



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

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Message from Mary White Chair of Parish Council



I have mixed emotions as I write this; I have made the decision not to seek re-election to the role of Chairperson of the Parish Council.

When Roger asked me to chair the P.C. my initial reaction was no, I just do not have the time. However he can be very persuasive and the rest is history, as they say.

None of us could have foreseen what was about to unfold as this new virus, Covid 19, began to spread across the world. We all know now, that in some countries, widespread infection brought about fear, confusion, the overwhelming of health facilities and multiple deaths.

We were very blessed to be living in NZ and indeed in Kapiti. However the situation brought about tensions and the unprecedented changes and rules and regulations made all collective decisions more complex and controversial than the majority of us had ever had to face before.

We have all lived through that time and I am deeply grateful to the members of the Council, to the Presbyters and the members of our Parish who strove to keep things functioning in the most difficult of times. To the Executive group led by Roger who met away from the properties and strove to keep everyone informed, thank you.

Illness intervened and as a result we became officially in a Vacancy position. Our Interim Moderator, Tony Wood, was always at the end of the phone, at meetings and often available to take services, this despite the fact that he was already working in his own Parish and as a Rest Home Chaplain.

Now we have an answer to prayer in a full-time Minister and the Rev Anna has considerably lightened my load as it were, therefore I feel able to step down and move on.

I do not intend to leave the Parish Council. If you are willing to allow me, I will take a step sideways, which will allow me to concentrate on other aspects of God's work which are dear to my heart.

We have most welcome news in the coming of our Fijian Brethren who, in their words, "wish to join hands with us in continuing the journey of being witnesses of the Holy Spirit in this place".

Alleluia

Therefore, to all of you thank you for your friendship, encouragement, and aroha.

I was taught to never, never, never give up.

If you are reading this and wondering if you could fill this role, please give it serious consideration, I have met and worked with some very special people, and it has been a privilege to serve with them.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Word of Life, we see full humanity only in you:
The image of what life can become.*

Kia Kaha

Mary White

2023 AGM and Lunch September 10th

There will be a full combined service at Raumati at 10am on Sunday September 10th.

The AGM will follow immediately after the Service.

All Parishioners are invited to a roast lunch which the Parish is hosting in the Hall after the AGM.

Your copy of the Annual Report is enclosed with this Together magazine and is also on our website

Please let Fiona in the office or Carole Rudings know if you will be attending the lunch and if you have any special dietary requirements.

From the Minister's Desk

As the seasons change, what is happening to put a spring in our steps, or a lift in our hearts, if our steps are past springing?

Music has a charm few can resist and the recent Recital was a gift to music lovers in our coastal community. The performance was outstanding and the church was full. It was a cost to us but it was also, in its way, taking the Christ's message of peace, joy and hope to the world on our doorstep. Inviting the communities we serve to use our buildings is another form of outreach. We keep our charges on the low side of reasonable which makes them affordable for local users whose activities don't bring in a lot of money. We have started planning a Summer Market Day for the end of February. I say 'we' but actually it's Mary who has generated interest in a Market Day with a difference. Definitely something to look forward to. In the immediate future we have a six-week study series on Art and Prayer. If you are one of the people who thinks, 'What does art have to do with prayer?', come along and find out!

Bula Vinaka to our friends in the Fijian Congregation. We will gradually get to know you and you will get to know us. In the words of one of our most popular hymns:

*Brother, sister, let us serve you,
Let us be as Christ to you,
Pray that we may have the grace
to let you be our servant too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey
We are travellers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.*



News from Waikanae

****New Starting Time for Waikanae Services****

From September, Waikanae Church services will begin at
10am.

On 13 August the Waikanae Church was filled for the launching of Rev Marg Schrader's book: 'The ever-widening circles', which shares her memories and experiences as a Presbyterian minister, Moderator and Spiritual Director. The diverse group of Marg's friends and colleagues enjoyed time to chat at the book signing during afternoon tea following the formal celebration.

100th Birthday for Joan Barnard. Joan becomes a Centenarian on 4th September. She has been a faithful and loved member of our congregation for many years, although she is no longer able to attend worship.

Spring Flower Service. The magnolias are blooming in Waikanae, the cherry blossom is beginning, and Daffodil Man is bringing his buckets of golden flowers to our Saturday Market. The Worship Group will lead our service on 3 September, when we thank God for the joy of Spring.

