



# KAPITI UNITING PARISH

Christian Churches of NZ - Methodist - Presbyterian



*Mission Statement: To promote Christian faith and values in the communities of*

**Weekly Notices: 25 April 2021**

**ANZAC Day**

**This Sunday:**

**United@9:** Barrie Woods  
**Waikanae 9.15am:** Rosalie Sugrue  
**Raumati 10 am:** Colin Anderson

**Raumati Church Door Duty:**  
Merrill Baker, Derek Townsend,  
Jenny Latimer

**Next Sunday:**

**United@9:** Maureen Calhaem  
**Waikanae 9.15am:** Colin Anderson  
**Raumati 10 am:** Rev. Ken Irwin

**Raumati Church Door Duty:**  
David and Susan Copping, Mary Francis

**Parish Contacts**

Mary White 298 7727, Diane Ammundsen 902 4736 or  
Kate Foley 905 6946 or 021 120 8045

**Assistant Parish Treasurer:** Parish Council have agreed that Cathy Drummond will be the assistant Parish Treasurer while Mary Mill has a leave of absence from the position of Parish Treasurer.

**The Property and Finance Committee:** are needing more members from the Raumati congregation. Please contact Derek Townsend 021 124 4091 to register your interest.

**Upcoming dates from the Raumati Committee:** Here are three important dates to be added to your calendars. Please consider giving these events your full support.

- Sunday 23 May, our first music recital for year is to be held.
- Saturday 3 July, a quiz night is being held in the Raumati hall. Sort your teams of six out now and start practising.
- Sunday 11 July after the 10 service, the Raumati church are holding their AGM to inform you of church matters.
- TBC a working bee mainly to remove the two large flax bushes behind the hall. More later. Please register your interest with Derek mtrnz@outlook.com

**Furniture movers required:** Thrifty Place requires two fit-abled people to assist with moving furniture. Approximately twice per month for an hour. Van and trailer provided, you provide the biceps! Furniture is sold on TradeMe and all proceeds go to the parish. Contact Derek for more information 021 124 4091.

**Interfaith Virtues Circle:** Please join us for our monthly gathering to explore the virtues. All are welcome and no fee is charged. Next gathering, 8 May at 3 pm, 43 Waipunahau Road, Waikanae. RSVP is a must as space is limited. Please text 022 431 7969. Hosted by Larry and Sai Honig

"Virtues are the content of our character, the inherent qualities that make us who we are. They are universal, common to all cultures and belief systems. Researching the world sacred texts, the founders of The Virtues Project™ discovered that running through them all were the virtues ([www.virtuesproject.com](http://www.virtuesproject.com)). These qualities of spirit, or character strengths, are within each one of us. We are born with all the virtues in potential ([www.virtuescircle.org](http://www.virtuescircle.org)).

We will set the tone with a couple of prayers, poems or songs from different traditions. Feel free to bring your favourite.

We will then share and discuss virtues and relate them to our personal experience and daily victories and challenges. Finishing off with a cup of tea and socialising.

**MUSIC RECITAL**



Enjoy NZ's international classical trio. Here in Raumati Beach!

Welcome back

**Te Kōkī Trio**

*Piano: Jian Liu  
Violin: Martin Riseley  
Cello: Inbal Megiddo*

*In a programme of captivating music  
by Franz Liszt, Zoltan Kodaly and  
Johannes Brahms*

**Sunday  
23 May  
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  
  
\$20 ADULT  
\$10 STUDENT

**Tickets from:**

- Bruce Johnston 902 3771
- Heather Freeman 293 2707
- The Bookshelf, Waikanae
- Moby Dickens Books, Paraparaumu Beach
- Parish Office 902 5809 9 am to 12 pm, Tuesday to Friday

## Diary Dates

<b>Monday 26 April</b> Board Games	1.30 pm	Raumati
<b>Tuesday 27 April</b> Thrifty Place	11 am - 4pm	Raumati
<b>Wednesday 28 April</b> F.I.T	4 - 5pm	Raumati
<b>Thursday 29 April</b> Thrifty Place Vege Co-op Collection	11 am - 4pm 2.30 - 3pm	Raumati Raumati



# MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

## ANZAC DAY

*"He is not here, he has risen." Mark 16:6*

This is surely the heart of Christianity: Jesus risen from the tomb.

The cross is not victorious. The crucifixion of Jesus on the cross is not a Roman victory. The Jewish religious authorities were bewildered and lost. Jesus died on the cross. This then, was all that mattered to both the political and the religious authorities of the time - Jesus is risen.

ANZAC Day is a remembrance and honouring of armed personnel who served in the wars involving New Zealand. Most especially, of our alliance with Australia in these global conflicts. For all our sporting rivalries, Australia remains our nearest and most dependable alliance across many levels of cooperation and defence.

Armed conflict has cost and lost many lives. It is sad and unfortunate when human nature desires to dominate and control. The hope is that we will not revisit these rivalries, conflicts, wars, and that no more lives will be needlessly lost.

Where does Christianity come into the ugly and brutal outcome of war? Faith sustains us and reminds us of our humanity. Diplomacy and statesmanship help us to keep peace and goodwill.

In past wars, German Christians fought Allied Christians. How sad, but it was the reality of their time.

Today, Christians are challenged to fight only for Jesus and for his Kingdom. This is our challenge now – stand up and fight for Jesus. He is risen.

Christianity has a saying that Jesus died for the forgiveness of our sins. On ANZAC Day, we think about the sacrifices made by soldiers for their families to have freedom, justice and equal opportunities.

Jesus is viewed as God's sacrifice for the redemption of humanity. The feelings and atmosphere of Good Friday and ANZAC Day are similar. Battles, deaths, hopelessness and despair. However, there is also that sense of forgiveness, redemption and life. Christ is risen. Death is defeated.

Jesus is not in the tomb. He is risen. This is Good News. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. We honour and remember the men and women who gave their lives for God, King (Queen), country, family... and we find strength knowing that Jesus is risen.

Jesus said, "No greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

Blessings  
Fakaofa

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