

August Services

Date	Waikanae 9.30 am	United@9 9 am	Raumati 10 am
1st	Rev. Doug Lendrum	Heather List	Colin Anderson
8th	Rev. Barrie Keenan HC	Rev. Roger Wiig HC	
15th	Rosalie Sugrue	Maureen Calhaem	Rev. Doug Lendrum
22nd	Rev. Tony Wood <i>Raumati 10 am. Followed by the Parish AGM.</i>		
29th	Maureen Calhaem	Barrie Woods	Rev. Roger Wiig

Kapiti Uniting Parish Parish Council

Nominations are now called for:

Parish Council Chairperson
Parish Council Deputy Chairperson

Nomination forms are available from the Parish office or by email.
Forms must be returned to the office by Friday 20 August, 12 noon.

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

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August 2021

"You are God, in whom I have put my trust, your Presence is everywhere.

Your Presence surrounds me. In you I live and move and have my being".



These words are a great comfort to me, especially at this time. The previous months have been more challenging than usual and I am deeply grateful for my Faith, for my wider family and for my friends at Kapiti Uniting Parish, the majority of whom I had not met before I came here in 2013.

For me, being here is a positive experience which I hope will continue. I have made the decision to not seek re-election to the Chair of the Parish Council after the August AGM. I will remain on the Parish Council and I would be delighted to assist the next Chairperson.

Hopefully this will give everyone plenty of notice and I would ask those of you who could step up, to give this prayerful consideration.

What a year this has been! We have all seen and heard it described in so many different ways, I will leave you to your own definition.

The longer I live, the more I realise the impact of attitude on life. Attitude to me is more important than facts, than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people say or do.

More important than appearance, giftedness, or skill.

It will make or break a Home a Company a Church.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day, regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past.... We cannot change the fact that people will behave in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it and so it is with you... we are in charge of our attitudes.

I saw this on the wall of a favourite Italian restaurant in Wellington, some years ago.

I asked if they could give me a copy. One of the owners came to the table and we discussed the above as they would in Italy, with a glass of red wine, amazing Lasagna and complete acceptance and tolerance of the opinions around the table.

As a group of Christians, we soon got to wondering, “where is God in all of this?” It takes time and familiarity to trust others enough to share who we are, to listen, to dare to hope.

I grew up and was married in the Methodist Church. When we settled in Island Bay, the local church was about to close and so we became Presbyterian: we were young with children to bring up, and we were accepted with grace and love.

At Kapiti Uniting Parish we have all we need: the Faith, the People, the wide breadth of experience that people from so many different lives, lived elsewhere, bring together when we join in worship.

May God bless us with the right person to lead us and may we be always open to seek His will.

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world”.

Mary White, Parish Chairperson.

August: regular events

Mondays	9.30 am	Raumati Music Café Playgroup, (term-time)
Tuesdays	10 am	Women's Craft Group, Lower Lounge, Raumati (term-time)
	11 am-4 pm	Thrifty Place
Wednesdays	4 pm	F.I.T. Exercises, Raumati
Thursdays	9.30 am	Raumati Café Playgroup (term-time)
	11 am-4 pm	Thrifty Place
	2.30-3 pm	Fruit and Vege Co-op pick up
Fridays	9.30 am	Waikanae Café Playgroup (term-time)
Saturdays	10 am-12.30 pm	Thrifty Place



August: for your diary

Tue 3rd	2 pm	Afternoon Women’s Fellowship, Raumati
Wed 4th	1.30 pm	Raumati Committee
Mon 9th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Raumati
Tue 10th	10 am	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
Wed 11th	1.30 pm	Property and Finance, Raumati
Thur 12th	10 am	Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship
Sun 15th	2 pm	Progressive Table Games, Waikanae
Mon 16th	9.30 am	Parish Council, Raumati
Tue 17th	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship
Fri 20th		Deadline for September Together
Sun 22nd	10 am	Parish AGM, Raumati
Mon 23rd	1.30 pm	Board Games, Raumati
Tue 24th	1.30	My Story, Raumati
Fri 27th	10 am	Folding and distribution of September Together

Please send contributions for the September Together to the editor, Kate Foley, kapitiuniting@outlook.com by Friday 20 August. Thank you.

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.

Please leave a message and contact will be made.

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Answer from page 10: Parables are ordinary stories that have SPECIAL MESSAGES.

About People

The Pastoral Care Team would like to remind members of our congregation that we need your assistance in letting us know of those who may require pastoral support, please.



Happy birthday to those celebrating birthdays this month and a special happy birthday to Barbara Niccol who celebrated her 90th in July.

Happy anniversary to those celebrating this month, celebrate these special occasions.

We are pleased to let parishioners know that Janette Dale (from Paekakariki initially and then Paraparaumu) is now happily residing at Huntleigh Home in Karori. She loves that it is a Presbyterian Enliven home and she especially enjoys the weekly church services there.

