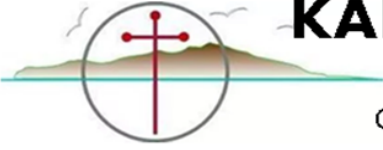


TOGETHER

KAPITI UNITING PARISH



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The Labourer is Worthy of His Wages -Luke 10:7



The Kapiti Coast District Council has become the first district council and the 8th territorial authority to pass a motion seeking Living Wage Accreditation.



Rev Anna speaking to Kapiti Coast District Council

This achievement has been a long time in the making and was finally secured through unwavering determination from our leaders and the group that showed support at the council today.

We had Reverend Anna Gilkison from Kapiti Uniting Parish address the council, urging them to demonstrate leadership and to support workers during this cost-of-living crisis by ensuring the council commits to the living wage through Accreditation.

Councillors unanimously supported the motion and voted to immediately accredit, which means that all council contracts will swiftly shift to the living wage. This will affect hundreds of directly employed and contracted workers employed by the council.

Good work Kapiti Coast District Council, and leaders!

From the Minister's Desk

When I spoke to the Kapiti District Council about the Living Wage. I didn't do it on my own. I did it with you.

When they received me as a speaker they received you as speakers with me, even if you weren't physically present.

The experience warmed my heart because the Councillors spoke so positively about you as a parish and as a presence in the Kapiti communities.

You have a reputation for caring about issues which impact people's lives negatively, particularly the lives of the more vulnerable.

You have a reputation for selfless service to our Kapiti neighbours; you have a reputation for trying to live ethically and responsibly.

It was an honour to represent you in this way to carry on this work of building a better world with you.

Whether it be the Social Justice Group which Erice and Marg still keep faith with, or the life-giving generosity of all who work to keep Thrifty Place functioning, especially Kay.

Or whether it be giving the Craft Group a home for their wonderful outreach, or the Playgroups, or the Vege Garden and Vege Co-op, or the outward-facing ethos of Women's Fellowships - this Parish builds the Kingdom of Heaven on this patch of earth every day in every way.

Well done, ye good and faithful servants!

Rev Anna Gilkison

News from Waikanae

Worship. Our service for the Week of Prayer for World Peace coincided with the devastating events in Israel and Gaza. Evan Ireland led deeply meaningful worship based on the Beatitudes.

Our Industrial Sunday Labour Weekend worship, led by Diana Roberts, considered the changing nature of work and its implications for our lives. Evan Ireland introduced us to some fundamentals of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and we reflected on our Christian response to this fast-growing influence on our work and living.

The Waikanae Anniversary and Thanksgiving service on 26 November will be led by the Worship Group.

We are very grateful for the leadership of Maureen Calhaem, Heather and Robin List and Rev Anna.

Buildings and Grounds. Spring has sprung and the mower man has been kept busy with our lawns. Our low maintenance gardens are paying off and everything looks neat and tidy as we come into summer. Our building ticks along but there is always something minor to repair or replace.

Health & Safety. We have updated fire, earthquake, and tsunami posters on our information boards. Our fire and earthquake procedures were discussed at a recent morning tea. This was very worthwhile, and everyone was able to contribute and ask questions. As we are in the yellow tsunami risk zone, people were keen to discuss the actions we should take if there is a very strong local earthquake. We plan to hold a practice evacuation from our lounge soon. Then later we will hold an emergency evacuation from the Church without prior notice. This will help us to evaluate our procedures and make any necessary changes.

Women's Fellowship. Marie Smith attended the National MWF Convention held in Auckland in October and reported back to the Waikanae MWF meeting, details shared by Marie on the next page.

Desmond Corrigan

NZ Methodist Women's Fellowship National Convention 2023

The theme was :“Revive &Unite – Go bear fruit, fruit that will last”.

If you want to go fast go alone; if you want to go far, go together.

This was organised by the National Executive, who were from the Samoan District. Ninety two women attended, of whom nine were Palangi - which is a reflection of our changing society.



The opening service included Tributes to Kath Turkington, Jean Purchase and Beth Hickman from the Wellington District. Candles were lit in their honour.

