



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

Christian Churches of NZ - Methodist - Presbyterian

TOGETHER

March 2023

Haere mai, dear friends,

Our working year as a parish really begins in February. January is a time of rest and restoration for our many hard workers, Kay and her wonderful team of volunteers in Thrifty Place, our leaders on Parish Council and its various committees, Lyn and all who offer the vital ministry of hospitality, Women's Fellowships whose invisible work is a pearl of great price.

The Ministry of Word and Music and Worship doesn't stop, whatever the season. I would like to thank our musicians, our preachers, our worship teams, our worship support workers for their dedication to this work which is the heart of our life as a parish and the first expression of our appreciation for all that flows into our lives through the love of God.

And thank you to the gardeners and property people who work ceaselessly to maintain our grounds and buildings.

This issue of 'Together' includes a stirring reflection by Syd Mephram. Parish Council began in February with a Retreat. The day began with Syd's prophetic voice, words which speak to all of us and not just to Parish Council. His prayer, which accompanied the reflection will, be published in the March 'Together'.

Anna

About People

We wish happy birthdays to all those in our parish celebrating birthdays in March and happy anniversaries to those celebrating anniversaries this month too. We hope that you all enjoy your special occasions!

Our birthday people this month include Jan Solloway, Marcia Collins, Carol Raea, Judith Bradley, Derek Townsend, Evan Ireland, and Barrie Woods.

Pamela Smith passed away on 22 February. She was a loved member of the Raumati congregation and we are praying her friends and family.

We think of those suffering poor health and those in hospital and we hope that you are feeling better and recovering well.

The team keeps in touch with and visits nearly ninety people in Raumati/ Paraparaumu and more in Waikanae. If we should know of others needing us, please tell us.

Blessings to you all from the Pastoral Care Team - Jennie, Lyn, Merrill, Erice, Carole, Mary, Bastiana and Diane



World Day of Prayer

Friday 3 March 2023

1.30 pm

"I Have Heard About Your Faith"

*A service prepared by the
WDP Committee of Taiwan*

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

Services held at Waikanae Uniting Church (9 Taiata Street) and St. Paul's Anglican Church (corner Kapiti Road and Langdale Avenue)



Waikanae Church

Summertime in Waikanae

“Sing of the gold and the green and the sparkle, water and river and lure of the beach”... Shirley Murray’s words evoke the past month here - a time to enjoy the beauty of this place and to share it with holiday visitors. Now we are moving into the year’s activities.

Our Women’s Fellowship are hosting the World Day of Prayer service on Friday 3 March at 1.30pm. Women (and men, we hope) from the Anglican, Baptist and Presbyterian churches and local members of Our Lady of Kapiti Catholic Parish will meet in our church to share in the service prepared by the Christian women of Taiwan.

Playgroup is off to a flying start with quite a few mothers and some very small children. We thank Marie for her commitment to this group, and Don for his help.

Waikanae gardens are abundantly productive: zucchini proliferate, beans and tomatoes are ready and plums are dropping from the trees. Harvest Thanksgiving has special significance for us, and Desmond Corrigan and Sue Hodgson, Worship Group members, will lead the celebration on 12 March.

Women’s Fellowship met on 21 February to plan the year ahead, with Soup Group (although in this weather it will be Bread and Spread) coming up on 21 March.

Planning is underway for Neighbours Day on 26 March.

The church and grounds are looking great and we thank Desmond Corrigan for his work and care. Thanks to Evan for updating rosters.

Marie and Don invited us to a celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. Warmest congratulations!

There is keen interest in the series of Lenten Studies to be offered at Raumati and we can offer transport for those who would like to attend. We value this opportunity to prepare for the great festival of the church year.

Diana Roberts

Reflections by Syd Mephram

Parish Council Retreat held in February

We are the People of God in this place.

We represent the Christian faith, expressed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

We are charged by God, to hold the values of love, peace and hope, care and healings for others, justice for all, the joy of the Christian faith and the love of God, for all to see.

Over the years we have responded to the call of God and individually, made our way here and established our presence on this knoll of land in Raumati and a corner section at Waikanae Beach.

The building we sit in today is lifted up to be seen. On its walls are two crosses that proclaim our faith. On Sunday mornings we ring a bell to announce to the neighbourhood a God-centred worship service is about to start.

Our website proclaims who we are and it tells the community what our mission is. That our mission is..."To promote Christian faith and values in the communities of the Kapiti Coast".

Further comment states that..."This ethic governs our worship and encourages our members to move out from the church into the community, giving service to others and helping address social issues".

On the face of it, it seems that we have cracked it!
That it's all downhill from here on.
Is it?

We have an ageing parish.
We have a parish that is declining in numbers.
We have a parish where the emphasis is pastoral.
We have a parish that does not discuss its future.

So where can we find the God-centred vision for the Parish? For its people? For the wider community? A vision that underpins the statement of mission we proclaim.

Scripture tells us in Proverbs... *"that where there is no vision, the People perish"*.

Having a vision and knowing our vision allows us to set our expectations for success.

It aids us in staying focussed on the path we have chosen and is consolidated in our calling, in our thinking and in our actions.

Without a vision the people perish!

- We have a stated Mission but without a vision!
- We have a stated Mission but without a strategic plan to tell us how to make the mission workable!
- We have a stated Mission but without a tactical plan to identify the resources required to fulfil the mission!

We are confronted by a challenge; a where is laid down before us.