Alison Stirrat is happily settled in Malvina Major Home in Johnsonville. Both she and Janette are still members of our parish even though they don't live locally now.

Thanks to Florence Hodder we have some beautiful silk flowers arranged in our church. With only four of us left on the flower roster, it was putting pressure on us especially at this time of the year when flowers are more scarce. We may still have fresh flowers when requested for special events, especially funerals.

We think of those members suffering poor health or in hospital and wish you a speedy recovery.

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



Bastiana Snyders and family would like to thank you all for the love and support you have given us during Jack's illness and passing. All who attended his service and sent cards a big thanks. It is much appreciated and a great comfort to us.
Bastiana

Letter from Rev. Roger Wiig

Dear Friends,

After emailing a number of people letting them know that I was unhappy with some procedures being followed in the Ministry Settlement Board, I received this email from the Rev. Peter Mackenzie, the Executive Secretary of the Central Presbytery.

PCANZ is on the verge of a ministry crisis. As predicted 10 years ago, the age profile of our ministry has moved ever higher and a high percentage are now aged over 55. This means that there is very little movement of ministers across the country as incumbent ministers wait for retirement and there are not enough people being trained to fill the coming ministry vacancies. Many ministers are now limited in their itinerancy due to a spouse's occupation and there are strong geographical preferences. This means that the remaining ministers are covering ever increasing gaps and their roles are moving more into management than ministry. In the Manawatu we have the need of 11 interim moderators and have only two full-time Presbyterian ministers in the area. The system is at breaking point. Added to this is the changing face of ministry and the difficult task of proclaiming the Gospel in the secular community. That is also seen in the increasing number of ministers burning out and needing leave – which adds to the system stress. Northern Presbytery are seeking ministers from the USA to fill their vacancies (we hope there might be surplus enquiries) but that will bring its own challenges. Sadly there is no simple solution for Kapiti apart from relying on someone hearing a call to minister to the people of that area.

I share this assessment with you to let you know what a difficult task faces our Ministry Settlement Board.

Meanwhile we need to thank Bruce Johnston for ensuring that all worship services proceed with qualified people to lead them. We also need to thank the Parish Councillors for giving leadership to the parish during what has become a very long vacancy.

Rev. Roger Wiig



Raumati Women's Morning Fellowship

Thursday 12 August, 10 am

Our speaker will be Janice Swan who will talk to us about "Decluttering".
This should be useful for anyone thinking of moving house!
All welcome.



E-Prayer Requests

A group of 15 people from your Parish family receive requests for prayer each week.

If you would like prayer for a family member, a friend or yourself, please contact one of the following people who will direct it to the larger group;

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

Requests will remain confidential and your name will not be used without your permission.

Parish Quiz

Three teams battled it out on a Saturday evening in July. Derek Townsend provided the questions and was assisted by Carole Rudings, who helped run the evening. The Waikanae team took out the crown for the evening, although it was a tight competition. Everyone who came along enjoyed the evening and had lots of fun. The Parish Quiz organised by the Raumatī Committee is a yearly event. Thanks to Derek and Carole for all your hard work.

Kate Foley



My Story

In our Parish we are blessed with approximately 200 people over the age of 65 which roughly equates to 13,000 years of living!

What events, happenings, changes and personal experiences we have had between us in that time.

What stories we can tell! One of our lovely 100-year-old members has written down her 'story' in book form for posterity and while you may not have the desire to write a book there could be things you would like to share.

'My Story' is an opportunity to share these stories, memories and happenings from your own time with people of your generation (give or take 30 years) who can relate to your experiences of life.

On Tuesday 24 August at 1.30 pm in the upstairs meeting room at Raumatī, you will be welcome to come and join in the sharing. Time will be well guarded so no-one gets carried away and there will be a very loose structure to keep us on track.

Please come and join in the fun and the sharing in a loving atmosphere of interest and acceptance.

Blessings,

Carole Rudings



Parish members enjoying a lunch at Two Fat Chefs in July. Lunches are held after the Raumatī Combined Service each month at a local café.

Trade Aid

I hope you've been able to get into the Trade Aid shop in Coastlands recently. During the last week Vicki Black, the shop manager, and her team have been busy processing a large and much needed supply of products for the shop, and I recommend you pop in and have a look. The supply of goods has been intermittent this year due to Covid-19 hitting Trade Aid farmers and artisans, their supply chains, including shipping.



This month we celebrate New Zealand Fairtrade Fortnight, August 6 – 19. The theme is: the growing challenges that climate change brings to farmers and workers in communities Fairtrade works with.