The Special Project: \$15,000 to CWS for Tongan relief. \$15,000 to the Living Wage Movement. From Used Stamps and Medical & Educational fund \$5,364 to “Nurturing Families”

President Tuituivao Salevao’s regular newsletters has kept members informed of Fellowship happenings. Local groups have a variety of happenings and many support families in need in their communities. A new group has started in Auckland Central.

Morning & Evening Devotions, mostly based on John 15 v 16, were led by different groups. Fiji language week was acknowledged.

Deacon Margaret Birtles spoke about the place of Deacons in the Methodist Church and their pathway of service. She encouraged people to think about following this pathway.

As with any Pacifika event, there was lots of singing. The Fiafia on Saturday night was great and enjoyed by all.

The South Pacific Area Seminar will be held in Samoa in 2024.

The Sunday service was held at the Panmure Methodist Church



Lesieli Pope and her team from the Tongan District were inducted as the National Executive for 2023-2025

Marie Smith

About People

We wish HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all those in this parish celebrating birthdays in November - Noel Chapman, Maureen Evans, George Watson, Jenny Latimer, Alison Johnston, Lyn Sherborne, Garth Orchard, Erice Carley, Hugh Evans and Bruce Johnston & we wish Happy Anniversary to those who are celebrating anniversaries this month. We hope you enjoy your special occasions!

We think of those members suffering poor health and those in hospital and we send you best wishes for a good recovery.

I had the pleasure of visiting Patricia Murray and also Cliff Couch this week and though not able to join us for our church services, they are both very much interested in the news of our parish and send their very best wishes to all parish members.

We are now in Spring and the sun is shining (most days anyway!) and summer is getting closer.

With our very best wishes to you all,

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM, Carole, Lyn, Bastiana, Mary, Merrill, Erice, Kay, and Diane



KAPITI HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 7PM
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM, KUP RAUMATI BEACH
DR KEITH LEWIS WILL SPEAK ON
PLANTS AND GEOLOGY IN TIME
ALL ARE WELCOME,
BRING YOUR BEST FLOWER, HERB, VEGETABLE OR FRUIT
TO COMPETE WITH OTHER GARDENERS

Church Reformers quiz *by Rosalie Sugrue*

Emperor ? sought to standardise Christian beliefs in 325

C _____

The 1054 split between Rome and Constantinople led to the great ?

____ **H** _____

Martin ? is credited with beginning The Reformation in 1517

____ **U** _____

In what country did The Reformation begin

____ **R** _____

John ? was a Frenchman who refined Reformation teachings

C _____

The Church of Scotland was founded by Knox in 1560

____ **H** ____

In 1558 King ? VIII broke away from the Pope

____ **R** ____

...and declared himself head of The Church of

E _____

Edward VI was Protestant but his ? sister Mary

____ **F** ____

was ? Catholic and she persecuted non-Catholics

____ **O** _____

Elizabeth 1st established a more ? C of E

____ **R** _____

In 1620 the ? left Plymouth in the Mayflower

____ **M** ____

? Fox founded the Quakers in the mid 17th Century

____ **E** _____

Many strict ? sects began in the 16th & 17th Centuries

____ **R** _____

John ? brought the gospel to the poor in the 18th Century

____ **S** _____

Raumati Women's Fellowship

The Raumati Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday 9 November at 10am in the meeting room.

Our speaker will be Diane Ammundsen, who will talk about her recent travels to Alaska, the Canadian Rockies and England, cruising on the River Thames.

All are very welcome.

Contacts: Lyn Martin 04 904 8361
 Merrill Baker 04 902 4134 or 027 353 2307



Some photos of Diane's trip

Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord", and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning!"

Trade Aid – Making Christmas Fair since 1973

By Marg Lees, Trade Aid shopper and trustee.

A recent visit to the Trade Aid shop in Coastlands left me:

- stopping in my tracks as I realised that Christmas was creeping up on me
- delighted by the stunning Christmas display of quality hand-made gifts and decorations
- curious to further explore the shop to see the new stock.

I noticed new chocolate items (surprise, surprise) – orange chocolate sticks and mint chocolate sticks. I bought some Mint Chocolate sticks along with an old favourite of mine - Dried Mango. With a Christmas decoration around them these make an ideal small gift.



The dried fruit are produced by PREDA FAIR TRADE in the Philippines

Tropical fruit producers in the Southern Philippines engage in fair trade with Preda to gain maximum value for their high quality produce. Their efforts, in turn, support the Preda Foundation, which fundraises and works for justice and rehabilitation for exploited children in the Philippines, seeking law change and advocating for children's rights.

