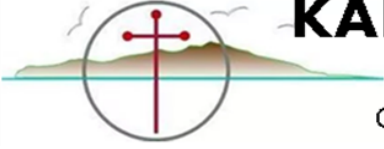


# TOGETHER

## KAPITI UNITING PARISH



ChristianChurchesNZ – Methodist – Presbyterian

March 2025



### **Mary White's dog Caramel**

*a popular visitor to the church. Here making puppy eyes at Ken and Janet Milne during a combined service at Raumati*

# From the Minister's Desk

This year, with Kate's help we are taking a big leap forward with our advertising. We are reaching more people through social networking and we are promoting our presence in Kapiti using a mixture of traditional and digital communication strategies.

Kate gave a comprehensive report to our first Parish Council meeting this year, outlining the ways she has increased community awareness of who we are and what we have to offer. I decided to share this report with the whole parish through the Together magazine because without you and your work there would be nothing to advertise.

*Rev Anna Gilkison*

## **A summary of advertising in January.**

### **Christmas services**

Christmas services were advertised:

- In the Kapiti News – Christmas feature.
- A large sign on the fence in Raumati facing Raumati Road.
- A new hook-on was ordered for the sign in Raumati facing Weka Road, it reads **Christmas Eve 9 pm and Christmas Day 10 am.**
- On our Facebook page for Kapiti Uniting Parish and our website.
- In the Together and notices with a Christmas service times poster.

### **Parish brochure**

A new brochure advertising the parish has been drafted and is currently being reviewed by Anna.

### **Parish website**

The website has been updated with a new page Get in Touch. This page offers visitors of our website an option to be contacted by the office or our Minister, get more information about our services or Parish or receive the weekly notices or Together magazine. All responses from the form, get sent through to Fiona via email and she will follow-up.

## **Facebook**

The Parish has four active Facebook pages: Kapiti Uniting Parish, Thrifty Place, Raumatī Village Community Garden and Tiny Tunes at Raumatī Uniting Church.

Here are a few recent highlights:

### **Thrifty Place**

Our Thrifty Place Facebook page has helped increase our customer base at Thrifty Place.

Figures from the last 28 days include:

- Six posts have been posted advertising our hours and products on display.
- 985 views of posts (The number of times content was played or displayed. Content includes videos, posts, stories and ads.)

### **Kapiti Uniting Parish**

In November we advertised the Carols and Cake event. We spent \$29.96 on a Facebook advertisement and received 2,596 views of the advertisement. We also advertised the Children's Christmas Carol service and received 3,935 views for a cost of \$30.

### **Market Day**

Advertising is currently underway for our upcoming Market Day. Two billboards have been purchased and approximately 100 flyers of various sizes have been printed ready for distribution and display. Advertising will also be on our Facebook pages, website, Together magazine, notices and community radio.

A PowerPoint presentation has been refreshed for this year's event, with 63 slides displaying posters about the Parish and photos of our Parish. The PowerPoint will replay itself during the event in the Church. A poster displaying our Easter service times will also be included.

### **Easter services**

A poster has been prepared for our Easter services this year. It will be on our website, Facebook page and in the Together magazine and newsletter.

*Kate Foley*

# News from Waikanae

**Worship:** we enjoyed refreshing and thoughtful services over the holiday period, and are especially appreciative of worship led by members of the congregation.

The 'Singing Our Faith' service, held in the Lounge on 16 Feb., engaged a large congregation in

reflecting on, and singing, hymns. Small groups chose "a hymn that has deep significance for me".

The four hymns chosen were: Abide with Me; Be Thou My Vision; And Can it Be; and Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah. We used Shirley Murray hymns as prayers of intercession. We are grateful to Noeline Cuzens for her musical support.

**Our Harvest Festival** will be held on 16 March.

**Pastoral:** Monica Olsson is in Kenepuru Hospital. Weekly pastoral visits are made to Parkwood and Charles Fleming (Rymans) with regular communion services.

