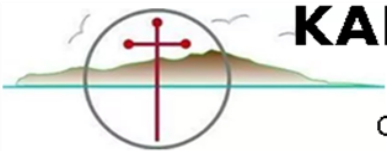


# TOGETHER

## KAPITI UNITING PARISH



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***From NZ Police Ten One Magazine:***  
*District Commander Superintendent Corrie Parnell and Wellington Retired Police Members Club President Sharron Taylor help Marie Storey celebrate her 103rd birthday.*

## From the Minister's Desk

In my annual report to the Waikanae congregation I talked about the value of our churches and the indispensable role they play. I reflected how dismissive and denigrating the rhetoric of the wider church is in discussions about church membership. The impression you get is that older generations are not the people we want in our pews. Having a church full of greying heads is seen as a misfortune rather than a tribute to our success. It is something to be regretted, even as we accept that it can't be helped.

I want to take this opportunity to challenge these incorrect attitudes. I count myself lucky to be the minister of such a church. It brings difficulties and it also brings countless joys. The enthusiasm of being alive and making the most of every moment is infectious and inspiring. The willingness to keep being a contributor to the life of the church and its work in the community, whenever the opportunity arises, warms the heart. The benefit of enough years of experience to keep things in perspective creates a more gentle atmosphere. Working with the people I work with opens windows into experiences and understandings which add to my own.

Each age group has inherent gifts which enhance the church community. It is a joy to have children amongst us. Young people remind us to treat life as an adventure and a learning process. Adults who are actively engaged in the workforce, paid or voluntary, who are engaged in parenting or community activities keep us grounded in the real world, bring us new skills and a larger understanding of what is going on in the world and in our communities. They bring an energy we may be lacking and a sense that the future is still before us, expanding infinitely towards the horizon.

We are all called to act, whatever our age, whatever our circumstances as Christ in the world. Age and infirmity, youth and preoccupation are not barriers to being messengers of the Good News. It is always the

right time in our lives to fulfill this calling faithfully and we in Church leadership should fall on our knees in gratitude that you are still here doing this work.

*Rev Anna Gilkison*

*... 'Age should speak; advanced years should teach wisdom.'*

**Job 32:7:**

## News from Waikanae



### **Worship:**

We will revisit our church history with a Remembering the Reformation service on 27 October. On 24 November, following an apology from the Government, we will hold a service in response to the abuse and neglect in State and Faith-based institutions.

November is also our Church

Anniversary month, with the service of thanksgiving and remembrance on 17 November.

### **Centenarians:**

Joan Barnard has celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday, and Monica Olsson her 102<sup>nd</sup>. They are visited every week, prayed for regularly, and say they feel very much part of the church family.

### **Church painting:**

Painting the surrounds of the church windows, and remedying the superficial crack in the front stucco has already enhanced the appearance of our building.

### **Soup Group:**

On 15 October, shared in deep reflection on the topic "Why do we have to die?" as we discussed a range of issues relating to physical, spiritual and social aspects of death and dying.

### **Women's Fellowship:**

Marie Smith attended the National MWF Council meeting in Auckland the weekend of 12 October. President-elect for MWF is Judith Herbert of Waikato. The World Federation of Methodist Women will hold its international gathering in Auckland in 2026, hosting over a thousand women.

### **Methodist Conference:**

The Biennial National Church Conference is being held in Wellington, the week of 9 November. Several of our members will be attending various events.

*Diana Roberts*

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## Our Additional Congregations



*Service at Coastal Villas on 17 October*

Did you know that our Parish has more congregations than the three that meet at our Waikanae, Raumati 10am and United@9 worship services?

We also have retirement village and rest home congregations which meet regularly for worship and fellowship.

These congregations at Sevenoaks, Coastal Villas, and Parkwood are an important part of our parish . We are sharing our worship and love of God with people who are part of our parish life ,even though they may not be able to attend services at our churches.

Rev Anna leads the services, assisted by KUP lay ministers and parishioners. Parishioners also help with practical duties like setting up the sound system, advertising service times, or giving out service sheets.

