



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

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TOGETHER

March 2022

Guess what, it is nearly March and we are counting down to a very special date for Kapiti Uniting Parish. On the evening of Thursday 21 April, at Raumati, the Reverend Anna Gilkison will be inducted and become officially the full-time Minister of KUP.



Her first service will be on Sunday 1 May, at Raumati, followed by a 'bring and share' lunch. This will be a Parish wide event, so please note on, or in, your calendars.

We have been very blessed. We live in threatening and unpredictable times, and yet our God has answered our prayers and called a very special woman to lead us through the now and into what I feel sure will be a bright future.

Anna visited the Parish in late February. She saw our Kate at work and looked around the Raumati property, had a brief look at where the Manse is located and visited the Waikanae church.

For a small group of the Parish Council it was a chance to touch base with her and explain where they fit into the working structure that will support her.

Although I had previously met Anna only briefly, I had that very comfortable feeling that I knew her well., She was charming and inclusive, but everything about her was clearly underpinned by a deep faith and spirituality. As I drove her around, I found myself thinking "*thank you Lord!!!*"

I would like to emphasise here that the Parish owes a debt of gratitude to the Reverend Roger Wiig who, despite the difficulties with health problems he is dealing with at home, has consistently made himself available for those in the Parish who have suffered bereavement, offering support, conducting funerals, and still being available for consultation on the many matters that are of concern at this time. And the consistency he has made possible by leading the communion services has been a great comfort to all who have attended them.

To everyone, thank you. Together we will get through this time. Without all the hours of work so many contribute, quietly and without fuss, we would not be able to function.

To Ken Milne who has offered to serve again on the Property and Finance group, thank you.

To any of you who are thinking of offering your time, please do. We need some fresh faces.

“God, however we see you or fail to see you, you are always there”

*Mary White
PC Chairperson*



Flowers gifted to the Parish, on behalf of the Winskill family.

About People

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

We think of those members suffering poor health and those in hospital and we wish you all a speedy recovery. We are very pleased to report that Adrienne Burleigh returns home tomorrow from hospital feeling much better.

We are very sad to record the death of Patricia Winskill, a hard-working and respected member of our parish who has served the church in many ways. Patricia's funeral service on 23 February was taken by Rev. Roger Wiig and was well attended.

The Raumati Pastoral Care team are conscious that at this time people may need extra care. We are aware that this is often provided by family, friends and neighbours which is very good.

Should you need medical help phone:

Healthline 0800 358 5453

For a Covid test ring your doctor or 0800 258 5453.

For support and assistance phone:

Age Concern 06 367 2181

The Kapiti Student Volunteer Army 0800 005 902.

If you require pastoral care ring the team member who currently visits or rings you or otherwise ring the Pastoral Care Co-ordinator Diane Ammundsen who will organise either a team member or a church member who has offered to help to contact you. Diane's phone number is 902 4736. She has an answer phone so you can leave a message if you wish.

With our very best wishes to you all,

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

Leprosy and freedom

Leprosy in the biblical world refers to several skin diseases, some mild, some highly infectious. It is a wider and looser term than what today we call leprosy. In Leviticus 13 and 14 a protocol is established for the community to be protected from people who have leprosy. A person who has a skin condition that can turn into a leprosy disease is required to be brought to a priest. The protocol outlines how the priest will inspect the disease and the time for the person to isolate. Those with permanent disease are called unclean, live alone, and outside the camp. The protocol includes how to treat clothing and how to purify a house.

There is a story of Jesus cleansing a leper. The leper asks to be made clean. Jesus touches him and the leprosy leaves him. Jesus then orders him to report to the priest as the law of Moses commanded. From this story we see that Jesus submits to and follows the Leviticus commands of how infectious diseases were handled to protect the community. The tests of diagnosis and the processes of isolation and quarantine are endorsed by Jesus in asking the healed leper to present to the priest and follow the commands and rituals of Moses.

In a letter to the Galatians, Paul writes: “Christ has set us free. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, you shall love your neighbour as yourself”.

Freedom for Paul is not an absolute, it serves the greater commandment to love. For example, Paul talks how in marriage, I may limit what I want in order to love my partner. In a marriage I have obligations to care for my partner. I gain the freedom to be with other people by following the command to love.

Love, like freedom, operates in my relationships such as with my neighbours. Any role which serves other people, such as with parents, teachers, health professionals, law enforcement, and so on, has obligations of care. It is not a loving action to another person if I knowingly harm them by giving them an infectious disease. This harm includes the harm of omission, when I omit to take preventive actions to avoid transmitting disease to the people I serve in love. When I am free from a contagious disease, I will be free to re-engage with others in normal living.

Christian practice and tradition submits to, and endorses, the protocols of quarantine and healing. It mandates these based on a freedom which serves in love. This love includes a duty of care in our roles of service and work in which we limit what we may want in order to serve in love. Anything less is self-indulgence.

John Howell, February 2022

John is a retired Presbyterian Minister who lives in Ngaio, Wellington and is Rev. Roger Wiig's supervisor.

Envelope Secretary required

Ralph Martin is retiring as our Envelope Secretary after 25 years of service. Ralph is happy to discuss the position with anyone who maybe interested. Ralph will complete the end of the year accounts in March and the position will start in the new financial year in April.

Full training will be provided.

Please contact Ralph 904 8361 or Mary White 2987727.



Trade Aid

Do you need a reason to visit the Trade Aid store in Coastlands? Some amazing new and interesting items are on display. And remember, every time we buy these products we're making a difference for the farmers and artisans.

