



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

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TOGETHER

April 2023



I am sitting at Kate's orderly desk trying to think what to say to you, my church family, at this precise time in our life as a parish. (And, yes, I still think of it as Kate's desk!) It has felt chaotic for weeks, trying to think of what most needed to be organised before the office was shut down for an indefinite time. But it isn't like that. It isn't an abrupt end of something and then nothing for a while. Thanks to Kate's generous nature the things which need to carry on will carry on and emergencies will be covered.

Chaos and order exist side by side. They are not either/or. The Passion Week experiences, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday must have felt extremely chaotic to the people caught up in them. And, yet, for those whose faith gave them an alternative Spirit-filled perspective there was a pattern to those events. Everything worked together for a larger purpose.

In the chaotic times we inhabit a spirit-filled perspective makes all the difference. Passion Week and Easter are good for us. We are reminded, every year, to look at our lives with God's eyes. All will be well and all manner of things will be well.

About People

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

Our birthday people this month include **Janet Milne, Brian Sherborne and Bastiana Snyders**

We pray for those parishioners suffering poor health and especially those in hospital and we all hope that you start to feel better and commence recovering well.

Please let the Pastoral Care Team know if you know of anyone needing pastoral care. The team keeps in touch with and visits many people but if we should know of others, please tell us.

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

Raumati Church Gardens

Have a good look at the church gardens. Aren't they looking well manicured?

That's thanks to Ernesto, who is such an enthusiastic gardener that being on holiday from Chile wasn't as exciting as knocking our grounds into shape.

We are borrowing each other's tools, techniques and languages and friendship is growing along with the plants. So, if you happen to meet Ernesto do wish him "Buenos dias" (Good day) or "Hola" (Hello) and you're sure of a friendly reply. *Robin List*



Waikanae Church

To our former parish administrator Our congregation heartily thanks Kate for all she has done for us and for the parish. We warmly appreciate her many gifts so generously shared. Our prayers support her and her family.

World Day of Prayer 35 women and men from Waikanae churches attended the service at our church on 3 March. The women of Taiwan had prepared a very moving and meaningful service which was shared by churches all around the world.

Harvest Festival Held on 12 March, was celebrated with a fine display of flowers, produce and preserves, in a service led by Worship Group members Sue Hodgson and Desmond Corrigan. Holy Communion, offered by Rev Anna, brought our worship to fulfilment. Homemade cinnamon buns were shared at morning tea. Our harvest gifts are given to Women's Refuge.

Holy Week 2-6 April Members of our congregation will offer devotional reflections for our neighbourhood in our church at 2-3pm from Monday to Thursday during this week

Good Friday 9.30 am The service will be a Liturgy of Nails led by John Roberts and members of the Waikanae worship team. It will focus on six nails of the cross: pride, betrayal, envy, indecision, cruelty and hatred. The focus on each of these nails will include a Bible reading; the hammering of a nail into a wooden cross; a time of silence; a prayer; and a sung response. A morning tea in the lounge with hot cross buns will follow the service.

Easter Sunday 9.30 am The Easter Celebration service will be led by John and Diana Roberts and will include Holy Communion. It will begin with the lighting of the Christ Candle. This will be a time of rejoicing, with a hands-on activity that children can share.

Property Matters. The church building, inside and out, is refreshed with new paint. The big pohutukawa trees on the eastern boundary have had a trim. Health and safety protocols, electric power supply, the church sound system, and an autumn clean-up are in the pipeline.

John and Diana Roberts

Kapiti Trade Aid

A Focus on Chocolate

Did you know that Trade Aid has its own chocolate factory? In 2014 Trade Aid took the opportunity to establish the Sweet Justice Chocolate Factory in central Christchurch, becoming the world's first fair trade organisation to manufacture 100% fair trade guaranteed organic chocolate.

Made the Fair Trade way

Internationally, many chocolate manufacturers get cocoa beans from the Ivory Coast where child labour is still an issue. But Trade Aid has built personal, long-term trading partnerships with the people who grow the ingredients. Trade Aid uses the finest organic cocoa and sugar from partnerships formed in the Dominican Republic, Peru and Paraguay, reflecting its aspirations to make the world a better place through fair trade.



Cocoa farmer working with CONACADO in the Dominican Republic.

CONACADO (Confederación Nacional de Cacao-cultores Dominicanos) is a democratically-run co-operative, which represents 10,000 small-scale cocoa producers in the Dominican Republic. Traditionally, members' income was barely enough to feed their families, so CONACADO works to improve income and living conditions, improve product quality and strengthen community development, including education.



Maria Martinez Mansueta in front of a new community water supply funded by fair trade social

Home compostable packaging

Another big plus with Trade Aid chocolate is does no harm to the planet. That's because the bars, blocks and chocolate-coated nut range are all wrapped in home compostable packaging, manufactured in New Zealand, which breaks down in your home compost or worm farm. So when you enjoy Trade Aid chocolate, nothing goes to waste. Trade Aid chocolate is certified organic, gluten free, our Dark Chocolate vegan certified and is proudly made in New Zealand.



