



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

Christian Churches of NZ - Methodist - Presbyterian

TOGETHER

August 2022



Laughter and chatter? Yes, it's the craft group. Read more on page 6 and 7.

About People

The good news is that we are now over half way through winter and spring is coming, followed by summer! We will all welcome the warmer days and warm sunshine and be thankful that we have coped with the cold and wintry days which won't last much longer!



Those who have been suffering poor health, those who have had a dose of Covid and those who are in hospital have been very much in our thoughts and prayers and we send you our love and best wishes.

We are very pleased to know that Mary Mill is recovering from a stroke and is getting rehabilitation in Kenepuru Hospital.

We wish a very happy birthday to everyone in this parish celebrating birthdays in August and happy anniversary to those celebrating anniversaries this month too. We hope you enjoy your special occasions!

The pastoral care team is happy to have Rev. Anna Gilkison joining our team meetings and also visiting parishioners who are enjoying meeting their minister.

Blessings to you all from,

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

Parish Office Hours

The office hours have changed to
Tuesday to Friday, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Thrifty Place

Quality second-hand
clothing and
household items

Tuesday 11 am to 4 pm

Thursday 11 am to 4 pm

Saturday 10.30 am to 1 pm

Raumati Church

Kapiti Uniting Parish

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Raumati Beach

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Waikanae Church

Waikanae Church has been dealing with a few property and maintenance issues this last month. The electrician has already rearranged the loading of some of our appliances and power outlets which will stop us blowing the pole fuse in the interim. Desmond Corrigan is getting quotes for a more thorough overhaul of our electrical requirements, and will implement them in due course, as instructed by the Property and Finance committee due to the potential hazards created in not addressing the situation.



The completed retaining wall and garden.

now have some new retaining walls on the back slope, and very tidy gardens at the back. Desmond will sow the grass seeds when conditions improve.

The neighbour has now completed his swimming pool installation. His contractors erected a new fence between the properties, and sprayed new grass seed along the fence line next to the driveway. They also left extra grass seed for us to sow in the backyard, as we weren't quite ready for the seed spraying when they came. Desmond Corrigan and Don and Marie Smith have been working tirelessly on 're-landscaping' our backyard. We



We continue with steady numbers of people attending the Sunday services. We enjoyed Kevin Boyce's maiden lay-preaching service at Waikanae on 3 July, and are looking forward to his return. Waikanae Church is also collectively gearing up to take some of the preaching load off Anna and other retired ministers by organising our own services a few times a year. This is a nascent endeavour; our first meeting with Anna about this is on 24 July.

Renata Joiner



Marie and Don Smith working on the retaining wall and rejuvenated garden at the back of the church.

Welcome Sal!

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new Playgroup Co-ordinator, Sally (Sal) Houston.

Our September Together will feature more details about Sal and how she is enjoying her new role.



Laughter and chatter? Yes, it's the craft group



Head to Thrifty Place on a Tuesday morning and it's odd-on you'll hear heaps of laughter and chatter coming from the downstairs lounge.

It comes from a craft group - run by Allyson and her team - that embraces people of all ages and abilities, and from many parts of the world: you'll hear folk speaking Japanese, Chinese, Ukrainian and Russian.

To create the many different crafts the group uses paints, ceramics, felt, flowers, plants and lots more, often gifting to Thrifty creations such as succulents in hanging baskets, which we hang up outside.

Allyson generously brings fruit and vegetables from her garden, plus jams and chutneys which she passes on to Thrifty to sell. Others in the group visit Thrifty afterwards to buy and chat, and have become good friends of Tuesday's volunteers.

Right now, the group's Ukrainian and Russian folk are collecting goods for Ukrainian refugees who are likely to settle in Waikanae with family and friends. They've had excellent response from the community, and on behalf of the church Thrifty Place is volunteering to donate anything else in the shop they might need.

We are very fortunate to be able to help this group bring so much fun and fellowship. Like to know more? Have a chat with Maureen Calhaem, who is very much a part of this group.

Kay McIntosh.



Members of the craft group making mugs filled with treats to donate to others in need.

Women's Craft Group
Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon

*More than just a craft group
Come and enjoy good company. All women welcome*

Venue:
10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach
Gold coin donation
Transport available, phone Allyson 904 2949

**Art & craft making | Kids welcome | Tea, coffee & cake
Community projects/ Trade table**

Matariki Midwinter at Waikanae

Waikanae Women's Fellowship invited members of our congregation to join in a celebration – Manawatia a Matariki - on the day of the Winter Solstice, 21 June. Twelve of us met in the Roberts' home to enjoy and explore the meaning of this festival, recognised for the first time by a public holiday on 24 June.

We shared in the wonder and delight of God's creation expressed in readings from the Book of Job and the Wisdom of Solomon.

As we lit nine candles representing nine stars of the Matariki constellation we learned the significance of each. Between them they represent: those people known to us who have died; nature's gifts from salt water, from fresh water, from below the ground, above the ground; the winds, the rain and mists; our hopes for the coming year; Matariki the leader.