**Soup Group.** Twelve members met on 18 February for lively and varied input on the 'Beginnings' theme.



## Notes from Waikanae Church Committee meeting 12

### February:

Buildings and grounds: Exterior wall defects are undergoing repair. Desmond is doing a superb job with interior painting, and with maintaining the grounds.

Health and safety: A practice emergency evacuation of church premises will take place this month.

Possibilities for Interchurch co-operation in Waikanae are being considered, noting our involvement in the World Day of Prayer service to be held at the Waikanae Baptist Church on 7 March.

*Diana Roberts*



## Easter Raffle Donations

We are seeking donations of Easter themed goodies for an Easter Raffle at Market Day. Both chocolate and non-chocolate items are great options. Please drop off your goodies to the Parish office or to Carole Rudings. Thank you for your generosity and support for our Market Day.

# **Hello to my Kapiti Church Family**

*from Mary White, former chair of KUP Parish Council*

*I have lived in Paraparaumu for twelve years and for most of that time I have been a member of K.U.P. For me, Island Bay will probably always be home, however I never regretted moving to Kapiti, it is a beautiful part of our country. The initial move was made a few years after David died; my son who lived in Waikanae with his family had a large part in encouraging me to make the move*

*I was working in Wellington and commuting, which was quite an adjustment but I was led to K.U.P. and as they say the rest is history. For me it has been a privilege to worship and work beside some very special people, who made me feel so welcome and gave me friendly advice and support when my son was offered a position in Auckland, that he would have been foolish to refuse.*

*I retired and decided to stay where I now felt at home. Life was not what we had planned but I enjoyed the easier life style and the company of friends and my extended family.*

*So!! Why move, 2024 brought many changes, the loss of members of my family, who I had just assumed would outlive me, a feeling of drifting with no particular goals, a deep sadness and a lack of challenges.*

*I have longstanding friends here in the Hutt as well as nieces and nephews and my very much loved extended family. Shifting home is not for the faint hearted and I often felt like cancelling the whole process.*

*With the help of some very awesome family and friends we made it. The time has flown by and I am now fairly settled, although there are still boxes to be looked into, just as well I have a very large garage. The house is much older than Compass Court, built in the sixties, it has had, as my lovely neighbour tells me, extensive renovations over the years.*

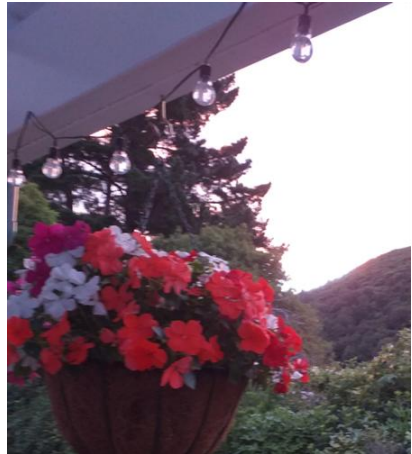
*Larger house and larger garden - how does that work? I hear you say. Many of you will have met Craig and as his home circumstances were changing, and given the extra space, it made sense for him to move in, which he has now done, and so the journey continues.*

*All change, and it seems to be working; the most delighted with the new situation is our delightful Caramel, who adores him and now sees him every morning and evening, she is very happy, a bigger section to patrol and truly lovely parks and walks, she has created, what we are calling the Park Dance as soon as she gets out of the car at Harcourt Park she leaps into the air, runs around and literally does a dance.*

*At the moment I am attending St Mary's Silverstream. I was invited by two friends who I have known for over forty years and I am enjoying the very lively service and the wide age range.*

*I am inspired by my lovely friend Mary Francis, who in her nineties says, and I quote, :  
"I will, while I can" - with God's help of course.*

*I wish all of you a safe and happy year. If you are in Upper Hutt, I would love to see you, I am still doing the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at Thrifty so perhaps I will catch up with some of you there.*



*The view from my covered deck at my new house, 24 Gillespies Road. The hills are covered with native bush and sometimes we can hear Moreporks (Ruru) calling. Magic*

*Love and God Bless,*

***Mary White***

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## **Waikanae Women's Fellowship**

Will meet on Tuesday 18 March at 10am, details to be confirmed.