Coffee, cocoa, spices and many other food products you'll find in the shop come from small farms in countries already badly affected by climate change, and of course they've been hit by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic too. By buying Fairtrade when you shop you'll support farmers through this climate emergency and beyond the pandemic. Fairer prices and Fairtrade Standards help to build stronger farms and communities, because more money means more capacity to adapt, whether through training or opportunities to diversify.

So how have Fairtrade practices helped our Trade Aid farmers? I talked to Vicki Black, who had visited Sri Lanka in 2019, and asked her what she'd seen as the impact of Trade Aid's partnership with farmers. She told me about PODIE (People's Organisation for Export and Import), a small scale organisation which was established in 1974 in Negombo, Sri Lanka. PODIE has been a people-based organisation, mainly working with small-scale organic farmers in the remote villages in Sri Lanka, and they are the main stake-holders of PODIE. It is one of the pioneers in

Donations can be made to our bank account:

Bank account name: Foodbank Building Fund Appeal
Bank account: 12-3157-0048639-50

All donations over \$5 are tax deductible, so if you require a receipt please send an email to: foodbankkapiti@gmail.com

For those businesses who are looking to make a significant donation, please email the committee as we are offering naming rights of the building, and individual rooms. We also plan to offer business benefactors the opportunity to display their logos on signage at the new premises, as well as on our website.

To follow our progress, you can see our weekly funding raising updates on Facebook www.facebook.com/kapitifoodbank1. For more information please visit our website www.thekapitifoodbank.co.nz

*David Edwards, Chairperson
Kapiti Community Foodbank*



Above: David Edwards outside the Foodbank with the new fundraising signboard. At the time of publishing the total raised was \$45,054

Help the Kapiti Community Foodbank Secure its Future

The Kapiti Community Foodbank is no stranger to disruptions, whether from having to move twice, being cleaned out by burglars, a global pandemic, or toxic mould. Despite all this, through all the challenges of the past year, manager Kerry Lovell and the wonderful team of volunteers have continued to provide this vital service to the community.



Even during lockdown when everyone was in their bubbles, staying close to home, foodbank volunteers continued to arrange food parcels for those who required our support.

Now we need your help.

At present the foodbank is still located at the Te Newhanga Community Centre in Paraparaumu. However it will be closing soon, due to weather tightness issues. The Kapiti District Council are working with us, regularly monitoring the air quality to ensure everyone's safety. However our situation is dire, and we need to vacate the building as soon as we can.

We need to move and we need your help now.

The Kapiti Community Foodbank wants a permanent home, one where we can consistently serve our community - as well as provide a safe and secure environment for our volunteers, and supplies. Our committee is currently working on procuring a relocatable building which we plan to move to a central location, close to Coastlands. We have managed to secure a 10 year lease at an affordable rate, meaning it can provide everyone with a sense of stability.

Our project requires a building fund of \$150,000 - and we have already had some generous donations towards it. This local support has given us the encouragement to continue on with our next stage.

We are launching a fundraising campaign, the biggest since our inception in 1999, when four local women recognised a need, and started the foodbank in a shed.

initiating the fair trade activities in Sri Lanka. PODIE has been involved in processing and packing of organic spices for export markets over 33 years. It is one of the popular organic spice manufacturing companies, which provides employment for over 60 full time workers.

Main intentions of PODIE are to:

- Protect farmers and consumers from middlemen.
- Boost the income of small scale farmers by offering them a higher price than the prevailing market price.
- Improve the standards of production at the farmer level by providing them with necessary infrastructure facilities.
- Create green environment by establishing organic fields.
- Enhance the Sri Lankan economy by exporting organic products.

In the north of Sri Lanka farmers have a problem of irregular rainfall which can detrimentally affect their harvest. The water tank which Trade Aid helped to fund has enabled the growers to water their crops even in dry times, ensuring they have a stable income for them and their families.



Spice farmers sitting on a water tank funded through Trade Aid capacity building funds



Pipeline enables crops to be watered

Marg Lees
Trade Aid shopper and trustee.

Pitching Our Tents: Poetry of Hospitality

Rosalie Sugrue was recently invited to offer three poems for possible inclusion in an international fund-raising venture for a remarkable enterprise - building a Peace Cathedral in the Republic of Georgia as a physical and spiritual embrace of Interfaith community. An inclusive Baptist Church is providing land for adding a mosque and synagogue to their complex as a place where all oppressed minorities will be welcome. The 'chapbook' includes the works of thirty-two contributors from seven countries. The writers brief was to focus on issues of inclusion and connection in their own situations and heritage. Remarkably only two poets had two of their offerings accepted and both were from Aotearoa. The poem opposite is not one of them. The published poems are under copyright regulations. *Rainbow Religion* was written as a fun contribution not intended for publication.