People,
 We are challenged by our faith.
 We are challenged by our history.
 We are challenged by diminishing congregations.
 We are challenged by the needs of our community.

Are we willing to respond to the challenges facing us?

Let's look to the scriptures once more;

Isaiah writes..." then I heard the Lord asking... 'Who will I send to be a messenger to my People?' Isaiah spoke up and said 'I am here Lord! Send me'!

Syd Mephram.

Lenten Studies 2023

Following Christ in the Footsteps of the Saints

Guided by the stories of St Winefride,
Te Arikinui Dame Te Atairangikaahu, Tarore of Waharoa,
Te Whiti O Rongomai,
Mary MacKillop, Patron Saint of Australia

This is a **six week course**
Tuesday afternoons, 2.30 to 3.30 pm
February 28
March 7, 14, 21, 28
April 4

*These are simple, heartfelt studies which will still us into
reflection and stir us into action*

Please join us at the Raumati Church, upstairs meeting
room

You may come for single studies
or commit to a six-week Lenten journey
of study and reflection.
No theological qualifications necessary!

Rev. Anna Gilkison

Kapiti Horticultural Society

Friday 3 March, 7 pm

Raumati Uniting Church, lower meeting room

Free entry

Why are our fruit and vegetable prices so high?

Is there a future for NZ fruit and vegetable industry? Can a career in the industry be sustainable? What is in high demand overseas?

Bring your questions to a Q&A with Andrew Bristol, Communications Manager of HortNZ, the National Organization overseeing NZ's fruit and vegetable growers.

Join the fun and bring your best flower, vegetable or fruit to compete with other gardeners. Raffles, sales table, supper.

Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship

Thursday 9 March, 10 am

The speaker will be Cheryl Roberts, secretary of the Kapiti Herb Society.
All are welcome.

Contact Merrill Baker on 902 4134
or 027 343 2307.

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.

KAPITI UNITING PARISH

PLAYGROUPS

Raumati Beach

10 Weka Road

.....

Playgroup

Thursdays 9.30-11.30 am

Waikanae Beach

9 Taiata Street

.....

Playgroup

Fridays 9.30-11.30 am

Free

All welcome



www.kup.org.nz

Thrifty Place

Quality second-hand
clothing and
household items

Tuesday 11 am to 4 pm

Thursday 11 am to 4 pm

Saturday 10.30 am to 1 pm

Raumati Church

Kapiti Uniting Parish

10 Weka Road

Raumati Beach

04 902 5809

kapitiuniting@outlook.com

Find us on Facebook and
Instagram



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 and Penny Currier.
Phone 902 5809.

Parish Directory

Parish Minister:	Rev. Anna Gilkison anna.gilkison@outlook.com	298 7576 027 620 8146
Parish Council Chair:	Mary White marywhite@xtra.co.nz	298 7727
Parish Council Secretary:	Jan Rae janiserae47@gmail.com	298 2562
Treasurer:	Cathy Drummond kuptreasurer@gmail.com	299 3867
Envelope Secretary:	Dorothy Woods barrie.woods22@gmail.com	905 9099
Together Editor:	Kate Foley kapitiuniting@outlook.com	902 5809 021 120 8045
Counselling Service:	Kapiti Counselling Service, Raumati	902 5809

Parish Office Contact

Parish Office phone:	902 5809
Parish Office Administrator:	Kate Foley (021 120 8045)
Address:	10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach
Office hours:	Tuesday - Friday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Office e-mail:	kapitiuniting@outlook.com
Parish website:	www.kapitiunitingparish.org.nz
Waikanae Church	9 Taiata Street, Waikanae

March: regular events

Tuesdays	10 am-12 pm	Women's Craft Group, Raumati
	11 am-4 pm	Thrifty Place
Thursdays	9.30 am-11.30 am	Raumati Playgroup
	11 am-4 pm	Thrifty Place
	2.30-3 pm	Fruit and Vege Co-op pick up, Raumati
Fridays	9.30 am-11.30 am	Waikanae Playgroup
Saturdays	10.30 am-1 pm	Thrifty Place



March: for your diary

Fri 3rd	1.30 pm	World Day of Prayer Services, Waikanae Uniting Church and St. Paul's Anglican Church
Tue 7th	2.30 pm	Lenten Studies, Raumati
Wed 8th	10.30 am	Property and Finance, Raumati
Thur 9th	10 am	Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship
Sun 12th	After morning tea	Waikanae Committee, Waikanae
Mon 13th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home
Tue 14th	10 am	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
	2.30 pm	Lenten Studies, Raumati
Wed 15th	10 am	Music and Worship Group, Raumati
Fri 17th	1 pm	Parish Council, Raumati
		Deadline for April Together
Tue 21st	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship, Waikanae
	1.30 pm	Lenten Studies, Raumati
Fri 24th		Folding and distribution of April Together
Mon 27th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home
Tues 28th	2.30 pm	Lenten Studies, Raumati

March Services

Date	Waikanae 9.30 am	United@9 9 am	Raumati 10 am
5th	Heather List	Maureen Calhaem, HC	Rev. Anna Gilkison, HC
12th Harvest Festival	Worship Team and Rev. Anna Gilkison HC	Colin Anderson Raumati, 10 am	
19th	Barrie Woods	Rev. Anna Gilkison	Rev. Anna Gilkison
26th	Syd Mepham	Maureen Calhaem	Rev. Robin List

This Together magazine was delivered to you by.....

Phone