



**KAPITI UNITING PARISH**

Christian Churches of NZ - Methodist - Presbyterian

**TOGETHER**

**JUNE 2023**

## From Holy Week To Pentecost



## **From the Minister's desk**

This week Marie, Don and I attended a funeral for a remarkable woman. What made Margaret's life remarkable was the way she came through some very painful and difficult experiences with resourcefulness and courage. Her loving and generous nature was never diminished by her circumstances.

The lesson for me in this was a reminder that we all suffer hardships of one kind or another and we handle our trials in different ways and with a different impact on the course of our lives. Faith may seem to us to make all the difference but the way we have been formed as a person makes a difference as well. The loving attention of God works hand in hand with the person we are at any given moment.

So let us not judge others for how they handle their hardships. Let us, instead, look for in others the kind of strength of spirit we would like others to see in ourselves.

May winter bring joyful moments amidst the cold,

Anna Gilkison

## **About People**

Happy Birthday to those Celebrating these in June and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating them also in June. Do enjoy your special occasions.

Birthday people in June are **June Jarvis, Olive Allen, Margaret Craig, Pam Newey, Daphne Forster** and **Merle Stevenson**.

We have had quite a few people from our Parish leave the district and we wish them well in their new situations. We are already missing Ngaire Chilcott, Nancy Aburn, Norma Ede, Noel Chapman and Margaret Gurr.

We are now pleased to tell everyone that Olive Allen and her husband Norman are comfortably settled in Winara at Waikanae.

We pray for those who are unwell, especially Gordon Solloway in Kenepuru Hospital, and we wish everyone a good recovery.

**Blessings to you all from the Pastoral Care Team – Jennie, Merrill, Lyn, Erice, Carole, Mary, Bastiana, Diana and Diane**

## Notes from Waikanae

May has been our month of living with Easter, just as the disciples rejoiced in the resurrection presence of their Lord. With Ascension Sunday on 21<sup>st</sup> May, that upbeat excitement gives way to a quiet certainty that the spirit of Jesus has never left us. Our Worship Group approached the theme of the Ascension of Jesus with some trepidation, but we felt it was important for us to understand what has been called “One of the great festivals of the Church year”. Rev Anna told us that in Germany the day is a public holiday!

Monica Olsson’s daughter Waveney and her husband Malcolm have left to return to their home on Long Island, USA. They’ve been with us for several months, contributing in many different ways to the life of the congregation. They have a house in Waikanae, so we look forward to seeing them again.

The Women’s Fellowship Special Projects for 2023 benefitted from a \$450 donation, the proceeds of the May 7<sup>th</sup> service,

highlighting the national and overseas projects: the Living Wage in NZ; and support for Tonga following the disastrous volcano, tsunami and Covid epidemic. A soup lunch offered the opportunity for more learning.



The Soup Group, the bi-monthly expression of the Women’s Fellowship which is open to the wider congregation, explored the theme of ‘Possibilities’ at its gathering on 16<sup>th</sup> May. A buzz of ideas!

## **Property Matters at Waikanae**

Maintaining a 110-year-old Church is not without its challenges. It is a team effort that relies on the knowledge of those who have undertaken this work in the past. Our Church has been part of the Waikanae Beach Community for over eighty years, and we still enjoy the support of caring neighbours. The Church is also listed as a historical building with the Kapiti Coast District Council.

Maintenance is ongoing with most of the work being carried out by our own members. We have just completed a Building and Grounds Inspection which we plan to carry out twice a year. This looked at maintenance, accessibility, and safety. It also included our information and procedures for fire, earthquakes, and tsunamis and some updating is needed in this area.

With a good maintenance plan, and the support of our congregation, the Waikanae Church will meet the needs of our community for many years to come.

*Diana Roberts and Desmond Corrigan*

**WAIKANAE CROP SWAP** – *this group is not part of KUP but their meetings may be of interest to Parishioners*

Everyone is welcome to our CROP SWAP meetings! Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month in Waikanae at the Otaki-Waikanae Presbyterian Parish Hall, 43 Ngaio Road, Waikanae,

To be clear, at Crop Swap, we swap more than just crops! We share everything homegrown and homemade: vegetables, fruits, herbs, plants, seedlings, flowers, seeds, baking, preserves, sauces, jam and all things yummy!