## **Raumati Women's Fellowship**

Will meet on Thursday 13 March at 10 am in the meeting room.

Dianne Boyce will be our speaker. Her talk is titled:

**“Tracing our roots. Iona where the Spirit Flies”**

***All are welcome***

Contacts: Lyn Martin 04 904 8361, Merrill Baker 04 902 4134  
or 027 353 2307



# About People

We have had a nice sunny spell of weather recently and hope you are enjoying the warmer days.

To those who are celebrating Birthdays in March we hope you have a very Happy Birthday and we send our very best wishes to you.

Special thoughts are sent to those celebrating Anniversaries too.

There are people unwell at present and we send you our best wishes. For those caring for a loved one may God's blessing be with you.

We give a very warm welcome to Heidi List who has now relocated from Masterton to Paraparaumu. Our best wishes are with you Heidi.

From your Parish Pastoral Care team:  
Lyn, Merrill, Diane, Carole, Bastiana, Erice, Diana and Dianne.



*Erice, Bastiana, Carole, Dianne B, Rev Anna, Lyn  
Members not in picture - Merrill, Diane A and Diana*

**After Service Lunch on 16 February**



The February After Service Lunch was at the Rosetta Café and was very well attended.



The food and the atmosphere at the café were excellent and everyone enjoyed chatting with other parishioners during the lunch. The date for the next After Service Lunch will be advised in March.

# Parish Market Day

*We are all looking forward to our upcoming Market Day on  
Saturday 22 March, 10 am to 1 pm.*

## How can you help?

\* Please pick up Market Day flyers from church and hand them out to friends or put up on a community noticeboard. Help spread the word that we are holding a Market Day! Additional flyers can be collected from the office.

\* We would appreciate baking for the cake stall. Cakes, biscuits, slices, sweets, preserves are all welcome. Please drop off on the morning of the Market Day, from 8am, to the Raumati hall. If you are unable to drop off on the day, please contact Alisi Barton or Lyn Martin to make arrangements.

\* Donations of books are needed for the book stall. Fiction only please. Books can be dropped off on Friday to the Raumati meeting room. If you require collection, please contact Bill McKeich.

\* Donations of household items, including clothing, toys, books and games are always appreciated at Thrifty Place. Please drop off during opening hours, Tuesday and Thursday 11 am to 4 pm or Saturday 10.30 am to 1 pm. If you need items collected, please contact Kay Macintosh or Kate Foley.

\* The plant stall needs donations of plants, seedlings, garden items including pots and tools, produce, and anything garden related! Please drop off from 8 am on Saturday morning or to the Raumati Church foyer on Friday. Please contact Dianne Boyce if you require plants to be collected.

## **The convenors/contacts of the stalls are:**

Plants: Dianne Boyce

Cakes: Alisi Barton and Lyn Martin

Books: Bill McKeich

Sausage Sizzle: Desmond Corrigan

Thrifty Place: Kay McIntosh

Cafe: Carole Rudings

External Stall Holders/Groups: Jan Rae

Convenors of the stalls will be at the Raumati Church setting up for the Market Day from 2 - 4 pm on the Friday. The office will be open on Friday

until 12.30 pm and we will ensure a parish member is on-site in-between times if you wish to drop off goods.

Thank you for helping us make Market Day a great success.

**Kate Foley, 021 120 8045 or [foley.family@outlook.com](mailto:foley.family@outlook.com)**

**Carole Rudings 04 298 8165**

**Jan Rae 021 112 7739**

# MARKET DAY



Kapiti Uniting Parish  
Raumati Church, Weka Road  
Saturday 22 March, 10 am - 1 pm

Thrifty Place - cakes - plants  
books - cafe - sausage sizzle

[www.kup.org.nz](http://www.kup.org.nz)