**Editor's note: English-language 'chapbooks' first appeared in the 1820s ('chap' comes from the Old English for trade.) It now means produced in a simple and economic way e.g. donate and download.*
<https://allianceofbaptists.org/donate>



The Women's Fellowship groups enjoyed their mid-winter lunch at the Waterfront Bar and Kitchen in July.

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This can be carried around and placed where it can be most effective on the day. Actually, you have to be careful you don't hit things with it. A certain awkwardness is appropriate.

A cross shouldn't be too compact and easy to deal with. The cross is not an easy thing, but penetrates into the more difficult issues of life. There is no doubt that loving the way Jesus has loved does have its cost.

What about the etching of Kapiti Island on the cross-bar? The more I think about it the more it does seem to be appropriate to be making the statement that this cross represents the faith of the people here in this place. It is in this community, in this Kapiti Co-operating Parish - this is the place where we live and come and worship.

But, so that we don't become too narrow and forget that we are also part of a world-wide church with concerns that take us far beyond this community, there is also the circle at the top representing the whole world-wide family of people from which we can never be separated. And then we have the sign of Christ on the central support which makes it clear that the One who draws us together is none other than Jesus himself.

But to me the cross is not complete without the beam. The cross is a nicely finished piece of joinery, but the beam has a roughness about it. So long as the beam is there we can never be easily secure from the roughness of the real world.

So the cross reminds us that Jesus has pioneered a way ahead for us. He provides us with a signpost. He is beckoning us to follow. The way ahead may not be easy but we can be sure that we do not tread that path alone.

Shirley Vall

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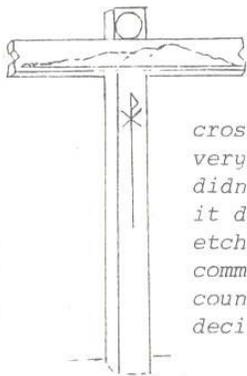
From the Archives

Marie Smith recently sent copies of Together, dating back to 1983, to the archives located at the Methodist Connexional Office in Christchurch. Each month we will share a past edition with you. This issue reflects the thoughts of then Minister Rev. Ken Wall.

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THE CONTROVERSY OF THE CROSS

When I first looked at the drawings for the cross we now have in our Worship Centre, I was not very happy with it at all. For one thing, it didn't really look like a cross; and for another, it didn't seem right to be decorating it with an etching of Kapiti Island. We discussed it with a committee, and they left it to myself and a parish councillor to talk to the architect and to make a decision. So you can see - "The buck stops here!"

Several people have made the comment that the cross looks like a signpost. I guess that's very appropriate because the cross is the most powerful signpost we can have. Perhaps it shouldn't be a thing of beauty. It shouldn't be a thing that we admire for its own sake. It should be a signpost that catches our attention; that involves us in loving concern for those who suffer in this world, but directs us beyond itself to the unconditional, all-embracing love of God which has been demonstrated through the loving example of Jesus Christ.

Another question that I've heard is "Why is the crossbar so close to the top?" After all, most crosses have the crossbar lower down and they look more like what we expect a cross to look like. Well, this is intended to resemble the original cross, which would have been more a 'T' than a cross. It is also intended to be more or less the size of a person. Perhaps we can relate to it a little better that way.

Rainbow Religion

Red and yellow, blue and green
Rainbow colours known and seen;
Black, brown, olive and whitish pink
Lack of knowing can cause a stink.

How to fix this we must workle
And together embrace purple;
Where arteries merge into veins
Each one of us is just the same.

Purple hearts all humans share
Worn beneath their underwear;
Take pride in one, take pride in all
With warm support, no one will fall.

Each separate faith it can be cruel
Yet all accept the golden rule!
How can this be, what must we do
but value good in every hue.

For what can be in faith more odd
than not to honour each one's God.
Regardless of our race or creed
Love is the basic human need.

Homo, trans, bi, queer or het
the rights of all we must see met;
Divine sparks live in everyone
in every daughter, every son.

No 'them and us', there are no 'other'
each a sister or a brother;
So peace with justice is our goal
and pledged respect for every soul.

R M Sugrue

August – Ordinary Time – Ordinary Things

Ordinary things from parables

G	T	R	E	E	S	U	O	H	S	P	S
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barn, birds, candle, door, fig-tree, fish, flowers, house, labourers, lamp, lost-coin-sheep-son, mustard-seed, wine, oil, pearl, rain, rock, salt, sand, sky, treasure, vineyard, wedding, weeds, widow, yeast

Note: 'Hyphenated words may not be in the same line but will be adjacent to each other.'

Complete this sentence with unused letters...

Parables are ordinary stories that have

_____.

Answer on Page 10.

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PROGRESSIVE TABLE GAMES

Kapiti Uniting Parish

Waikanae Church Lounge

SNAKES & LADDERS



JIGSAWS



Sunday 15 August

2 pm - 3.30 pm

Family and friends invited



BINGO CROSSWORDS