



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

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TOGETHER

July 2022

Dear friends,

We seem to be experiencing a new wave of COVID in the Wellington Region, and Kapiti District is certainly feeling its effects. Most of you will know by now that two key people, Kate Foley and Mary White, are isolating with COVID. There are also several other members who have contracted the virus in recent weeks.

I have been impressed by the strong networks of support which operate in Kapiti Uniting. I know, too, that you also keep in touch with one another on a regular basis. I am confident that a safety net of care stretches from one member to another as we experience the levels of infection that other churches have experienced before us.

This is simply to say – ‘Get well soon’ – to those who have COVID and to those who haven’t had it, please act with caution when you are in group settings at church. May God, the healer, keep you safe.

I would also like to acknowledge the sad circumstances which have befallen Bruce and Alison and their daughters, Carolyn and Pauline. Their son and brother Robert, who has been fighting for his health for months, passed away earlier this week.

Our hearts are full for Bruce and Alison. They give so much to our church and this is their time for receiving. God give them love which knows no measure.

Take care, everyone, and be assured that we are keeping a watchful eye on the health and safety issues around the spread of COVID. *Rev Anna Gilkison*

About People

We are saddened to note the death of Robert Johnston, son of Bruce and Alison. We send our love and prayers to the family.

We wish a happy birthday to everyone in this parish celebrating birthdays in July and happy anniversary to those celebrating anniversaries this month too. We hope you enjoy your special occasions!

We think of those members suffering ill-health and those in hospital and we wish you all a successful and speedy recovery.

Rev. Anna Gilkison, our new minister, meets regularly with our Pastoral Care Team and has also commenced visiting parish members, particularly those who are not well.

A reminder that you can request prayers for those who need them. E-Prayer requests go to either Mary Francis, 904 0457, Merrill Baker 027 353 2307, or Mary White 298 7727.

Winter has certainly started off with a bang – thunder and lightning and tornadoes. This will not go on forever and we will get nice days again! We hope you all stay warm and well.

Blessings to you all from,

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

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. *Mary White, E-Prayer Group Coordinator*

Thrifty Place

Quality second hand
clothing and
household items

Tuesday 11 am to 4 pm

Thursday 11 am to 4 pm

Saturday 10 am to 12.30 pm

Raumati Church

Kapiti Uniting Parish

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Waikanae Church News

On Sunday 5 June, we had no electricity at the Waikanae Church. This was the Women's Fellowship Special Service, which was to have been followed by a 'soup and rolls' lunch in the lounge. The service went ahead anyway under Maureen Calhaem's leading, and then Evan and Tina Ireland saved the day by graciously inviting the whole congregation to their house so we didn't miss out on the fellowship or the soup!



Soup and rolls lunch at the Ireland's. Clockwise from Spock, the dog: Desmond Corrigan, Shirley Clarke (hidden), Margaret Garrett, Pat and Jim Souness, Ian Garrett, Monica Olsson, Friedl Michl, Jenny Daghish, Evan Ireland, Marie Smith, Maureen Calhaem (on the sofa). Not pictured: Tina Ireland, Renata Joyner.

We had 11 members of the Waikanae congregation at the combined communion and anniversary service in Raumati on Sunday 12 June.

Some congregation members' properties (trees, fences, seawalls, roofs) have been affected by the recent storm.

Renata Joyner, convenor of the Waikanae Committee (Waicom)

Wanted! Contributions for Together

We sometimes have room in Together for more input from Parishioners.

Please consider the suggestions below and if you feel you would like to share them with fellow Parish members please send through to Kate at kapitiuniting@outlook.com

We know we have a wealth of knowledge and experience in our parish and this is another way to 'unite' with like-minded people.

Short stories
Recommended reading
Poetry
Local places to visit
Household tips
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**AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL**



Amnesty International News

For many years Kapiti Uniting has been a member of Amnesty International. In earlier years letters were distributed at Church and

people signed and posted them. These days the actions are taken via the AINZ webpage, which is easy to use – please see details below.

A new Executive Director of Amnesty International NZ has been appointed – Shaun Greaves. He is passionate about human rights and takes an active interest in youth and community development. Previously he has led teams at St. Johns, Scouts NZ, NZ Red Cross, and Presbyterian Support Northern, and serves on the National Board for Girl Guides in NZ. Shaun replaces Meg de Ronde, who has started as Deputy Regional Director for Amnesty International across Asia and the Pacific.

Good News

Atena Daemi, an Iranian Human Rights defender, has been freed after five long years. She had been sentenced to seven years in prison because she posted on social media, handed out leaflets, and joined peaceful protests opposing the death penalty. Atena's sentence was a sham, based on trumped-up charges for her activism and she shouldn't have served any time in prison. 707,503 Amnesty Advocates around the world took action to demand her release, and she is now free.

Germain Rukuki from Burundi, a prisoner of conscience, has now been released. He was arrested in 2017 on trumped-up charges due to his former involvement with a Christian anti-torture organisation. 436,292 people around the world acted on Germain's behalf and his sentence was reduced from 32 years to 4 years, and he is now free.

