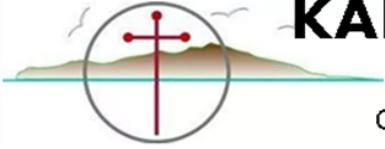


# TOGETHER

## KAPITI UNITING PARISH



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**The Market Day baking stall was extremely popular**  
*Thank you to our bakers and to Alisi, Lyn, Jan and Bev*

## **From the Minister's Desk**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer is a name which means something to some of us and nothing to many of us. On April 9<sup>th</sup> this year, in the days leading to Jesus' crucifixion, it will be 80 years since Bonhoeffer, theologian and minister, was executed in a German concentration camp.

What he had to say in letters from prison and in collected sermons is as relevant today as it was during the years of Hitler's totalitarian regime. It is good for us to listen to voices from the past as well as the present as we ourselves wrestle with our Christian beliefs, our consciences and our bewilderment in the face of global events which we never thought to see in our lifetime.

Bonhoeffer was playing chamber music by the age of eight and his future as a musician seemed assured. His decision to become a theologian and minister was not well-received by his family. His brothers were scornful, viewing religion as a distraction from the urgent work of promoting equality and human rights. As it turned out, his theological path did not lead him away from the world but more deeply and profoundly into it.

Bonhoeffer's theology was changed and changed again by his engagement with people on the margins of society. He always came back to the question – 'who is Jesus Christ for us today?' While German church leaders were promoting the Third Reich as some kind of fulfilment of scripture, Bonhoeffer spoke out for a different reading of scripture.

With the consolidation of the power of the Reich, friends in international ecumenical organisations urged him to leave as his safety became more and more compromised. Bonhoeffer chose to stay and continue to preach and teach a gospel of life.

“Christ was not essentially a teacher, a lawgiver, but a human being, a real human being like us. Christ does not want us, first of all, to be representatives and advocates of a particular doctrine but real human beings before God. Christ did not love a theory about the good, he loved real people. God did not become a programme, a universally valid belief, a law. God became human”

On July 20<sup>th</sup> 1944 the final attempt on Hitler’s life failed and Bonhoeffer was implicated in the planned coup. In prison he talked about ‘the view from below’ by which he meant seeing world history as it unfolds from the perspective of the suffering. We follow the events of the Crucifixion year after year to remind ourselves that Jesus’ perspective was a ‘view from below’, from an experience of suffering which connects him with human beings in their suffering. His promise of life and peace rings true because he suffered with us. And, above all, he suffered for us that we might be free.



*Statue of German Protestant theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Westminster Abbey, London*

*Rev Anna Gilkison*

## Lent, Holy Week and Easter Worship

### Passion Sunday Choral Service

Raumati Combined 10am *6th April*

### Palm Sunday Service

Waikanae 10am *13th April*

United@9 9am

Raumati 10am

### Tuesday in Holy Week

#### Prayer Vigil for Palestine and Israel

Raumati 4pm

*15th April*

On this day Jesus returned to Jerusalem, entered the temple and overthrew the tables of the money-changers

### Maundy Thursday

Raumati 7pm

*17th April*

#### An Evening Service of Remembrance

We remember and enact the Last Supper; we remember and enact the washing of the disciples' feet; we remember and enact the lonely vigil in the Garden.

### Good Friday

Raumati 10am

*18th April*

#### The Way of the Cross

A service of meditations based on the tradition of 'Stations of the Cross'. These events of Jesus' crucifixion, taken from both biblical and ancient church sources, provide a reflective framework for our Good Friday worship.

### Easter Sunday

#### All Age Family Worship

Raumati 10am

*20th April*

Waikanae 10am

We celebrate the wonder of the empty tomb, and the joy of the Risen Christ.

# News from Waikanae

## Harvest Festival

This joyful Waikanae tradition was celebrated on 16 March. Sue Hodgson co-ordinated a service which involved everyone in giving thanks and committing to care for the Earth. Tina Ireland arranged the gifts of produce in a bountiful display. The Harvest items go to the Kapiti Women's Centre, for the Women's Refuge.