We would like to thank our volunteers Margaret Craig, Kate Foley, Noeline Cuzens, Ralph Bolton, and Kartini Davis who help to make these services special.

If you would like to be involved with our village and rest home congregations, please speak with the parish office or Rev Anna.



*Musician Margaret Craig*

# Notes From Parish Council

October 2024

- At our recent meeting, members of Parish Council discussed a submission from Barrie Woods on the reorganisation of Parish Council, where he identified gaps in the structure. As a result Barrie offered to take on the position of coordinator at Raumati. This will fit well with his role as Raumati representative on Parish Council. The position will be explained to the Raumati congregations at a meeting after a combined Raumati service in November.
- The Annual Financial Report has now been finalised and will be presented for approval by the Waikanae and Raumati congregations at services on December 8.
- The repair work due to a leak at Raumati has started and is proving more substantial than originally thought. It is mostly covered by insurance.
- Monica Simpson has been appointed as playgroup supervisor. Playgroup is in urgent need of more helpers. If you would be willing to go on a roster to help on Thursday mornings please contact Maureen Calhaem.
- As we head into the Christmas season there are a number of extra events coming up. Keep your eye on Together and the weekly notices for more information.

## **Parish Council members are -**

*Rev Anna Gilkison, Jan Rae (Secretary), Cathy Drummond (Treasurer), Erice Carley, Carole Rudings, Maureen Calhaem, Marie Smith, Mary White, Ken Milne, Barrie Woods, Evan Ireland.*

***New position on Parish Council –  
Raumati Church Co-ordinator, Barrie Woods***



# About People

We send our warmest greetings to the Centenarians in our parish who celebrated birthdays in October: Monica Olssen 102 on 7 October  
Marie Storey 103 on 7 October  
Doris Alexander 101 on 15 October

The pastoral group is arranging a lunch for the men in our Parish on the 2 November. See weekly notices for details.

We are very pleased to welcome back to the pastoral group Carole Rudings and a new member Dianne Boyce.

A Very Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating Birthdays in November. To all who are celebrating Anniversaries we send our very best wishes.

To those who are unwell at present we hope you will soon be feeling better. The warmer weather seems to be on the way and the sunny days we have experienced certainly warms our bodies and lifts our spirits.

With very best wishes from The Pastoral Team:  
*Lyn, Merrill, Diane, Erice, Bastiana, Diana, Carole and Dianne.*



*Maureen Calhaem's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration*

Maureen thanks everyone for making her feel so special on her birthday.

## RAUMATI SOUTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE PRACTICE

# In a disaster, your neighbours are your first and best source of support

Refreshments  
Provided!  
FREE!

Come along and practise working together as a  
community during a disaster

**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 12.30-2.30pm**

**Raumati South School Hall**

**Using an earthquake  
scenario, this session will cover  
howto:**

- Set up your local Community Emergency Hub
- Ensure those in need are supported
- Overcome potential challenges together
- Make the most of the resources you have locally

Everyone is welcome.

Join in and be more  
prepared as a community.



Learn more about your Community  
Emergency Hub go to [www.wremo.nz](http://www.wremo.nz)





*Kia ora Parish Friends.*

*As you know, my wife Joy died five weeks ago.*

*I am writing this to acknowledge her passing and to give my deepest thanks to many of you, who have, in a multitude of ways, shared my loss and given such generous support to me and my family.*

*Your thoughtful compassion and aroha have helped us through difficult days.*

*Reflecting back and re-living your comments and lovely snapshots of Joy's moments with you have been so rewarding. Thank you.*

*Your koha of maanaki has been generous and honouring and again we thank you.*

*While life for us has changed dramatically with Joy's passing, knowing of your care and aroha is a rich reminder of the bonds that unite us all.*

*Blessings and love to you all.*

*Syd Mepham.*



# Happy 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday, Marie

*article originally published in Police Ten One Magazine:*

Marie Storey is a remarkable former policewoman who celebrated her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Monday 7 October. The Wellington Retired Police Members Club surprised Marie with flowers to celebrate her major milestone at their regular October lunch meeting.