Trade Aid chocolate is doing good and tastes great!

Marg Lees, Trade Aid shopper and trustee



Right: Harvest Festival in Waikanae. Perishable and non-perishable items donated by parishioners from all congregations for Harvest Festival were donated to the Women's Refuge.

Calling all creative parishioners! **Volunteers needed to do a Station for Holy Week**

This is how it works:

Each table (station) has a **theme** from Jesus' last week leading up to the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Each theme has a **Bible reading**.

We hope people will take the opportunity to come to the church any day during Holy Week to see the Stations and to have a time of quiet reflection at each table. *It is not necessary for you to be present at your table during the week!* The things you put on the table are designed to focus attention on what happened to Jesus during that week. You are creating a space for each person to have a personal moment of meditation.

- Please let me (Anna) know if you are willing to create a Station.
- You can get together with others to create the table or do it on your own.
- You can indicate which theme you prefer. If several choose the same theme I may have to shift you to another day.
- If you are still uncertain about what is required please contact me, 027 620 8146 or anna.gilkison@outlook.com

These are the Stations:

Monday

Jesus overturns the tables in the Temple - *Matthew 21: 12-17*

Tuesday

The Pharisees try to trick Jesus - *Matthew 21: 23-30*

Wednesday

Mary anoints Jesus with expensive oils - *John 12: 1-7*

Thursday

Judas prepares to sell Jesus to the Romans - *John 13: 21-32*

Friday

The crowds call for Jesus to be killed - *Luke 23: 12-23*

Saturday

The disciples huddle afraid and sad in the Upper Room
Matthew 27: 57-66

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Easter Services

6 April - Maundy Thursday

7 pm Raumati

7 April - Good Friday

9.30 am Waikanae

10 am Raumati

9 April - Easter Sunday

Holy Communion Services

9.30 am Waikanae

10 am Raumati

Weka Road, Raumati Beach

Ngapaki Street, Waikanae Beach

www.kup.org.nz

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.

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April: 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



April: for your diary

Tue 4th	2.30 pm	Lenten Studies, Raumati
Sun 9th	After morning tea	Waikanae Committee, Waikanae
Mon 10th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home
Tue 11th	10 am	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
Wed 12th	10.30 am	Property and Finance, Raumati
Thur 13th	10 am	Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship
Tue 18th	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship, Waikanae
Wed 19th	10 am	Music and Worship Group, Raumati
Fri 21st	1 pm	Parish Council, Raumati
		Deadline for May Together
Mon 24th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home
Fri 28th		Folding and distribution of April Together

Kapiti Horticultural Society

*Friday 14 April, 7 pm
Raumati Uniting Church, lower meeting room
April meeting and AGM. Free entry*

AGM followed by Flo McKenzie of Flo's Flowersnz,
Waikanae seasonal flower grower.
Observe the art and magic behind the creation of her entrancing
floral compositions.

Bring your best flower, vegetable or fruit to compete
with other gardeners.
Raffles, sales table and supper.

Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship

Thursday 13 April, 10 am

The speaker will be Pauline Patterson, convenor of the pottery group,
Kapiti Arts and Crafts.

All are welcome.

Contact Merrill Baker on 902 4134.

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.

April Services

Date	Waikanae 9.30 am	United@9 9 am	Raumati 10 am
2nd Palm Sunday	Rev. Anna Gilkison	Ian Harris Raumati, 10 am	
6th Maundy Thursday	Rev. Anna Gilkison and Maureen Calhaem Raumati 7 pm		
7th Good Friday	John and Diana Roberts	Rev. Anna Gilkison and Bruce Johnston Raumati 10 am	
9th Easter Day	John and Diana Roberts HC	Rev. Anna Gilkison HC Raumati 10 am	
16th	Maureen Calhaem	Syd Mephram	Heather List
23rd	Robin List	Rev. Anna Gilkison	Barrie Woods
30th	Rev. Anna Gilkison	Barrie Woods	Kevin Boyce

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Holy Week Activities For Raumati and Waikanae

**Venues:
Raumati Church
Waikanae Church**

A Focus for Reflection and Prayer
Raumati Church will be open from 10 am to 1.30 pm
Waikanae Church from 2 pm to 3 pm

Six Stations at Raumati
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Four Stations at Waikanae
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

The Stations follow the events in Jesus' life during this final week.

Anyone is welcome to come and view the Holy Week Stations

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday 6 April, 7 pm at Raumati Church

This service is based on the experiences which took place during
the final hours that Jesus spent with his disciples

Good Friday Services
Raumati Church, 10 am
A contemplative service of music and reflection

Waikanae Church, 9.30 am
Led by John Roberts and members of the congregation

Easter Sunday
Raumati Church, 10 am
An Easter Family Service celebrating the Gift of Life

Waikanae Church, 9.30 am
Family-friendly Easter Service led by Diana and John Roberts