## **World Day of Prayer**

This year the service in Waikanae was hosted by the Baptist Church. Cook Islands women had prepared the service, and we were welcomed with a visual presentation of blue sea lapping white sand under waving palm fronds. The women of the islands shared their singing and prayers, and members of Waikanae churches read parts of a service which brought us closer to the people of the Pacific and to one another, and linked us with the millions around the world who joined in this time of prayer.

## **Lenten Studies**

Led by Sister Catherine Jones, these have engaged several Waikanae members in deepening our understanding of the time leading to the culmination of the life of Jesus. Sharing in this time of spiritual reflection with Raumati members strengthens our parish bonds.

## **Market Day**

This brought us together to participate in the work and fun of the day, with Desmond Corrigan heading the Sausage Sizzle team alongside Mike Binkhorst. Our warm thanks to all who put so much time and energy into this event, which raises funds and connects us with the Kapiti community.

## **Music**

We are very appreciative of the generosity of Marie, Isabel, Noeline and Merle in bringing their gift of music to our worship.

***Diana Roberts***

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**Waikanae Soup Group** will meet on Tuesday 15 April at 10.30am,

## **Raumati Women's Fellowship**

The Raumati group meets on Thursday 10 April at 10am in the meeting room. The topic will be confirmed.

All women are welcome. Contacts: Lyn Martin 04 904 8361 and Merrill Baker 04 902 4134 027 3532307

# About People

We send our very best wishes to those celebrating Birthdays in April.  
We hope you have a very Happy Day.

To those celebrating Anniversaries we say congratulations and hope you enjoy your special day.

There are a number of people unwell at present. Our thoughts are with you all whether you are at home or in hospital.

To those facing lifestyle changes we pray that strength and peace be with you in the adjustments that you are facing.

From your Parish Pastoral Care team:

Lyn, Merrill, Diane, Carole, Bastiana, Erice, Diana and Dianne.

## E-Prayer Requests

A group from our Parish receives requests for prayer every week.  
You can ring, text, or email to ask for the request to be passed on:

Merrill Baker 04 902 4134 or text 0273 532 307 or  
amkram.nz@gmail.com

Maureen Calhaem 04 299 1903 or text 0278 568 611 or  
maureen.calhaem@xtra.co.nz

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

Maureen and Merrill

*With our thoughts on the Holy Land as we approach the events of Holy Week and Easter in Jerusalem, we invite you to pray with us:-*

## ***Prayer for the Holy Land***

*Pray not for Arab or Jew,  
for Palestinian or Israeli,  
but pray rather for ourselves,  
that we might not  
divide them in our prayers  
but keep them both together  
in our hearts.*

*When races fight,  
peace be among us.*

*When neighbours argue,  
peace be among us.*

*When nations disagree,  
peace be among us.*

*Where people struggle for justice,  
let justice prevail.*

*Where Christ's disciples follow,  
let peace be our way.*

*Amen.*

# Raumati Playgroup



So far this term the children have been very busy with lots of activities and crafts. We started off the term with making some love heart sun catchers which the kids thoroughly enjoyed making.

We have also been making the most of the nice weather and we have done some water play which is always popular with both the younger and the older kids.

This week's activity was a very big hit! We drew cardboard vases which the kids coloured in and then they threaded flowers through. We love using nature where we can with our activities.



A big thanks to our volunteers Maureen, Marie, Kate and Nicole. (pictured) Without them, playgroup wouldn't be possible.

***Monica Simpson***

# *An Unexpected Visitor*

*By Sarah and David Webb of the Kapiti Horticultural Society who have been helping us in the Raumati Community Garden*



On a Saturday morning a few weeks back, we had an unexpected visitor while we worked in the community garden.

This is Frankie and he lives in Raumati South, but he had decided the day before to leave his home while his family cleaned his enclosure, for an overnight adventure.

When we met him, he had flown several kilometres and appeared pleased to see us, as you can see.

He was clearly not used to foraging for his own food and was very happy with the cherry tomatoes and strawberries that we fed him.

Luckily, we'd seen on Facebook that he was missing, so we contacted his humans, and they came down with his special breakfast porridge to encourage him back home.