You can also bring everything garden and kitchen-related like empty containers, tools, labels, planting pots, worm juice, coffee grounds, gardening magazines, cook books, recipes, a SKILL , possibilities are endless. The key is that this is a cashless event - no koha can offered or accepted.

This is how our Crop Swap will run:

1:30 set up tables

2.00-2:30

People arrive with their crops/goods and set out. You are then free to chat and mingle with your fellow garden enthusiasts, exchange tips, make new friends or just wait until it starts.

2.30-3:00pm

We conduct a quick briefing outlining the guidelines for swapping.

- If there are not a lot of people, we can listen to anyone who wants to introduce their crop.
- Once everyone has placed their crops we like to do a Karakia to bless the kai. We want to emphasise our values regarding generous giving and mindful taking.

After the karakia, people can enjoy swapping.

- We are an inclusive group and all members and sectors of our community are welcome.

3.00-3.30pm

- Close out, put away tables and clear the hall.

## **Kapiti Horticultural Society June Meeting**

Will be on Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7-9pm in the lower meeting room at Raumait. Free Entry.

Sarah Hopkinson will talk about regenerative gardening .

Followed by product competitions, raffles, sales table and supper

## **Raumati Women's Fellowship**

The Raumati Women's Fellowship A.G.M will be held in the upper meeting room at Raumati at 10am on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

The speaker will be Mike Styles who will speak about dyslexia. A warm welcome to all.

Contact Merrill Baker at 04 9024134 if you would like any more information.

## **Special Project Service**

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May Rev Anna Gilkison led our Special Project Service on behalf of the Raumati Women's Fellowship.

Mr Finn Cordwell, Wellington Community Organiser, gave an interesting insight into the Living Wage movement.

The CWS overseas project is supporting the Tongan Community Development Trust to help communities to recover from the damage caused by the volcanic eruption, the tsunami and the covid epidemic.

A series of slides from the Tongan Community were shown with a commentary provided by Jan Rae and Lyn Martin. Following the service a special morning tea was provided.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Project - \$300 was raised on the morning.

Lyn Martin

## **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 902 5809.

## **Parish Directory**

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## **Important Parish Council Notice re: Insurance**

Parish Council has discussed our insurance cover for the Raumati church buildings (excluding Thrifty Place) in line with the options given to us by the Presbyterian Church in May 2023.

Last year our insurance costs doubled and this year we are facing another 20% increase in premiums. Parish Council at its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 23 agreed that the Raumati buildings be insured for functional value replacement which shall be no less than 75% of current valuation; this would reduce our costs significantly.

This decision needs to be approved at a Special General Meeting of Kapiti Uniting Parish.

**This is a notice of a Special General Meeting of Kapiti Uniting Parish which will be held in the Raumati church at the conclusion of the Parish Anniversary service on 11 June 2023**

**Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions**

## June Services

	<b>Waikanae 9.30am</b>	<b>United@9 9am</b>	<b>Raumati 10am</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Rev Anna Gilkison HC	Maureen Calhaem HC	Heather List HC
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Combined Parish Anniversary Service</b> Rev Anna Gilkison		
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Barrie Wood	Rev Robin List	Rev Roger Wiig
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Diana Roberts	Rev Anna Gilkison	Rev Anna Gilkison

### Month: 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

## June: for your diary

8 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 12pm	Raumati Women's Fellowship
11 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Parish Anniversary Service, Raumati
	After Service	Special General Meeting re: Insurance
	After meeting	Finger food lunch
12 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-4pm	Board Games, Carole Ruding's House
13 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 12pm	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am – 12.45pm	Property and Finance Group, Raumati
16 <sup>th</sup>	1-3pm	Parish Council, Raumati
20 <sup>th</sup>	10-am – 12pm	Waikanae Women's Fellowship
26 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-4pm	Board Games, Carole Ruding's House

### 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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The requests will remain confidential



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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