Current Actions

Two of the current actions are:

Janna Jihad, a 15-year-old girl in Israeli-occupied West Bank has been harassed and had death threats because she recorded and exposed to the world the racist brutality her community experiences at the hands of Israeli forces. Israel has signed up to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, yet has failed to extend those protections to children on the West Bank. In contrast Israeli children are protected, even those living in illegal settlements near Janna.

West Papua

Indonesia has plans to develop gold mining in Papua without the consent of indigenous Papuans in the region. Meanwhile, local people are subject to raids, beatings, and restrictions on their movement, and at least 12 indigenous Papuans were victims of unlawful killings carried out by Indonesian security forces.

If you would like to help people who have had their human rights taken away, and many who have been imprisoned unjustly, go to the Amnesty web page amnesty.org.nz and click on **Take Action**.

The letters to authorities in the country concerned are already written and you just have to put your name and address and submit the letter.

Erica Carley



Maureen Calhaem has a cuddle with Carole Rudings' dog Tess during a board games afternoon. Come and join this friendly group who meet every fortnight, on a Monday, 1.30 pm at Carole Rudings home. Contact Carol on 298 8165.

This group is so friendly that even dog-shy Maureen was happy to pose with Tess. Everyone is so friendly, including the dog!

Have you believed a lie?

Have you believed in the deepest part of you that you're worthless, rejected, or unloved? Be encouraged that God doesn't believe any of those things about you! You were conceived in Love in the heart of God before the foundation of the earth. You are unique and special! (Psa 139, Eph 1:4).

As Christians, the good news is that we can stand against the lies of rejection, low self-esteem, condemnation, and 'unlove' by accepting the Bible's truths in our hearts. Here are some scriptures that countermand the lies we've all believed about ourselves, or been told by others. You can meditate on these statements and scriptures, write them out and put them on your mirror, or perhaps even memorise them.

Jesus accepts and loves me, even if others reject and hate me.

Jesus says, 'I have loved you even as the Father has loved Me. Remain in My love.' (John 15:9 NLT) and '...to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved [Jesus]' (Eph 1:6 NKJV).

God listens to me and will never withhold His Love from me, even if others withhold their human love from me.

The Bible says, 'But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer. Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer or withdraw His unfailing love from me' (Psalm 66:19-20 NLT). Paul also says, 'For I am convinced [and continue to be convinced-beyond any doubt] that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present and threatening, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the [unlimited] love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Rom 8:38-39 AMP). The Bible also says, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life' (John 3:16 NIV).

God has already established my worth, and because of Him I will always have worth and great value, even if other people have told me I'm worthless.

The Bible says, 'Are not five sparrows given in exchange for two

farthings? and God has every one of them in mind. But even the hairs of your head are numbered. Have no fear: you are of more value than a flock of sparrows' (Luke 12:6-7 Bible in Basic English). Read Psa 139:17-18: 'How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, You are still with me! (NLT).

God will never condemn me, because I am in Jesus' family, even if I've struggled with condemnation and self-condemnation for years.

'There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus' (Rom 8:1 ESV).

Now that's good news! Lastly, don't forget about Jeremiah 29:11 - 'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord. 'They are *plans for good* and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.'

I do hope that encourages you!

Blessings, *Renata Joyner (Waikanae Church)*

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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.

Parish Directory

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Waikanae Church	Corner of Ngapaki and Taiata Streets, Waikanae

July: regular events

Mondays	9.30 am	Raumati Music Café Playgroup
Tuesdays	10 am-12 pm 11 am-4 pm	Women's Craft Group, Raumati Thrifty Place
Thursdays	9.30 am 11 am-4 pm 2.30-3 pm	Raumati Café Playgroup Thrifty Place Fruit and Vege Co-op pick up, Raumati
Fridays	9.30 am	Waikanae Café Playgroup
Saturdays	10 am-12.30 pm	Thrifty Place



July: for your diary

Mon 11th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home
Tue 12th	10 am	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
Wed 13th	1.30 pm	Property and Finance, Raumati
Thur 14th	12.30 pm	Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship Luncheon, Infinite Café, Rosetta Road
Fri 15th	1 pm	Parish Council, Raumati
Tue 19th	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship, Waikanae
Fri 22nd		Deadline for August Together
Mon 25th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home
Fri 29th		Folding and distribution of August Together

Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship

Thursday 14 June, 12.30 pm

Our annual luncheon is to be held at the Infinite Cafe,
Rosetta Road (opposite Marine gardens).



Contact Merrill Baker by 11 July
on 902 4134 or 027 343 2307.

July Services

Date	Waikanae 9.30 am	United@9 9 am	Raumati 10 am
3rd	Kevin Boyce	Kate Foley and Carole Rudings	Rev. Anna Gilkison
10th	Rev. Anna Gilkison, HC		
17th	Maureen Calhaem	Rev. Robin List	Syd Mepham
24th	Rev. Anna Gilkison	Rev. Doug Lendrum	
31st	Colin Anderson	Rev. Anna Gilkison	Maureen Calhaem

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