Maori Language Week. Desmond Corrigan will lead worship on 17 September to celebrate this significant part of our life in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Services at Parkwood Lodge. Members of our congregation who live in the Lodge (part of the Parkwood Trust Retirement Complex) are delighted that Rev Anna is regularly visiting to take services there. Joan Barnard, Honor Moss and Monica Olsson are most appreciative.

Church Polling Booth. The Waikanae Church lounge will host the only polling booth for Waikanae Beach on 14 October, Election Day.

Diana Roberts

Music Recital – 6th August 2023

Our annual music recital was held at 2.15pm on Sunday 6th August, featuring the Te Koki Trio, of Jian Liu (piano), Martin Riseley (violin) and Inbal Megiddo (cello).

The audience of about 100 people was in a real buzz at the end of the recital and the trio were given a repeat time of applause.



Inbal, Jian and Martin ready to entertain you!



Bill McKeich seizes the opportunity to hold the much-loved 18th Century Florence-made violin he gifted to Martin some years ago

This was followed by the traditional afternoon tea served in the hall where the chatter continued and the trio were able to mix with the audience members. After almost an hour the trio headed off home and the whole event was very happily wrapped up for another year.

Our thanks to Ralph Martin, Bruce Johnston, John Lawton, Lyn Martin and all the other people from the Parish who helped with making this such an enjoyable occasion.

About People

Nola Lambert

Nola died on the 10 August at Seven Oaks and her funeral was led by the Rev. Anna Gilkison at Kapiti Coast Funeral Home on the 15th August.

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

Noel and Lorraine Boyd have moved to 77 Marine Parade Paraparaumu Beach. We send our best wishes to them.

Birthday Greetings to all those celebrating these in September, including Syd Mephram, Cathy Drummond, Ruth Ward, Annie Peters, Bruce Craig, Diana Roberts, Shirley Nalder, Beryl Rickard, Kartini Davis, Bill Ward, Tralee Sugrue, Patricia McAdam, Betty Logan, George Forster, Cliff Couch, and Pauline Thomson.

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

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

We send greetings to Diane Ammundsen who is due home from her travels on 23 August.

*Keep warm, stay well everyone.
Merrill Baker for the Pastoral team.*

Raumati Women's Fellowship

The Raumati Women's fellowship meets on 14 September, 10am in the upper meeting room.

Our speaker will be Senior Constable John Stewart speaking about Keeping Safe In Our Homes.

Come and join in fellowship and friendship.

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Things from favourite Bible Stories

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apple, ark, birds, bulrushes, bush, calf, chariot, coat-of-many-colours, cup, donkey, lions-den, locusts, rainbow, ravens, rib, ring, Red-Sea, robe, sack, shipwreck, sling, snake, stair-way, stone-tablets, sky, sun, sword, tower, tree, walls

*'Hyphenated words' may not be on the same line but will meet.
Answer question with the unused letters. Something small that grows in a parable?*



Interfaith Peace Gathering

On Sunday 24 September the United Nations International Day of Peace will again be celebrated at Kapiti Uniting Parish. The UN established 21 September as the official Day of Peace many years ago and ever since it has been celebrated by countries around the world in different ways. Over the last 20 years we have established links with most of the Christian denominations and faith groups in Kapiti and they will again be participating. The programme is always very varied, ranging from prayers, readings, chants, meditation, poetry and music, all focussing on peace – in the world, in the community and personally. We hope many people in our congregation will be able to attend and help to welcome people - and we would be happy to have a few people help with kitchen duties.

After the Service there will, as usual, be a shared finger-food meal when we look forward to catching up with our friends from other churches and faiths.

The Peace Gathering is at the Raumati Church, 10 Weka Road, at 5pm on Sunday 24 September. If you are able to stay on for the meal please bring a plate of finger-food to share.

Eric Carley

Deepening Our Prayer life

by Roger Wiig

It has been said that among the majority of Christians in the West prayer has been neglected. 'We have stopped listening to God. We have been caught by the covetous spirit of our affluent society... We have forgotten how to be still before God, how to meditate, trapped as we are in the vortex of modern life.

Here at Kapiti Uniting Church we have an opportunity to change that, to listen to God, deepen our prayer life and develop some skills that will build our relationship with God.

At 1.30p.m. on Wednesdays from 6th September to 11th October our minister Anna Gilkison and Roger Wiig (with help from Syd Mepham) will lead a series on the practices of prayer.

Roger says 'Prayer needs practice. It's about:

- building a relationship with God
- listening to the silence of God
- finding peace, laughter and life
- It's about being changed

You don't need to register for the course, just come along and enjoy the experience and the discussion.



