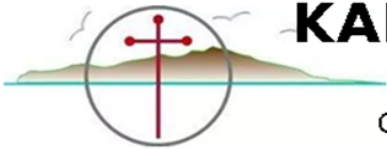


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KAPITI UNITING PARISH



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MARCH 2024



In a liturgical year such as this, Easter races towards us with breath-taking speed! It will be here before you know it. For that reason, please take note of our Holy Week and Easter observances.

We will prepare for Good Friday with a **Maundy Thursday Service** at 7pm on Thursday, 28th March, at Raumati Church.

Good Friday will be a reflective service for all our congregations, encouraging us to engage with Christ's suffering with our emotions as well as our minds. The Good Friday Service will take place at the Raumati Church at 10am on the 29th of March.

The Resurrection on **Easter Sunday** will be heralded with two celebratory services – one at Waikanae, one at Raumati, both at 10am.

Re-enacting and reflecting on these pivotal experiences in Jesus' life and in the lives of those around him strengthens the beliefs which are the framework of a life in Christ.

From the Minister's Desk

There is something inspiring about coming back from leave to a church humming with activity.

By the time you read this the Summer Gala will be over. I am sure it will be something we can look back on with a sense of achievement, a way to start the year with 'a bang and not a whimper'.

It represents so much of what the Church is all about – being a positive and generous presence in our communities. Working collectively to show love in an active way. Preparing for a future we continue to believe in for our church. Enjoying each other's company, sharing what we receive with those in need and not just resourcing ourselves. Sharing our gifts, building the Kingdom with our hearts, minds and hands through the connections which God makes possible.

Thank you everyone, whether you come to work or come simply to attend on Saturday, and thank you especially to Mary White.

The good thing about having this event in Lent is that it balances the inward-looking emphasis of Lent with the outward-focused energy of a community-based project.

All through the time leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday, this is the message of the weekly readings - that faith is not solely about doing good deeds, nor is it solely about spiritual practices.

Faith is loving God with all our hearts and all our minds and all our souls as well as loving our neighbours as ourselves.

Rev Anna Gilkison

News from Waikanae



Wedding at Waikanae

A young Korean couple chose our little church for their wedding in February. The bride's father, a pastor, conducted the service, but as he is not an authorised marriage celebrant Rev Anna took care of the official requirements.

The couple donated a little painting of the church in appreciation. The church looked lovely, and the splendid appearance of the grounds (cared for by Desmond) drew approving comment.

Worship

We celebrated the Covenant Service on 4 February. It's a 250-year-old Methodist tradition which, early in each year, renews the Covenant between God and God's people.

The Covenant Prayer ends with the words : “And now, glorious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it , and the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.” As we were close to Waitangi Day on 6 February, we also reflected on the covenant that is the Treaty of Waitangi.

Rev Anna led our worship for Transfiguration Sunday, a significant day before we enter into Lent.

Looking ahead

The Worship group, led by Sue Hodgson, is preparing for our Harvest Festival on 3rd March – a meaningful service for Waikanae gardeners.

Desmond Corrigan will lead the Worship group in a Lenten service on 17 March: ‘The Road to the Cross revisited’. Rev Robin List will present the Palm Sunday service, and Easter Day worship, with Holy Communion, will be led by John and Diana Roberts.

Lenten Studies

held at Raumati, prepared by Rev Anna, with a theme of ‘Christians in the Middle East’, have been very well attended by Waikanae members.

Soup Group

at its first meeting for the year explored the theme of Hope. Thoughtful discussion and deep sharing characterise this group of women and men. The next meeting, in April, will look at ‘Grace’.

Womens’ Fellowship:

The meeting for March 19 will be held at the home of Sue and Peter Hodgson, and will plan for the annual Fellowship Special Project service in May.

Waikanae fellowship members will be sharing in the World Day of Prayer service to be held in St Michael’s Anglican Church, Waikanae Beach, at 2pm on Friday 1 March.

About People



Our congratulations to Ken and Janet Milne who celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversary on the 4th of January.

Our congratulations also to David and Kartini Davis who will be Celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on the 7th March



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all those in this parish celebrating birthdays in March.

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

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

Raumati Village Community Garden Update

Last year we were contacted by Kapiti College student Oscar, who wanted to help us in some way for his Social Studies project. On our behalf, Oscar applied for a grant from the Raumati Community Board and was successful!

In September we received the grant for \$276.35. We were down to our last few cents and the money was very welcome. It has enabled us to purchase more seedlings to get us through summer and will help us buy some more compost if required. We may also look at purchasing a hose as the current system of using a bucket is hard work and our last hose was stolen, as well as all our watering cans!

Thank you so much Oscar, we really appreciate your help and you did an excellent job applying for the grant. Thank you!



Our summer garden is looking pretty tidy and some new seedlings have been planted to get us through to the next season. We have spring onions, lettuce, bok choy, green beans, capsicum, pumpkins and tomatoes. Our main issue is keeping the garden watered, but we are trying our best. The winter garden is much easier to grow vegetables, thanks to the rain watering the garden for us!

Moving into the next season, our beds will need to be refreshed with our compost and we will need to keep on top of the weeds.

It would be great if we can try again to plant some rhubarb. Rhubarb is a heavy feeder but does look after itself and it will provide a continuing harvest.



If you have any rhubarb crowns you are digging up over the coming months, we would love them planted in the corner, next to the compost. Thank you!