Our celebration ended with lunch – and lots of talking!

We look forward to Matariki 2023.

Diana Roberts

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.

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

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PLAYGROUPS

Raumati Beach

10 Weka Road

Music Playgroup

Mondays 9.30-11.30 am

Cafe Playgroup

Thursdays 9.30-11.30 am

Waikanae Beach

Corner Ngapaki and
Taiata Streets

Cafe Playgroup

Fridays 9.30-11.30 am

Free
All welcome



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Trade Aid Kapiti

I called in to the Trade Aid Coastlands shop last week and was surprised and delighted to find a new promotion – Trade Aid Studio, which showcases works of talented artists and designers amongst our Trade Aid producer groups. The aim is to highlight and give recognition to individual artists.

The first release is a series of limited-edition prints and cards by Nirmalya Roy, an artist with the Silence group in Kolkata, India. Silence is a self-help co-operative of artisans who can neither speak nor hear, who aspire towards self-sufficiency and acceptance as contributing members of the Society.

Working at Silence has made a huge difference to Nirmalya. Being deaf, he felt bitterly neglected in his childhood, but in Silence he found a family; a community where he was accepted and felt included. He married a deaf colleague at Silence and today they have a (hearing) child who has brought them much joy.

Nirmalya is a graduate of the Silence Training Institute which is part of the SILENCE cooperative. This cooperative provides training to disabled



Nirmalya Roy at work in the Silence studio in Kolkata

artisans in trades such as fine arts, commercial art, leather crafts, computer design and silk screen printing.

From a small studio space in Kolkata, artist Nirmalya Roy has created two beautiful paintings, titled “The First Feelings”, and “Awakening”. Each is painted onto handmade paper and limited to just 60 individually numbered original prints. These two paintings are also available as delightful cards in the shop.



These artworks not only represent Nirmalya Roy’s extraordinary gift as a painter, but also the joy of what he describes as his

“wholesome acceptance” into the fair trade artisan cooperative Silence. His designs are characterised by intricate detail, and in all of them there is a connection with people and planet; a quality that is at the heart of what it means to be a fair trade artisan.



Marg Lees

Parish Fair

The first meeting of the new-look Parish Fair will be held on Monday, 1 August at 2 pm in the meeting room.

The Fair will be held on Saturday 12 November. If you would like to be involved in organising this event, please come along.

Contact Kate in the office for queries.

Tribute to Rod Fleury

Rod Fleury died on Monday 4 July aged 86.

Rod and Audrey were members of our Waikanae church and Rod served as the Chairperson of our Parish Council.

He is survived by his wife Audrey, children Jenny, Lynda and Mike and their families.

Rod recently received recognition for 63 years of service as accredited lay preacher. His first sermon was given as an 18-year-old after being shoulder tapped by his minister of Wesley Church, Hillside Road, Dunedin. He had become a member of the Wesley Mission Band and by 1958 went to the Solomon Islands as a carpenter, where he worked on building what is now Goldie College.

