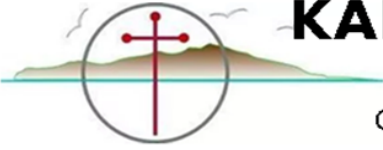


TOGETHER

KAPITI UNITING PARISH



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FEBRUARY 2024



Congratulations to
Maureen Calhaem

Graduation Day

Marion Bowker and Margaret Gurr joined me at the graduation service. Marion took this photo.

Margaret and her family gave me the rose. It was a very moving service which finished with these words:

Go now into the world in the power of the Spirit, taking with you these words of John Wesley:

**Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.**

We responded with - **We go to serve in the name of Christ.**

Maureen Calhaem



The Lord will guide you always
Isaiah 58:11

News from Waikanae

Advent and Christmas

Waikanae hosted the combined Advent study series prepared by Rev Doug Rogers and facilitated by Rev Anna. We appreciated getting to know the Raumatī members who attended.

Our Readings and Songs service on 17 December was Sue Hodgson's, Desmond Corrigan's and Rosemary Wells' version of the traditional Lessons and Carols. They offered new insights in their refreshing approach.

On 24th December we celebrated in a Simple Service in the lounge, where we sat around tables, lit candles for those who had died and for the healing for every continent, shared our Christmas stories and sang carols around the piano.

On Christmas Day our little church was well filled. Many visitors joined us to worship Christ the Newborn King. Some were from the neighbouring streets, some from Australia and Auckland, a couple from Belgium and one traveller from Germany. The greetings were warm and the singing joyful. The congregation brought the Nativity figures to the front as the Gospel story of the birth of Jesus was read.

The New Year

It's good to begin the year with combined services, the first at Raumatī, the second at Waikanae. We reaffirm our commitment to our life as a Uniting Church. The Waikanae buildings were bursting at the seams when the Fijian group joined us. We enjoyed their beautiful singing at morning tea.

The first of our Simple Services for the year on 14 January, was held in the church lounge, presented by Sue Hodgson who reminded us that Words do Matter. We compared different translations of the same

Bible passage, and hymns from different eras. We'll certainly be more aware of what we read, hear and sing.

Waikanae is truly grateful for the support of Raumati worship leaders.

Looking ahead: There will be a Covenant Service, with Communion, on 4 February, when we will also acknowledge Waitangi Day and honour the Treaty of Waitangi as a covenant. The Soup Group will meet on 20 February to ponder the theme of Hope.

World Day of Prayer is on Friday 1 March. The Christian women of Palestine prepared this service. On 29 January Marie Smith will co-ordinate a planning meeting for the Waikanae service. Contact Marie for more information at donmariesmith18@gmail.com

Diana Roberts

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THURSDAY PLAYGROUP

Starts 8 February in the Raumati Hall

9.30-11.30am

All preschool children and babies welcome

Mothers, Father, Grandparents, Caregivers

Assistance from the congregation will be

appreciated, please contact:

Fiona Bell 04 902 5809 or

Louise Faulke 027 365 3062

Christmas at Raumati



The Children's Carols Service was a highlight of our Advent festivities. The theme was 'Animals' and it was all the more special because we were joined by Flossie, Millie, Carrie and Millie. It was wonderful to have these four dogs at our service – thank you to their companion humans for bringing them!

Everyone enjoyed the afternoon tea in the hall. The whole event was a team effort which is part of what makes it so special. It is always a joy to celebrate Christmas with the children of our neighbourhood.

Anna Gilkison



O Holy Night - Christmas Eve at Raumati

About People

In Memoriam

Betty Moss, a long time active member of our Parish passed away at Kena Kena rest home on Christmas Eve.

Hilda Widdup died at WesleyCare Hospital in Christchurch on 17 December, in her 102nd year. Hilda and her husband the late Rev Bob Widdup were members of KUP for many years

We offer our condolences to both Hilda's and Betty's families

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all those in this parish celebrating birthdays in January and February 2024.

We think of those parish members who are not well or are in hospital. We wish you all a good recovery.

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM - Carole, Lyn, Bastiana, Mary, Merrill, Erice, Anna, Kay, Diana and Diane

There will be an after service lunch on the 11th February, venue to be confirmed. Please contact Carole Rudings 04 298 8165 if you would like to attend

SUMMER GALA



**Kapiti Uniting Parish
Raumati Church, Weka Road
Saturday 24 February, 10 am - 2 pm**



**Thrifty Place - cakes - plants
books - cafe - sausage sizzle
upcycle/recycle display
face painting - teddy bears picnic**

www.kup.org.nz



REVITALISED THRIFTY ‘OP SHOP’

It is great to see new carpet in the ‘OP SHOP’. Volunteer staff, as well as regular customers, have all remarked on the difference this has made to the inside of the shop.

Thanks are due to Kay McIntosh, Mary White, Kate Foley, Kate’s husband Michael, and her brother Mark, for their work packing and moving goods, racks, and some shelving out, and returning them when the laying of the carpet was completed.

*Ken Milne
Convenor, Management Group*



Raumati Women's Fellowship

Our first meeting for 2024 will be held on Thursday 8 February at 11am in the meeting room. Please note the time change.

After our business agenda we will share lunch together. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. A warm welcome to all.