Thank you Frankie for brightening up our morning 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷



# Market Day Success!

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and attended our Market Day. Special thanks to the convenors of stalls who put in the extra effort to make Market Day an enjoyable day that ran very smoothly. Thanks to your generosity, we raised just over \$2,200. Not only did we raise essential funds for our parish, but the event also served as a wonderful opportunity for socialising and outreach within our parish and community. *by Kate Foley*



*Thank you to the team at Thrifty Place and the helpers at the book stall*



*The Café and Easter Basket Raffle were very popular*



*The Plant Stall and Baking Stall were well stocked with donations*



## Thank You to Kapiti Pak 'n Save



We would like to extend our thanks to Kapiti Pak 'n Save for their generous donation of a gift voucher which allowed us to purchase all the food for our Market Day sausage sizzle. Their support was a big help, and we truly appreciate it. Thank you, Kapiti Pak'n Save, for helping make our event a success!



**A Big Thank You to Tapatu** for entertaining the children with face painting

## The Kapiti Horticultural Society

hold their monthly meetings at Raumati Hall on the first Friday of each month at 6.30pm.

Members Sarah and David Webb came along to help with our fundraising. They had made beautifully decorated cupcakes to sell and donated the money they received to KUP. Thank you very much to Sarah, David, and all members of the Kapiti Horticultural Society.

If you are interested in joining the society, they are very welcoming of new members. Contact:

[Kapiti.horti.soc@gmail.com](mailto:Kapiti.horti.soc@gmail.com)



We were also delighted to offer **Predator Free NZ** a stall at the Market Day to raise awareness of their work protecting our native wildlife.

If you would be interested in helping, details of local groups are at:  
<https://predatorfreenz.org/get-involved/find-a-group/>

## Two Parishioners – Marie Storey and Kevin Henderson

*By Kevin Boyce: from notes that I used for the 23 March service after the pleasurable time interviewing both Marie and Kevin.*

### Marie Storey:



Marie was born in 1921 and spent her early years in a Beecham Street home in Karori. Marie recalls happy times with her sister in Karori, attending the Karori Presbyterian Church, whilst developing a keen interest in Christian theology. Her father came out to NZ from County Cavan, Ireland, in 1905 and became a policeman, later to become Editor of the NZ Police Gazette. Sadly, Marie was to lose her father when she was 19; Marie had sought her father's permission to join the police force and, in 1943, Marie was part of the third intake of women to join the police force. Marie served as a Police Constable from 1943 to 1947, being forced to resign her police role after she married.

There was a question in the NZQA 2023 Level 3 History about an incident involving Marie. She was sent out to Mount Victoria to apprehend a male molester, who had been harassing ladies. Marie clambered up and down the dirt track many times, endeavouring to keep her glove, handbag and uniform intact. Marie was supposed to be assisted by a male detective but he failed to show up. Was Marie scared of anything? "Yes", she retorted, "I was scared of the dark!"

Marie had become a bit of a legendary star for the NZ Police, as the photo shows, with Marie being recognised by the then Police Commissioner, Mike Bush. Marie had been invited to Wellington to be a part of a photo-shoot depicting police uniforms from the 1940s. Marie is proud of the way women have contributed to the police force and said that: "policing to a certain degree has changed and I really admire women who take policing on....these days they've got more than what we had to deal with!"

Marie's husband Tom was also in the police force before becoming a Quantity Surveyor. Marie and Tom rented a house in Karori before buying their Wellington home.

Marie has: one child, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Kapiti Uniting has had the privilege of Marie's attendance for 27 years: long may that continue!

## Kevin Henderson:



*Kevin on the day of the presentation of the Queen's Fire Service Medal at Government House. Kevin is flanked by his sons Kevin and Bruce.*

We were pleased to welcome Kevin to Kapiti Uniting quite recently. Kevin was born in Dunedin in 1932, spending his early years at schools in 'the Edinburgh of the South'.