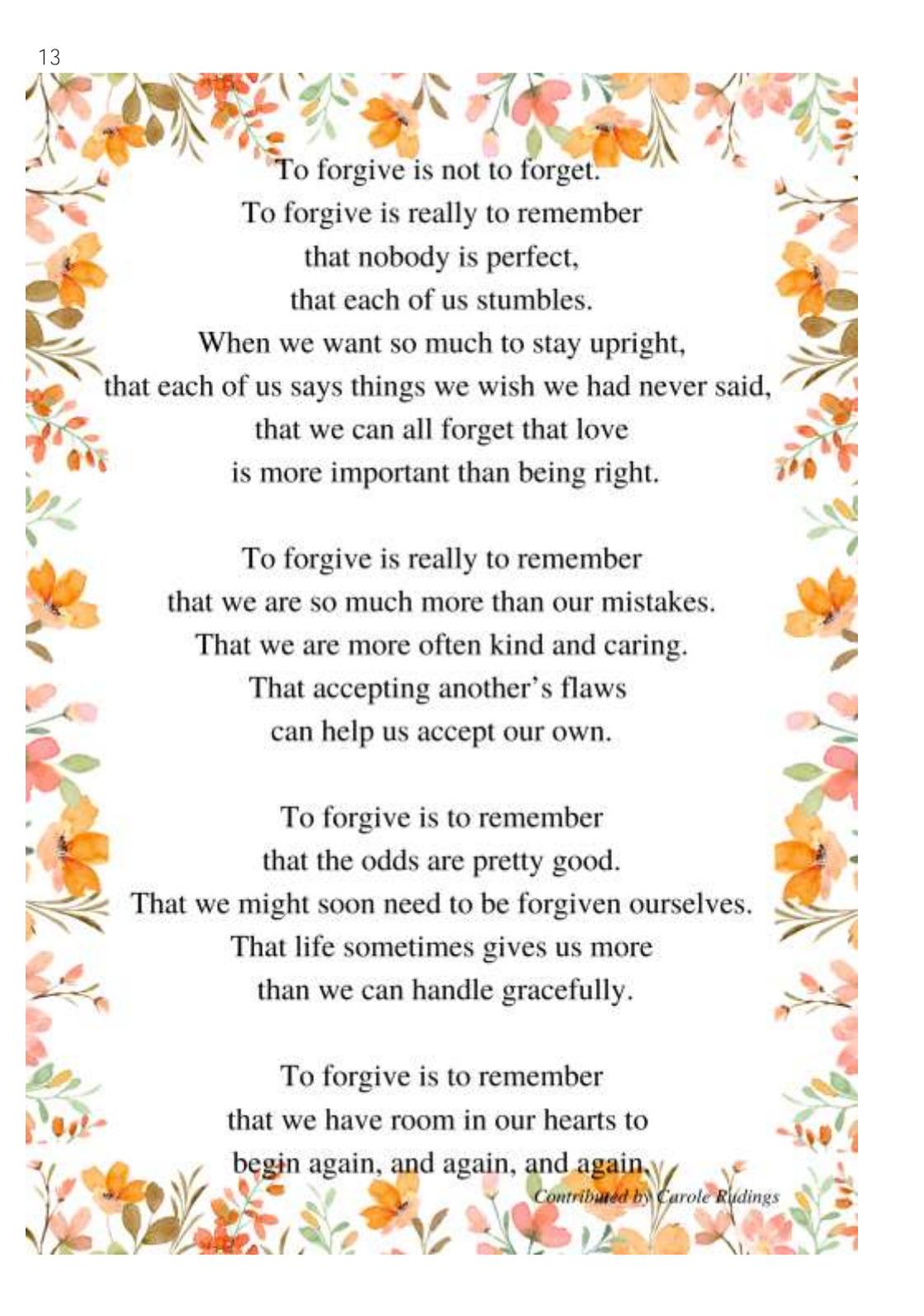
When building the first Methodist Church of Honiara, there he met Audrey Roberts, who later became his wife. The overseas Mission Board decided to reactivate some of their pre-war plantations and after Rod and Audrey's marriage they were invited to return and were posted for training to the Australian Overseas Mission's Ulu Plantation in the Duke of York Islands just off Rabaul. This involved leading services on mission stations and isolated villages.

Rod and family returned to New Zealand in 1968 and were involved in union parishes in Wainuiomata and Kapiti. He retired to Masterton where he served tirelessly as Lay Preacher, previous Chairman of the Parish Council, Ministers' Support Group, Wairarapa Cluster Group Committee member, Worship and Christian Education, and much more.

In my 18 months at CrossWay Church Masterton I have had the pleasure of being a recipient of Rod's wealth of knowledge and wisdom. He will be sadly missed by CrossWay Church and Masterton Community.

Rod's funeral was held at CrossWay Church.

*Tara Tautari, General Secretary
Methodist Church of New Zealand*



To forgive is not to forget.

To forgive is really to remember
that nobody is perfect,
that each of us stumbles.

When we want so much to stay upright,
that each of us says things we wish we had never said,
that we can all forget that love
is more important than being right.

To forgive is really to remember
that we are so much more than our mistakes.

That we are more often kind and caring.
That accepting another's flaws
can help us accept our own.

To forgive is to remember
that the odds are pretty good.
That we might soon need to be forgiven ourselves.
That life sometimes gives us more
than we can handle gracefully.

To forgive is to remember
that we have room in our hearts to
begin again, and again, and again.

Contributed by Carole Rudings

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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Waikanae Church	Corner of Ngapaki and Taiata Streets, Waikanae

August: regular events

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

From Saturday 6 August, Thrifty Place will be open from 10.30 am to 1 pm each Saturday.



August: for your diary

Mon 1st	2 pm	Parish Fair Meeting, Raumati
Mon 8th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home
Tue 9th	10 am	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
Wed 10th	10 am	Property and Finance, Raumati
Thur 11th	12.30 pm	Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship
Fri 12th	1 pm	Parish Council, Raumati
Tue 16th	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship, Waikanae
Fri 19th		Deadline for September Together
Mon 22nd	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home
Fri 26th		Folding and distribution of September Together

Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship

Thursday 11 August, 10 am

The speaker will be Sophie Handford, District Councillor, telling us about 'Share The Warmth - Kapiti'.

If you have any winter wear surplus to requirements, that you would like to donate to this initiative, please bring them to the meeting.

Contact Merrill Baker on 902 4134 or 027 343 2307.

August Services

Date	Waikanae 9.30 am	United@9 9 am	Raumati 10 am
7th	Barrie Woods	Rev. Anna Gilkison, HC Raumati, 10 am	
14th	Rev. Anna Gilkison Raumati, 10 am		
21st	Rev. Anna Gilkison, HC	Maureen Calhaem	Rev. Doug Lendrum
28th	Syd Mephram	Rev. Anna Gilkison	Rev. Barrie Keenan

Parish AGM

The Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 11 September,
following a Parish combined service at Raumati, 10 am.

Please send all contributions for the Annual Report
to Kate in the office by Friday 19 August.

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