



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

Christian Churches of NZ - Methodist - Presbyterian

Mission Statement: To promote Christian faith and values in the communities of the Kapiti

Weekly Notices: 27 February 2022

This Sunday:

United@9: Maureen Calhaem
Waikanae 9.30 am: Rev. Doug Lendrum
Raumati 10 am: Rev. Roger Wiig

Raumati Church Door Duty:
Lyn and Ralph Martin, Marcia Collins

Next Sunday:

Harvest Festival

United@9: Maureen Calhaem
Waikanae 9.30 am: Syd Mephram
Raumati 10 am: Colin Anderson

Raumati Church Door Duty:
Barrie and Dorothy Woods

My Vaccine Pass required for all services, funerals, events and other gatherings at Kapiti Uniting Parish

Parish Contacts

Mary White 298 7727, Diane Ammundsen 902 4736 or
Kate Foley 905 6946 or 021 120 8045

Harvest Festival: Next Sunday, 6 March - Please bring along produce or grocery items which will be donated to the Women's Refuge. Thank you.

Pastoral Care Team: The Raumati Pastoral Care team are conscious that at this time people may need extra care. We are aware that this is often provided by family, friends and neighbours which is very good.

Should you need medical help phone:

Healthline 0800 358 5453
For a Covid test ring your doctor or 0800 258 5453.

For support and assistance phone:

Age Concern 06 367 2181
The Kapiti Student Volunteer Army 0800 005 902.

If you require pastoral care ring the team member who currently visits or rings you or otherwise ring the Pastoral Care Co-ordinator Diane Ammundsen who will organise either a team member or a church member who has offered to help to contact you. Diane's phone number is 902 4736, she has an answer phone so you can leave a message if you wish. *Diane Ammundsen, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator*

Guidelines provided by the Methodist church say that all Parish's should explore ways to keep contact, worship, and pastoral care with anyone unable to come to church buildings due to covid vaccine pass requirements. In line with that recommendation the Parish Council has accepted Tralee Sugrue's offer to be a contact person for anyone not wanting to disclose their vaccine status, or not coming to church at this time for covid related reasons. Tralee can be contacted on 902 1048 or tralee@naturalhealing.net.nz.
Reverend Tony Wood, Interim Moderator

Envelope Secretary required: Ralph Martin is retiring as our Envelope Secretary after 25 years of service. Ralph is happy to discuss the position with anyone who maybe interested. Ralph will complete the end of the year accounts in March and the position will start in the new financial year in April. Full training will be provided. Please contact Ralph 904 8361 or Mary White 2987727.

Afternoon Women's Fellowship: After our afternoon tea and chat earlier in the month, those who came, decided we had no option than to go into recess for the moment. Merrill Baker and I have talked, and we are very welcome to go to the Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship group that meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 am. Maureen Calhaem 299 1903

Indoor Bowls: Anyone interested in joining in a new indoor bowls fun afternoon here at church please contact Carole Rudings 298 8165. More details to follow.

Lunch after Raumati Combined Service: Lunch supporting local eating places will be on Sunday 10 April. Venue and time to be announced later. Contact Carole Rudings 298 8165.

Morning Tea Roster: We are in need of more people to help with morning tea. Currently it means a turn doing this task every seven weeks . If you would be willing to start on the next roster which begins on the 24 April please see or phone Merrill Baker 902 4134 or 027 353 2307.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 4 March, 1.30 pm at Our Lady of Kapiti, 1 Presentation Way or view online <https://www.waikanaebaptist.nz/> on the day.

Kapiti Community Foodbank: This weeks priority list includes jam, marmite, vegemite, peanut butter, soup and tinned vege. Grocery items can be brought along to church each Sunday or fresh items can be dropped off to the Foodbank, currently located at Coastlands. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please visit <https://www.thekapitifoodbank.co.nz/monetary-donations/>. Thank you for your donations.

Diary Dates

Monday 28 February Board Games	1.30 pm	Carole Rudings home
Tuesday 1 March Thrifty Place	11 am - 4 pm	Raumati
Wednesday 2 March Music and Worship	10 am	Raumati
Thursday 3 March Thrifty Place Vege Co-op Collection	11 am - 4 pm 2.30 pm - 3 pm	Raumati Raumati
Friday 4 March World Day of Prayer services	1.30 pm	Our Lady of Kapiti or online
Saturday 5 March Thrifty Place	10 am - 12.30 pm	Raumati

MODERATOR'S 2022 SEASON OF LENT MESSAGE



Tensions, temptations & taunts

The temptation of Jesus speaks to me of our human condition stretched to the limit! That in turn speaks to us at this time, as we enter a third Lenten season under the shadow of Covid, with angry protestors camped outside Parliament, hospitality and tourism businesses going to the wall, and heightened anxiety in response to the fast-approaching Omicron wave. We are being stretched.

For us, as for Jesus, there are tensions, temptations, and taunts to cope with.

In my mind's eye I can see the tension on the face of Jesus as he came to the end of his 40 day fast. The biblical text simply says, 'he was hungry'. I read a quirky novel once that went into graphic detail about how a fast this long would actually affect him! The haggard tension on his face from the sustained deprivation would be palpable. We too know tension from sustained pressure. We face ongoing cycles of planning and cancellation, anxiety and relief, hope and despair. Most of us have relationships strained by differing opinions.

At this point of extreme vulnerability for Jesus, he is tempted to take false paths. What are the temptations we face at this time of vulnerability? Early in the pandemic the temptations were around economy versus health. Now it comes to us in the form of demonizing those who disagree with us, and

some proclaiming individual rights versus the good of all. And there are the taunts. The devil saved this best for the last when it came to Jesus – "if you are the son of God...". I see this kind of behaviour on TV, and I hear it on the deck after a game of golf: politicians mocked and even threatened, police belittled, and school students teased for wearing masks! It is hard to deal with.

So how did Jesus deal with the tension, temptations and taunts? Huge resilience indeed. And the text gives two sources for this resilience, still available to us today. One was the filling of the Holy Spirit. The other, a deep and informed use of scripture that empowered him to combat the misinformed misuse that was thrown at him

As we navigate the tension, temptations, and taunts in our context this Lent, may we too draw on these deep spiritual resources to sustain us.

In a season popular for what we can give up, I have always thought the emphasis should be more on what we can take up! Now, as much as ever, we need to be taking up spiritual practices which allow us to be more and more open to the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit and to the scriptures that carried Jesus through a time such as this.

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