Contacts: Lyn Martin 904 8361 and
Merrill Baker 902 4134 or 027 353 2307

Music Playgroup

Our new Music Playgroup will start on:

Tuesday 13 February in the Raumati Hall from 1 to 2.30pm

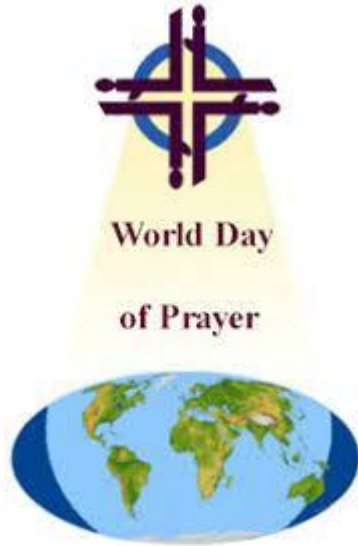
This group is for all babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

There will be about 30mins of music followed by general play time.

Parents will bring snacks for the children and tea & coffee will be available for the adults.

Some adult assistance from the congregation will be required and will be appreciated. If you are interested in helping please contact

Fiona Bell 04 902 5809 or Louise Faulke 027 365 3062



Friday 1 March is World Day of Prayer.

This year our Raumati Church is hosting the service for the Raumati and Paraparaumu communities.

**The service is to be held on
1 March at 1.30pm
at the Raumati Church.**

Afternoon tea will be served after the service. The order of service has been prepared by the Women of Palestine.

Everyone is welcome.

Word-search from Rosalie Sugrue- BAPTISM and WATER

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FIND: baptise, bathe, boil, brook, cleans, clouds, dip, dive, drink, falls, flood, font, freeze, hail, hose, hydrogen, ice, lake, life, oxygen, pond, pool, pour, rain, refresh, rinse, river, sail, sea, shower, sip, splash, spring, sprinkle, storm, swim, wash, water, well

Complete the sentence below with the unused letters:

Jesus said, 'Whoever _____
I give will never be thirsty again.' (John 4:14)

Riddle: *What is Greater than God, worse than evil, the poor have it, the rich need it, and if you eat it you die?*

Answers are on page 15

Lenten Study

Tuesdays 13 February to 19 March
2-3pm in the Raumati Meeting Room



The Christian churches of the Middle East are facing a crisis unparalleled in recent history. These are ancient communities that trace their origins back to the very beginnings of Christianity. As a result of a set of complex religious and political factors, the number of Christians in the region has fallen dramatically as many have sought refuge in other parts of the world, especially the West.

Lent is a crucial time to remember the lands in which Christianity has its roots – Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Israel, Palestine and above all Jerusalem are names that remind us of crucial events in the Bible, but also names that dominate our news today.

All are welcome to attend

February Services

	Waikanae 10am	United@9 9am	Raumati 10am
4th Waitangi Day	Rev John and Diana Roberts HC Methodist Covenant Service	Carole Rudings and Kate Foley (Maureen Calhaem HC)	Heather List (Rev Robin List HC)
11th	Rev Anna Gilkison HC	Combined: Syd Mepham	
18th Lent 1	Rev Robin List	Barrie Woods	Maureen Calhaem
25th Lent 2	Maureen Calhaem	Combined: Rev Anna Gilkison	

February: Regular Events

Tuesdays	10am-12pm 11am-4pm 12.30-3pm 2-3pm	Women's Craft Group, Raumati Thrifty Place Preschool Music Group, Raumati, weekly from 13 th Lenten Study, Raumati, weekly From 13 th
Thursdays	9.30-11.30am 11am-4pm	Raumati Playgroup, from 8 th Thrifty Place
Saturdays	10.30am-1pm	Thrifty Place

E-Prayer Requests

*A group from your Parish family receives requests
for prayer every week.*

You can ring, text, or email to ask for the request to be passed on:

Mary Francis 04 904 0457 or billandmary262@gmail.com
Merrill Baker 04 902 4134 or text 0273532307 or amkram.nz@gmail.com
Mary White 04 298 7727 or text 0273865020 or marywhite@xtra.co.nz

*The requests will remain confidential
and names will not be used without your permission.*

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Answer to word search: John 4:14

‘Whoever DRINKS THE WATER I give will never be thirsty again.’

Answer to riddle: Nothing.

Nothing is better than God. Nothing is worse than evil. The poor have nothing. The rich need nothing. If you eat nothing you die.

February: for your diary

8 th	9.30-11.30am 11am-1pm	Raumati Playgroup Women's Fellowship, Raumati
11 th	12pm	After Service Lunch, venue TBC
13 th	10am-12pm 1-2.30pm 2-3pm	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati NEW Music Playgroup, Raumati Hall Lenten Study, Raumati
14 th	Ash Wednesday 10.45am – 12.15 pm	Property and Finance Group, Raumati
15 th	9.30-11.30am 10.30-11.30am	Raumati Playgroup Coastal Villas church service, dining room
16 th	10am – 12pm	Parish Council, Raumati
20 th	10am – 12pm 1-2.30pm 2-3pm	Soup Group, Waikanae Music Playgroup, Raumati Hall Lenten Study, Raumati
21 st	10am -12pm	Music and Worship Group, Raumati
22 nd	9.30-11.30am	Raumati Playgroup
23 rd	10-11.30 1-3pm	Folding Together World Day of Prayer rehearsal
24 th	10am-2pm	Parish Gala, Raumati
26 th	1.30-4pm	Board Games, Carole Ruding's home
27 th	1-2.30pm 2-3pm	Music Playgroup, Raumati Hall Lenten Study, Raumati
29 th	9.30-11.30am	Raumati Playgroup