In the meantime, please enjoy the garden and weeding and watering is always welcome.

Kate Foley

Waikanae Women's Fellowship

The Waikanae Women's Fellowship will meet on Tuesday 19 March at Sue Hodgson's home. All welcome

Contact: Marie Smith 04 905 7229

Raumati Women's Fellowship

The Raumati Women's Fellowship will meet on the 14 March at 10am in the meeting room.

The speaker will be John Stewart. Topic is " Keeping Safe in our Homes". All are welcome.

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



"If you're ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns."

Palm Sunday Word-search from Rosalie Sugrue

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Complete the sentence below with unused letters.

Palm Sunday celebrates an event known as

The _____

Answers are on page 12

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

March Services

| | Waikanae 10am | United@9 9am | Raumati 10am |
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| 3rd Lent 3 | Worship Group Harvest Festival | Maureen Calhaem | Rev Anna Gilkison HC |
| 10th Lent 4 | Rev Anna Gilkison HC | Combined: Maureen Calhaem | |
| 17th Lent 5 | Worship Group | Barrie Woods | Heather List |
| 24th Lent 6 | Rev Robin List | Combined: Rev Anna Gilkison | |
| 7^{pm} 28th Maundy Thursday | Combined: Rev Anna Gilkison at Raumati | | |
| 10^{am} 29th Good Friday | Combined: Rev Anna Gilkison at Raumati | | |
| 31st Easter Sunday | Rev John and Diana Roberts | Combined: Rev Anna Gilkison | |

March: Regular Events

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| Tuesdays | 10am-12pm 11am-4pm 1-2.30pm 2-3pm | Women's Craft Group, Raumati Thrifty Place Preschool Music Group Raumati Lenten Study, Raumati, weekly to 19 th March |
| Thursdays | 9.30-11.30am 11am-4pm | Raumati Playgroup 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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The church was badly in need of a coat of paint. So the pastor decided she'd do the job herself. But all she had was one bucket of paint. So she got a bunch of buckets and some water, and she thinned the paint enough to cover the entire church. Then she spent all day painting.

That night it rained—very hard—and washed all the paint off. The pastor was quite discouraged and asked God, 'Why...why God, did you let it rain and wash off all my hard work?'

To which God thundered his reply, 'Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!'

Answer to word search: THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY
(no chocolate fish as prizes this month because of Lent)

Preschool Music Playgroups

The Parish is now hosting two playgroups each week in the hall at Raumati. A second music-themed playgroup, at 1pm on a Tuesday afternoon, has started up as well as the original 10am playgroup on a Thursday morning

The first afternoon playgroup was on the 20 of February and we hope that as the group becomes better known we will be able to grow this ministry to serve young families in our community.



TINY TUNES
MUSIC CLASS AND PLAY TIME
AT RAUMATI UNITING CHURCH

-10 WEKA RD, RAUMATI BEACH-

START WITH A FUN 30 MINUTE MUSIC CLASS, FOLLOWED BY A STORY AND SNACK TIME..

THEN STAY FOR A CUPPA AND CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS, WHILE THE KIDS CREATE AND PLAY.

\$2 COIN KOHA
(BYO KIDS SNACKS)

TUESDAYS 1-2:30PM
THURSDAYS 10-11:30AM

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If you know of anyone who might like to attend, please invite them - we have flyers available at the Parish Office and also under the notice board at Raumati.

March: for your diary

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| 1 st | 1.30pm | World Day of Prayer, Raumati World Day of Prayer, Waikanae, at St Michael's church, Rangihiroa St |
| 5 th | 1-2.30pm | Music Playgroup, Raumati Hall |
| | 2-3pm | Lenten Study, Raumati |
| 7 th | 9.30-11.30am | Raumati Playgroup |
| | 11am-1pm | Women's Fellowship, Raumati |
| 10 th | 12pm | After Service Lunch, Fisherman's Table |
| 11 th | 1.30-4pm | Board Games, Carole Ruding's home |
| 12 th | 10am-12pm | Pastoral Care Group, Raumati |
| | 1-2.30pm | Music Playgroup, Raumati Hall |
| | 2-3pm | Lenten Study, Raumati |
| 13 th | 10am – 12 pm | Property and Finance Group, Raumati |
| 14 th | 9.30-11.30am | Raumati Playgroup |
| 15 th | 10am – 12pm | Parish Council, Raumati |
| 19 th | 10am – 12pm | Waikanae Women's Fellowship, Sue Hodgson's home |
| | 1-2.30pm | Music Playgroup, Raumati Hall |
| | 2-3pm | Lenten Study, Raumati |
| 20 th | 10am -12pm | Music and Worship Group, Raumati |
| 21 st | 9.30-11.30am | Raumati Playgroup |
| | 10.30am | Coastal Villas church service, dining room |
| 25 th | 1.30-4pm | Board Games, Carole Ruding's home |
| 26 th | 1-2.30pm | Music Playgroup, Raumati Hall |
| 28 th | 9.30-11.30am | Raumati Playgroup |
| | 10-11.30 | Folding Together |
| 29 th | Good Friday | Parish office closed |

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Easter Services 2024

28 March - Maundy Thursday

7pm at Raumati

29 March - Good Friday

10am at Raumati

31 March - Easter Sunday

10am at Waikanae

10am at Raumati

10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach

9 Taiata Street, Waikanae Beach

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