September Services

	Waikanae <i>New Time</i> 10am	United@9 9am	Raumati 10am
3rd Spring Flower Sunday	Worship Group HC	Rev Robin List HC	Rev Anna Gilkison HC
10th	Full Combined Service and Annual General Meeting Rev Anna Gilkison		
17th Wiki Reo Maori/ Maori Language Week	Rōpū Karakia/ Worship Group	Rev Anna Gilkison	
24th	Rev Anna Gilkison	Heather List	Maureen Calheim



Answer to word search is 'a mustard seed'

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



September: regular events

Tuesdays	10am - 12pm 11am - 4pm	Women's Craft Group, Raumati Thrifty Place
Wednesdays	1.30pm	Prayer Course, Raumati
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
Contact Kate 021 120 8045

Three good mates from Our Lady of kapiti Church were asked ; when you're in your coffin and friends are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?

Bill – I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader and a great family man

Jack – I would like them to say I was a good teacher and faithful servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives

Barry – I would like them to say 'Look, he's moving!'

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September: for your diary

6 th	1.30-2.30pm	Practice of Prayer Study Group, Raumati
11 th	1.30-4pm	Board Games, Carole Ruding's Home
12 th	10am-12pm	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
13 th	10.45am-12.45pm	Property and Finance Group, Raumati
	1.30-2.30pm	Practice of Prayer Study Group, Raumati
14 th	10am-12pm	Raumati Women's Fellowship
15 th	10am – 12pm	Parish Council
19 th	10am-12pm	Waikanae Women's Fellowship
20 th	10am-12pm	Music and Worship Group, Raumati
	1.30-2.30pm	Practice of Prayer Study Group, Raumati
25 th	1.30-4pm	Board Games, Carole Ruding's Home
27 th	1.30-2.30pm	Practice of Prayer Study Group Raumati
29 th	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:

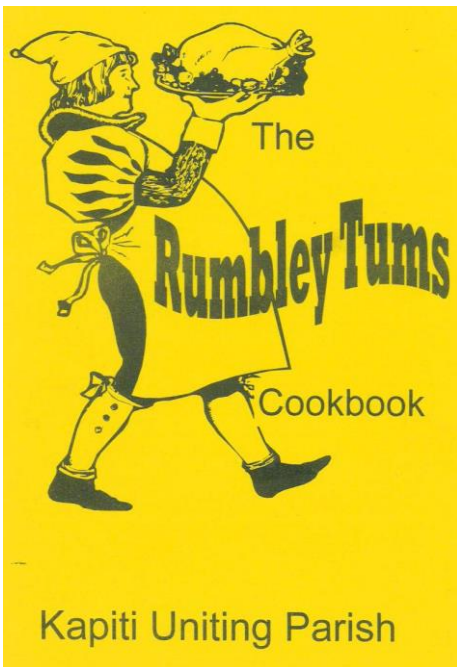
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The requests will remain confidential
and names will not be used without your permission.

From Our Parish Cookbook 1996



Pavlova Sponge Roll

3 egg whites	3/4 cup castor sugar
1 tspn vanilla essence	1 tspn vinegar
1 tbsp cornflour	Icing sugar

Beat egg whites until frothy. Beat in castor sugar and continue beating until thick and glossy. Add vanilla, vinegar and cornflour. Spread mixture into a greaseproof paper lined sponge roll tin. Bake at 180 C for 15 minutes. Stand for 1 minute - turn onto an icing sugar dusted piece of paper. Roll up as for sponge roll. Allow to cool. Fill with coffee walnut filling.

Coffee Cream Filling:

300 mls cream	1 tbsp instant coffee
1 tbsp castor sugar	1 tsp hot water
1/2 cup ground walnuts	

Beat cream until stiff. Dissolve coffee and sugar in the hot water. Fold into cream with walnuts.
Serves 6 - 8.



Na Masu Ni Turaga

Tama i keimami mai lomalagi,
Me vakarokorokotaki na yacamuni.
Me yaco mai na nomuni matanitu.
Me caka na lomamuni e vuravura,
Me vaka sa caka tiko mai lomalagi.
Ni solia mai vei keimami ena siga oqo,
Na kakana e rauti keimami.
Ni vosota mada na neimami i valavala ca,
Me vaka keimami sa vosota oti,
Na nodra era sai valavala ca vei keimami.
Ni kakua ni kauti keimami ki na vere;
Ka mo ni vakabulai keimami mai na ca.
Ni sa nomuni na matanitu,
Kei na kaukauwa, kei na lagilagi, ka sega ni mudu.

Emeni