



Mission Statement: to promote Christian faith and values in the communities of the Kāpiti Coast

Weekly Notices 21 August 2026

Sunday 23 August

United@9 - Kate Foley and Carole Rudings

Waikanae 10am – Rev Anna Gilkison
with Beth Manning and Sue Hodgson

Raumati 10am – Rev Roger Wiig

Sunday 30 August

Waikanae 10am – Rev Anna Gilkison

United@9 combined Raumati 10am

led by members of United@9 with
Kate Foley co-ordinating

Raumati church door duty

Lyn and Ralph Martin

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Jan Rae, Susan Copping

Lectionary readings for 23 August: Ex 1: 8- 2: 10 Ps 124 Rom 12: 1-8 Mt 16: 13-20

Raumati 10am Roster 23 August: Minister's Steward: Jan Rae, Musician –Elizabeth Kerr,
Morning tea –Merle Stevenson and Beryl Rickard; Reader – Merrill Baker

Waikanae Roster: Music: music library ; Reader: Tina Ireland

Waikanae Church AGM will be held on Sunday 30th August 2026 immediately following the morning service.

The 2026 Parish AGM

will be held on Sunday 11 October after the full parish 10am service at Raumati. There will be a shared finger food lunch in the hall after the AGM.

We need to have all reports sent to the parish office by Tuesday 1 September so that the Annual Report can be prepared and distributed in good time.

The next After Service Lunch

has been booked for 11.45 on Sunday 30th August at Colombia Café, Mitre 10, Kapiti Road.

Those interested please contact Carole 2988165 by Friday 28th

New wifi modem at Raumati church

One NZ have updated the modem at Raumati and the details for login have changed. If you will need to log onto the wifi in the church building, please contact the parish office for the new details.

September Together Magazine

This will be printed on the 28 August. Please could you send in your reports, articles, photos, poems, puzzles etc by Tuesday 25 August. If your contribution will be later, please let the parish office know so that space can be held in the magazine. Thank you to all our contributors.

Advance notice that the parish office will be mostly unattended from 10 – 29 September whilst

Fiona Bell is away. Fiona will be checking emails and will be able to help with some tasks online. Kate Foley will have the office mobile phone and will be providing some cover in the office (thank you Kate).

If you are leading a service during that time, or know you will need other help, please could you send the work in to the parish office so it can be completed in advance.

The October edition of Together will be printed a week later than usual, on 2 October.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 25 August

Thrifty Place 10.30am – 4pm Raumati

Thursday 27 August

Raumati Playgroup 10 – 11.30am Raumati

Thrifty Place 10.30am – 4pm Raumati

Friday 28 August

Folding Together magazine 10am Raumati

Saturday 29 August

Thrifty Place 10.30am – 1pm Raumati



Season of Creation 2026

1 September - 4 October

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

The 2026 theme for the Season of Creation, "Immersion in Living Water", refers to the living waters that flow from the temple in Ezekiel's vision of the new Jerusalem (Ezekiel 47:1-12).

As the river goes out from the city, it gathers strength until it becomes a mighty river, teeming with fish, lined with abundant plantlife, and home to people and animals alike. The prophet describes a thriving and biodiverse ecosystem.

Ezekiel's vision of a renewed creation is picked up in the New Testament too. It's so significant that the River of Life is the final image in the whole Bible (Rev 22:1-5).

It is easy to imagine these prophetic visions as metaphor of God's life flowing into the world. But what if they are not just metaphor, but quite a literal description of God's salvation? What if Ezekiel and John of Patmos thought there was no better image for God's future than a thriving ecosystem sustained by living waters? The human and the more-than-human worlds living in harmony.

What if God has in mind the restoration of real rivers and ecosystems? The people of Israel entered the Promised Land by crossing the Jordan. Naaman found healing in its living waters. When Jesus was baptised in the same river he was immersing himself in this history. It was a sign of his identification, not just with God, but with a particular people and a particular place, where the drama of God's salvation would play out.

If Jesus was baptised in the Jordan, what does it mean for us to be baptised here in Aotearoa New Zealand? For many of us, baptism takes place in a church with a font, removed from the living waters that give us life.

Meanwhile those living waters are dying. This year, the [Ministry for the Environment released a report on the state of our water](#). The results are not good. Many of our waterways are contaminated by intensive farming and polluted by urban runoff. Human health, economic productivity, and whole ecosystems suffer when our water is not well.

This Season of Creation, I encourage you to consider what it means to be immersed in the living waters where you live: the streams, rivers, lakes, and seas. Baptism is an immersion into the living waters of a place: to learn its history, invest in its flourishing, and imagine God's future there.

With our election coming up, the Interchurch Bioethics Council has [just released information sheets](#) on several bioethical and environmental issues, including fresh water. I warmly commend it to you as we immerse ourselves together in the living waters of Aotearoa.

On behalf of Moderator Rt Rev Peter Dunn
Rev Dr Jordan Redding
[Convenor of the Emissions Reductions Workgroup](#)

SEASON OF CREATION RESOURCES FOR CHURCHES

Season of Creation (Sept 1 - Oct 4) is a time for Christians to come together in prayer and action for Creation. You can find resources for churches and groups [on the PCANZ website here](#). Included are the Season of Creation 2026 Celebration Guide; Presbyterian Research Centre newly added ecotheology and care of creation books and ebooks; and Eco Church resources.



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