A video clip with further information about the PREDA Foundation is available on our Parish website, KUP.org.nz, the link is on the Together page.



November Services

	Waikanae 10am	United@9 9am	Raumati 10am
5th	Rev John Roberts	Rev Anna Gilkison HC	
12th	Rev Anna Gilkison HC	Syd Mepham	Barrie Woods
19th	Rev Robin List	Maureen Calheim	
26th	Waikanae Church Anniversary Worship Group	Heather List	Rev Anna Gilkison

November: regular events

Tuesdays	10am - 12pm	Women's Craft Group, Raumati
	11am - 4pm	Thrifty Place
	2-3pm	Advent Study, Waikanae (21 st and 28 th)
Thursdays	9.30 - 11.30am	Raumati Playgroup
	11am - 4pm	Thrifty Place
	2.30-3pm	Fruit & Vege Co-op pick up Raumati
Fridays	9.30 - 11.30am	Waikanae Playgroup
Saturdays	10.30 - 1pm	Thrifty Place



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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Merrill Baker 04 902 4134 or text 0273532307 or amkram.nz@gmail.com

Mary White 04 298 7727 or text 0273865020 or marywhite@xtra.co.nz

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



Answers to quiz are:

Constantine, Schism, Luther, Germany, Calvin, John, Henry, England, half,
Roman, moderate, Pilgrims, George, Puritan, Wesley

*Claim your prize of a chocolate fish from the Parish Office if you knew
all the answers (or if you didn't know all the answers but would like a
chocolate fish anyway).*



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November: for your diary

8 th	10.45am-12.45pm	Property and Finance Group, Raumati
9 th	10am-12pm	Raumati Women's Fellowship
10 th	10am-12pm	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
13 th	1.30-4pm	Board Games, Carole Ruding's home
15 th	10am-12pm	Music and Worship Group, Raumati
16 th	10.30am	Coastal Villas Service, upstairs lounge
17 th	10am – 12pm	Parish Council
21 st	10am-12pm	Waikanae Women's Fellowship
	2-3pm	Advent Study, Waikanae lounge
24 th	10-11.30am	Folding Together magazine
27 th	1.30-4pm	Board Games, Carole Ruding's home
28 th	2-3pm	Advent Study, Waikanae lounge

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

HAMAS-ISRAEL WAR



Blessed are the peacemakers

Today it is 18 days since the Hamas and Israel war began with a terror attack by Hamas on Israel. I have watched this unfold in the news with horror and prayed that there would be a ceasefire, prayed that these appalling crimes against God and humanity would end. Instead, the suffering and terrible loss of life continues, with unconscionable civilian casualties, and humanitarian aid not able to reach those who need it most. As is so often the case in war, children, women and the vulnerable pay a terrible price. It is a humanitarian catastrophe.

I know that some of you have strong views on this war, and on the Israel-Palestine conflict. Today, both Israelis and Palestinians are living in fear, are injured, are mourning the loss of families and friends. I invite you to join me in prayer for:

- A ceasefire.
- Those killed, injured, and all who care for them.
- The release of hostages taken by Hamas. · Safe humanitarian access into Gaza so that much needed aid can be provided.
- Those trapped and those who have had to leave their homes.
- Those risking their safety to help.
- For peace-keepers and peace-makers.

Christian World Service has launched a Gaza Palestine Emergency Appeal to assist people who have been affected by the current conflict, particularly in Gaza. They write that "thousands of people have been killed, injured and displaced. Nearly two hundred people are being held as hostages. Hospitals, schools and homes have been damaged or destroyed. The need for a ceasefire and humanitarian relief is overwhelming."

If you would like to support the CWS appeal see information [here](#), and there are links to more appeals below.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9)

Right Rev Rose Luxford Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand
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More appeals for those affected by this war:

[Unicef](#)
[Oxfam](#)
[Red Cross](#)





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Emergency Appeal
for food, shelter
and medical care**

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Children of Gaza crisis

unicef.org.nz to donate

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RED CROSS**
RIPEKA WHERE AOTEAROA

**ISRAEL AND
THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES**

People caught in rising violence need your help

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