International Women's Day is on 8 March this year. Trade Aid celebrates this day – a day of global celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. Through its commitment to non-discrimination, gender equity, women's economic empowerment and freedom of association, Trade Aid has increased farmer and artisans' capabilities and opportunities. Many of these producers are women, women who have increased their skills, become more self-sufficient and played a major role in improving education and living conditions for their families and villages. Here are some examples:

Meet Magdalena



Magdalena (right) lives in rural Bangladesh. She has endured extreme poverty most of her life, devastating natural disasters, and war — which left her a homeless widow. Left with nothing but her grief, and faced with raising her children alone, Magdalena and the women in her village banded together.

The women were introduced to a group called CORR The Jute Works, so-called for the local jute fibre used in their crafts. Among these were sikas, traditional macramé-like hangers, which became Trade Aid's very first product in 1973.

Through their craft work, the impoverished, mostly illiterate women not only grew to be self-reliant, owning houses and land, they broke the cycle of poverty. They passed their places in their group onto new generations and they educated their children. Many became university graduates, and Magdalena's daughter (above left) is now the headmistress of a school of 862 pupils and 28 teachers.

Extraordinary change in just one generation.

Meet Oliva



Oliva Kishero is the treasurer of Gumutindo Coffee Cooperative.

Oliva regularly visits women farmers in other coffee societies. Gradually, she says, men are beginning to admire those homes with empowered women. In Uganda, men traditionally take all the money – and do all the talking. Gumutindo's policy, however, states that 50 per cent of all seats on committees should be taken by women.

Oliva first encountered Gumutindo in 1998. ‘Then we were just individual farmers. In 2000 we joined together as a society’ Oliva recalls. ‘Andy Carlton from Twin Trading, a UK fair trade organisation, came here and talked to people about empowerment. Men farmers began to see the value of women – and women began to join the society and elect women to the committee. Now we have a committee ... we have transparency ... we have democracy. Our society empowers women. Here in Uganda, women are not involved in decision-making. Women understand quality ... we are hard-working. But much more effort is needed to train our women and men together to understand this’.

Another woman, Lakeli Namona, says when women are organised and can sell their coffee in bulk, they get more money and their lives improve. ‘If you sell alone you have no bargaining power, but with bulk you have a big voice to bargain with. In the Gumutindo Cooperative, farmers are organised and get a fair price’.

Trade Aid purchases coffee from the Gumutindo Coffee Cooperative and on-sells to NZ roasters for sale in fair trade blends across the country.

Marg Lees
Trade Aid shopper and trustee

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



World Day of Prayer

Friday 4 March 2022

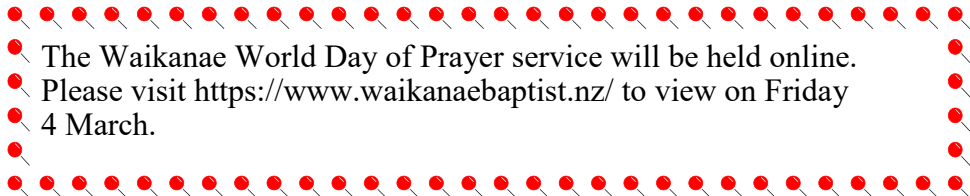
"I Know the Plans I have for you"

*A Service prepared by WDP England,
Wales and Northern Ireland*

*You are invited to join in
worship and fellowship
at your local church*

Place: Our lady of Kapiti

Time: 1.30 pm



The Waikanae World Day of Prayer service will be held online.
Please visit <https://www.waikanaebaptist.nz/> to view on Friday
4 March.

Raumati Women's Morning Fellowship

Thursday 10th March at 10am



Our Speaker will be Hamish Campbell, who is involved with 'Zeal' which supports youth, after school and creative youth groups.

All welcome.

Contact Merrill Baker 902 4134 or
Lyn Martin 904 8361.

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, Penny Currier and Angela Claridge.
Phone 902 5809.

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March: regular events

Mondays	9.30 am	Raumati Music Café Playgroup
Tuesdays	11 am-4 pm	Thrifty Place
Thursdays	9.30 am	Raumati Café Playgroup,
	11 am-4 pm	Thrifty Place
	2.30-3 pm	Fruit and Vege Co-op pick up
Fridays	9.30 am	Waikanae Café Playgroup
Saturdays	10 am-12.30 pm	Thrifty Place

Playgroup 2022 starting date TBC. Please see weekly notices.



March: for your diary

Wed 2nd	10 am	Music and Worship Group, Raumati
Tue 8th	10 am	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
Wed 9th	1.30 pm	Property and Finance, Raumati
Thur 10th	10 am	Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship, Raumati
Mon 14th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home
Tue 15th	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship, Waikanae
Fri 18th		Deadline for April Together
Tue 22nd	7.30 pm	Parish Council, Raumati
Fri 25th		Folding and distribution of April Together
Mon 28th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home

Indoor Bowls

Anyone interested in joining in a new indoor bowls fun afternoon here at the Raumati church please contact Carole Rudings 2988165.

More details to follow.



March Services

Date	Waikanae 9.30 am	United@9 9 am	Raumati 10 am
6th <i>Harvest Festival</i>	Syd Mepham	Maureen Calhaem	Colin Anderson
13th	Rev. Barrie Keenan HC	Rev. Roger Wiig HC	
20th	Ian Marsden	Rev. Robin and Heather List	Rev. Doug Lendrum
27th	Barrie Woods	Maureen Calhaem	Rev. Tony Wood

Lunch after Raumati Combined Service

Sunday 10 April, 11.30 am approx.

Everyone is invited following the Raumati Combined service on 10 April to have lunch and support one of our local eating places.

Venue and time to be announced later.

Contact Carole Rudings 298 8165.



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