At the age of 11, Kevin's parents separated and young Kevin elected not to move to his mother's new abode but stayed in the family home, knowing that his father would be absent from Mondays to Fridays. In his father's role as Captain in the NZ Army. Kevin fended for himself by selling lemonade bottles that people had thrown on to the side of the highway: this enabled Kevin to buy milk and Weetbix and the folks next door gave him eggs. In 1944, 12 year old Kevin was sent to live with a family in Kinloch, on the

shores of Lake Wakatipu; Kevin had no schooling for that year but learnt to shoot red deer for hides and meat.

in December of 1944, Kevin's father brought him back to Dunedin and Kevin attended Dunedin North Intermediate. The next year, Kevin spent 6 weeks at Otago Boys' High School before packing his bags again and being sent to be one of the 350 boarders at Waitaki Boys' High School. Kevin liked the structure at Waitaki BHS. In his second year at Waitaki BHS, he was summoned again by his father to return to Wellington. Kevin's father had found Kevin a job and his lodging was a stretcher in a room in the Criterion Hotel.

Kevin decided then to become master of his own destiny. He worked on NZ ships delivering cement and then had a stint working on the interisland ferry Rangatira. In 1948, at the age of 16, Kevin joined the Merchant Navy, spending three years travelling to Australia, the Middle East, the United Kingdom, and USA.

In 1951, Kevin joined the NZ Fire Service and became President of the Institute of Fire Engineers and in 1991 was awarded the Queens' Fire Service medal for 40 years services to the community and fire safety.

At Christmas 1983, Kevin's son, also Kevin, gave Kevin Senior, a voucher for a one hour trial flight at the Kapiti Aero Club. Kevin spent the next 38 years flying the length of NZ with his late wife Jean, only relinquishing his pilots' licence at the age of 90!

Kevin is so proud that his sons Kev and Bruce who became Senior Pilot for Air NZ and Captain with Ansett Airlines, respectively. Both of Kevin's sons married Air NZ cabin crew and, to this day, Kevin still has three family members serving in Air NZ.

Kevin's rock through all these years was his late wife Jean, with whom he shared 67 years of marriage. Kevin devoted 50 years in the Masonic Lodge. The Lodge and Christian values, ensured his setting up a strong family network and, as Kevin said: "after the break up of my parents, I was in touch with wider family members, grandparents etc and it was this early framework of love, respect and behaviour that has been my guide in life's journey".

*The motto of Waitaki Boys High School is:*

*Quanti est sapere: meaning, 'How valuable is wisdom'*

# On Prayer

*A UCANZ newsletter article from Andrew Doubleday*

I'm a big fan of E. Stanley Jones (1884-1973). Jones was an American Methodist Missionary to India – one of the heroes of the faith of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. I'm currently working through 'The Way' - one of Jones' books divided into 365 reflections – one for each day of the year. The title, and approach of the book, recognises that early Christians were not labelled as such, but were known as 'people of the Way'. This prioritises a lifestyle rather than a belief position. This book describes 'The Way'. I'm up to his dealing with the matter of prayer, and Jones beautifully puts it like this:

We come now to the method by which we allow grace to invade us and work with us. The Way is the way of prayer. Many definitions of prayer have been given. I add another: Prayer is cooperation with God. In prayer you align your desires, your will, your life to God. You and God become agreed on life desires, life purposes, life plans, and you work them out *together*. That is prayer.

Prayer, then, is not trying to get God to do our will. It is the getting of our will into line with God's will. But the will is not a separate portion of us; the will is the self in action. So prayer aligns the whole self to the whole Self of God. Prayer is therefore attunement. Just as when a note on a well-tuned piano is struck, the corresponding note on a well-tuned violin will vibrate in unison; so when God strikes certain notes in the divine nature, we find our heartstrings vibrating in unison, provided prayer has attuned us.

We quoted in another connection, this definition of prayer, "To bring the whole of life into the presence of God for cleansing and decision." "For cleansing and decision" — prayer cleanses, it chastens our desires, realigns them so that you cannot tell where your desires end and God's desires begin. They are one. Since the desires are one, the decisions are one, and the power is one. You lay your impotence alongside God's potency and lo, your impotence has merged into potency, yes, into omnipotence. When you learn how to pray, you learn how to live — vitally, vibrantly, victoriously.