## Notes from Parish Council - February 2025

- At the first Parish Council meeting for 2025, we welcomed Kate Foley to her first meeting in the position of Advertising Manager. Kate did a lot of work promoting our Christmas services and activities and is now busy with advertising for the Parish market day to be held on March 22.
- The meeting began with Parish Council members expressing their hopes for Kapiti Uniting Parish in 2025. These included
  - Greater participation of parish members.
  - No more leaks at Raumati.
  - Retirement villages as a source of new members.
  - Inclusion of everyone who uses building.
  - Recognising the talents of individual parishioners.
- Playgroup now have a Kapiti College student helping regularly with their sessions but would still like more help from parishioners. If you would be willing to go on a roster to help with playgroup on Thursday mornings, please contact Maureen Calhaem.
- With the retirement of Ken Milne and Syd Mephram from the Property and Finance Committee there is a need for more help on this committee. If you have a little time to spare and would be interested in serving on the Property and Finance Committee please talk to Cathy Drummond.
- We are starting to focus on Easter. As in recent years, a series of Lent studies will be held. These will be led by Sister Catherine and will be Bible studies looking at 'What was Jesus Like?' These studies will be held at Raumati on March 11 and 18 and April 1 and 8. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- The popular board games afternoons are moving their venue. As from March 10 they will be held in the meeting room at Raumati. these are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month.

*Jan Rae, Parish Council Secretary*

# Raumati Playgroup

Playgroup started up again for the year on Thursday 13 February. The first session was well attended with several families coming along for the first time.

Thank you to the volunteers who sorted through to toys and dress-ups during the holidays to make sure that everything was in good condition for the children to use.



We have a year 13 student, Nicole, from Kapiti College volunteering at the playgroup which is going well, we appreciate her help. We are still in need of more volunteers on a casual or regular basis, please let the parish office know if you would be able to spare a Thursday morning once (or more) each month during school term times.

*Monica Simpson*



# Raumati Community Garden



We are having a super summer at the Raumati Village Community Garden, located next to Thrifty Place. We have been blessed with the help of David and Sarah from the Kapiti Horticultural Society. David and Sarah have completed a number of projects at the garden, including a new frame and netting to protect the tomatoes from the birds, trimming and mulching the

trees and shrubs that overhang from the neighbour's fence (thanks also to Salem for his help), tidying up the back border including building a new edging, trimming the grapefruit tree and constructing a new frame and netting for the strawberry bed. And these projects are just some to name a few!



**The Kapiti Horticultural Society meets once a month** on a Friday evening in our Raumati Hall and we are delighted to have their support. They have a monthly speaker as well as a sales table and supper. If you are interested

in finding out more about the KHS, please speak with me and I can give you all the details.

We are sowing seeds now for winter, including pak choi, spring onions, beetroot, lettuce, coriander, spinach and silverbeet.

The garden is looking very well loved and we are looking forward to filling it up for winter with vegetables to support the local community.



*Kate Foley*

## **Blessings for Raumati Church gardens**

Two years ago, Ernesto travelled from Chile to work in our church garden. He had intended to come to visit his son Andres and daughter-in-law Rachel, but they were both working. Ernesto, a professional gardener, wanted something to do so ended up knocking off work to carry bricks, well, gardening tools to be exact. So while he was here, instead of loafing at the beach as he could have done, Ernesto transformed the Raumati church garden. He doesn't speak English but he's very good at communicating for all that. He let us know that *mulch* was required.

So when the Thrifty Place carpet was replaced, the old one was pressed into service between the car park and Weka Road. Carpeted shrubberies look a bit odd, and it was obvious that wood chips were required. Composting Services in Otaihangā Road charge \$50 to deliver a load, but lend trailers for free. But who in the church had a tow bar? Ralph and Lyn Martin's son Kevin not only gave his time and driving skills, but also insisted on paying for both trailer loads.



By this time Ernesto was back in town. Although he now has a darling little grand-daughter, he was still willing to help us in the garden. Elizabeth (Liz Sutherland) is on holiday just now, so it was great to have Ernesto's and Robin's help, as well as Kevin's and Ralph's. Many, many thanks to the wonderful workers and the generous giver!

There were more than enough wood chips for the carpeted garden, so I am now laying carpet in the garden between the car park and Thrifty Place. But I won't have enough carpet, so if anyone is replacing a woollen carpet, please ask the carpet layers to leave some of the old stuff for us.

