exploring the link between Christian prayer and Christian art now and in the past..

Led by Roger Wiig, Syd Mephram and Anna Gilkison the first five sessions have been both fun and informative.

Using different mediums from painting, through pottery to prayer flags participants have been making their own prayers.

**The final session is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30 in the Raumati upstairs meeting room, all are welcome to come along and join in.**

## October Services

	<b>Waikanae 10am</b>	<b>United@9 9am</b>	<b>Raumati 10am</b>
<b>World Communion Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Rev John and Diana Roberts HC	Syd Mephram HC <i>(Anna away at General Assembly)</i>	
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	Rev Anna Gilkison	Barrie Woods	Rev Robin List
<b>Week of Prayer for World Peace 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Worship Group	Rev Anna Gilkison	
<b>Industrial Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Diana Roberts	Carole Rudings and Kate Foley	Kevin Boyce
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	Maureen Calheim	Heather List	



***Answer to word search is 'cat'***

*claim your prize of a chocolate fish from the Parish Office if you worked out the right answer*



## October: regular events

Tuesdays	10am - 12pm 11am - 4pm	Women's Craft Group, Raumati Thrifty Place
Wednesdays	1.30pm	Prayer Course, Raumati (4 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> )
Thursdays	9.30 - 11.30am 11am - 4pm 2.30-3pm	Raumati Playgroup Thrifty Place Fruit and Vege Co-op pick up, Raumati
Fridays	9.30 - 11.30am	Waikanae Playgroup
Saturdays	10.30 - 1pm	Thrifty Place



**Raumati Village  
Community Garden**

**Working Bees**

Every first Thursday  
10 am to 11.30 am

Every third Sunday  
2 pm to 3.30 pm

Everyone welcome  
Weeding, planting, composting

10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach  
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## **October: for your diary**

4 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-2.30pm	Practice of Prayer Study Group, Raumati
9 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-4pm	Board Games, Carole Ruding's Home
10 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12pm	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
11 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am-12.45pm	Property and Finance Group, Raumati
	1.30-2.30pm	Practice of Prayer Study Group, Raumati
12 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12pm	Raumati Women's Fellowship
20 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 12pm	Parish Council
23 <sup>rd</sup>	1.30-4pm	Board Games, Carole Ruding's Home
27 <sup>th</sup>	10-11.30am	Folding Together Magazine



## E-Prayer Requests

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

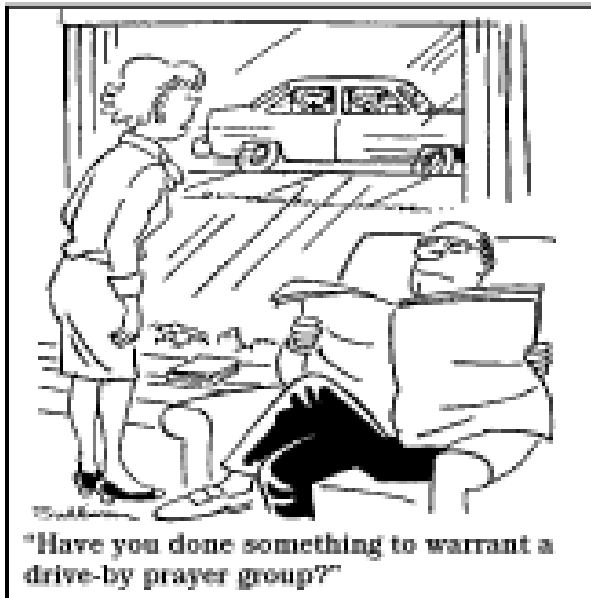
*You can ring, text, or email to ask for the request to be passed on:*

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The requests will remain confidential  
and names will not be used without your permission.



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## Gardening Help Wanted

If you would like to help maintain the Raumati church gardens we would be delighted for you to join us

We usually work on Thursdays,  
weather dependent

Please call: Heather on 04-974 1315 or  
Elizabeth on 04-904 5083





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RAUMATI:  
THURSDAYS  
9:30-11:30AM

WAIKANAE:  
FRIDAYS  
9:30-11:30AM



COME GRAB A  
COFFEE AND CATCH  
UP WITH NEW AND  
OLD FRIENDS,  
WHILE THE KIDS  
PLAY, CREATE AND  
TAKE PART IN A  
MUSIC CLASS.

DROP INS WELCOME



KAPITI HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER, 7PM.  
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM, KUP RAUMATI BEACH. FREE ENTRY.

**NATIVE PLANTS AND OUR HEALTH**

JOANNE HAKARAIA RONGOA MAORI HEALER WORKS WITH OUR PLANTS TO  
ACHIEVE HEALTHY OUTCOMES.. BRING YOUR BEST FLOWER, HERB, VEGETABLE,  
OR FRUIT TO COMPETE WITH OTHER GARDENERS.