One of our parishioners loves our op-shop so much  
that she has composed:

## AN ODE TO THRIFTY PLACE

I Love to shop at Thrifty Place,  
They have bargains there galore.  
Things you didn't know you  
needed  
Things you've never seen before.

With lots of glass and china  
All shining in the sun  
They're open for 2 days in the  
week  
And on Saturdays till one.

I bought a super office chair  
With wheels to get me round  
I can scoot across the office now  
And hardly make a sound.

The staff are really helpful.  
Always cheerful, sweet and kind.  
one offered me her husband,  
cheap  
But he's not what I had in mind.

I did get a lovely jacket,  
And could change it, with the  
docket.  
But I didn't take it back, you see,  
I found \$2 in the pocket.

They have shoes and socks and  
linen  
And all are really charmers  
You have to have a look, folks, 'cos  
They're way cheaper than  
Farmers.

Yes, go and look in Thrifty,  
You'll find it worth your while  
You'll get brownie points in Heaven  
And be welcomed with a smile.

# **More Speed Restriction Signs Needed!!!**

*By Robin List*

I am sorry to say that some of our regular users of church property are behaving in a dangerous and irresponsible manner.

On 10<sup>th</sup> March as I walked down from the main doors of the church towards Weka Street I encountered Peter Rabbit coming uphill, against the arrows and at a speed well above that designated! His whole attitude showed that this was no one-off event.

Now, I might be taller than Peter, but a quick (and that's all you get) look at his condition suggests that he might be heavier than me right now. What if we had collided? Then he would have been in a stew. He might be casually known as "the church rabbit" but does he have cover under the church insurance policy? What's his denominational history? I suspect he sees himself as a Church Property Trustee.

For further consideration: Peter is not alone. If there are two rabbits there's a gang of them. Unless they're both blokes. In which case they fight, or if they're chums, we're an inclusive congregation. If they're Mr and Mrs Rabbit the veggies are in danger, or, the lawns need mowing less and provide fertiliser pellets and we have the beginnings of an unusual Sunday School.

I know that Peter can be a divisive topic. I suspect that he/they range quite broadly in the area of the church and park. I'm keeping a close eye on the lettuces Ernesto and I planted by the bell. They are for those who aren't able to get down into the Community Garden, but would like a few fresh leaves for a sandwich; not rabbits! They will be a gauge of whether or not we are dealing with Peter Rabbit or The Fierce Bad Rabbit.

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## April: for your diary

1	2-3pm	Lent Bible Study, Raumati
8	10am-12pm	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
	2 – 4pm	Lent Bible Study and afternoon tea
9	10-11.30am	Property and Finance Group, Raumati
	11am	Church Service at Sevenoaks
10	10am-12pm	Raumati Women's Fellowship
14	1.30 – 4pm	Board Games, Raumati
15	10.30am	Waikanae Soup Group
17	10.30am-12pm	Coastal Villas Church Service
25	10am-12pm	Folding May Together
28	1.30 – 4pm	Board Games, Raumati

## April: Regular Events

Tuesdays	10am -12pm 10.30am – 12pm	Women’s craft group, Raumati Thrifty Place
Thursdays	10am -12pm 10.30am – 12pm	Raumati Playgroup (term time) Thrifty Place
Saturdays	11am – 12pm	Thrifty Place

## April Services

	<b>Waikanae 10am</b>	<b>United@9 9am</b>	<b>Raumati 10am</b>
<b>6th</b>	Rev Robin List HC	Rev Anna Gilkison HC Easter Music Service	
<b>Palm Sunday 13th</b>	Worship Group	Maureen Calhaem	Rev Anna Gilkison
<b>Maundy Thursday 7pm 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Parish Service, Rev Anna Gilkison		
<b>Good Friday 10am 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Parish Service, Rev Anna Gilkison		
<b>Easter Sunday 20th</b>	Rev Anna Gilkison	Rev Roger Wiig	
<b>27th</b>	Maureen Calhaem	Barrie Woods	

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# Easter Services

17 April - Maundy Thursday  
7 pm Raumati

18 April - Good Friday  
3 pm Raumati

20 April - Easter Sunday  
Holy Communion Services  
10 am Waikanae  
10 am Raumati

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