In the meantime Ernesto is continuing to do great things with our grounds. Enjoy!

**Heather List**



## World Day of Prayer

Friday 7 March 2025

### **“I Made You Wonderfully”**

*A service prepared by the WDP  
Committee of Cook Islands*

*You are invited to join in  
worship and fellowship  
at your local church*

St Mark's Raumati Beach at 1.30pm  
Waikanae Baptist Church at 2.30pm

# Thrifty Place

Firstly, a belated thank you to Kate Foley who is now the Co manager of Thrifty. Kate does all of our advertising, as well as volunteering,



We got off to an extremely busy start when we reopened in early January. An abundance of donations, and lots of old and new customers, combine to make Thrifty buzz. We were asked to donate

to the Grace Millane handbag appeal, so our volunteers found 3 excellent handbags to donate, and now we're finding essential items to put in them. Grace was brutally murdered in N. Z. 5 years ago, and the handbag appeal is in memory of her.



Everything will then be given to the Women's Refuge,

We are also donating to The Nest cause. They collect baby clothes and items, and distribute them to new mums who have so little. Our donations of children's books to the Hidden Books scheme is ongoing.

I feel all of the above provides more connection to the wider community from our church and Thrifty.

When the Trade Aid store closed in Coastlands, the leftover goods were boxed up and shared out among the local Charity shops, which was a lovely surprise for Thrifty.

A big thank you again to everyone who supports Thrifty in various ways.

*Kay and Kate.*

# March: for your diary

5	11am	Parkwood Lodge church service
7	1.30pm and 2.30pm	World Day of Prayer at St Marks, Raumati at Waikanae Baptist Church
11	10am-12pm	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
12	10-11.30am 11am	Property and Finance Group, Raumati Church Service at Sevenoaks
13	10am-12pm	Raumati Women's Fellowship
18	10am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship
19	10am-12pm	Music and Worship group
20	10.30am-12pm	Coastal Villas Church Service
21	10am-12pm Afternoon/ evening	Parish Council, Raumati Setting up for Market Day
22	11am to 2pm	Market Day
28	10am-12pm	Folding April Together

## Parish Directory

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# Bible Study



***This Lent, the Guest Leader of our Bible Study is  
Sister Catherine Jones, Tangata Tiriti.***

*Catherine has worked in Samoa, Algeria, France and Aotearoa in a variety of social justice and teaching roles – in addition to interfaith networking and ecumenical development.*

Catherine uses an Ignatian method of study described as: ‘Imaginative Contemplation’. She introduces the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday and asks the question, ‘*What is Jesus like in this passage?*’

Catherine offers us a reflective and refreshing way to engage with the Bible on our journey to the cross and the empty tomb. She has taught in Seminaries as well as churches using this method.

**We know many of you will want to come to these studies on the following Tuesdays from 2-3pm in the lounge at Raumati:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading</b>
March 11	Temptations	Luke 4:1-13
March 18	Transfiguration	John 12: 1-8
April 1	Anointing at Bethany	Luke 9: 28-38
April 8	At the foot of the cross	John 19: 25-30

*There is no need to enrol, please come along to any of the sessions you want to attend. It will be an interesting and enlightening experience.*

## March Services

	<b>Waikanae 10am</b>	<b>United@9 9am</b>	<b>Raumati 10am</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Barrie Woods	Rev Anna Gilkison HC	
<b>9th</b>	Rev Anna Gilkison HC	Maureen Calhaem Harvest Festival	Rev Robin List Harvest Festival
<b>16th</b>	Worship Group Harvest Festival	Rev Anna Gilkison	
<b>23rd</b>	Rev Anna Gilkison	Heather List	Kevin Boyce
<b>30th</b>	Desmond Corrigan	Rev Roger Wiig	

### March: Regular Events

Tuesdays	10am -12pm 10.30am – 4pm	Women’s craft group, Raumati Thrifty Place
Thursdays	10am -12pm 10.30am – 4pm	Raumati Playgroup Thrifty Place
Saturdays	11am – 1pm	Thrifty Place