As well as being one of the superstars of the 2016 celebrations of the 75th anniversary of women in Police, Marie has attended recruit graduations at the Royal New Zealand Police College and helped inspire ongoing generations of women in blue.

Marie was inspired to join Police when her police officer father came home one day in August 1941 and told her he had seen history being made with the swearing-in of the first intake of women. She was one of 14 women who entered training 1943 in the third intake. She was posted to Wellington Central, where she was attached to the detective branch. Her career only lasted a few years as she had to leave to marry, as was the requirement in those days.

Club Patron Wellington District Commander Superintendent Corrie Parnell spoke at the lunch for Marie and wished her many happy returns. "It was a privilege to celebrate Marie's impressive birthday, and we presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a gift," says Corrie.

"At 103 she is still going strong, and the celebration was also a great opportunity to recognise her enduring contribution to New Zealand Police and our communities."

Club President Sharron Taylor says Marie was hoping it would be a low-key birthday celebration. "Marie is very humble but was really chuffed at the turnout that included generations of Police staff coming together to honour her," says Sharron. "Our club historian Sherwood Young believes that she is likely our oldest surviving policewoman. Marie inspires all of us new to the recently retired ranks – she always looks a million dollars and is such a joy to chat with. She is an amazing woman, and we wish her continued health and happiness."

# Raumati Women's Fellowship

You are welcome to attend our next meeting on 14 November at 10 am in the meeting room. Our speaker will be Louise Waterworth, Manager of The Kapiti Women's Refuge and The Women's Centre.

**All are welcome.** Contacts: Lyn Martin 04 904 8361 and  
Merrill Baker 04 902 4134 or 027 353 2307

## Social Activities

Due to a variety of reasons the Board games numbers continue to decrease. This will have to be considered against next months' attendances to consider future viability.

If you are interested in joining the Board Games group, we are very welcoming to new members, so please come along to our next meetings on the 11<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> November or contact me.

Sunday Lunch figures are steady with 12 regular diners attending the two lunches held this month. A visit to the Vista club was a first for some of the group. Enjoyable surroundings and good food makes it a possible future venue.

*Carole Rudings*

A priest and a pastor stood near a sharp curve on a busy road holding signs. "The end is near!" read the priest's sign, while the pastor's warned, "Turn around before it's too late!"

As he passed by, a man in a red sports car yelled "Idiots!" and shook his head. Then he blasted his horn, raised one finger and stamped on the accelerator.

Moments later the clerics heard the sound of screeching tyres, followed by a big splash.

The priest turned to the pastor and said "do you think maybe we should change our signs to 'Bridge Out'?"

# Trade Aid

Help Fair Trade producers + Get a bargain =  
Win! Win!



Many of you have experienced this Win Win at the Kapiti Trade Aid shop over the past few months. We know the quality of the products, so to buy at fantastic sale prices is a bonus. **Current discounts in the shop are between 40% and 85% storewide** (excluding food and beverages).

Angela Torr Oza took over as shop manager about 6 months ago and she's been outstanding. She's full of energy and enthusiasm and is fully committed to the job. Working in uncertain times has been challenging for everyone so Angela's innovative leadership of the team has been invaluable.

One thing Angela has done, once she knew the shop was closing, was to establish a 'Tributes table' outside the shop where everyone is encouraged to share their Trade Aid experiences. It's worth a read.

We now know Boxing Day is the final working day for the Kapiti shop. Thanks to all of you who have supported Trade Aid both in Kapiti and in shops throughout New Zealand.

### **The Future of the Trade Aid Movement.**

So what will the future of Trade Aid look like? As far as retail is concerned, some online shopping will be available through the Christchurch-based Trade Aid warehouse.

But how can the Trade Aid Movement continue as a Fair Trade advocate?

This year, while Trade Aid's main focus has been on progressively closing the retail shops throughout the country, a group of people has been hard at work considering what the future of the Trade Aid Movement will look like.

A transformative effort is required to bring the change needed – change that could bring new and exciting opportunities which would build on Trade Aid's history, its knowledge and skills. Trade Aid is genuinely committed to building a Trade Aid that is best positioned for the future. If you are interested in following the progress of Trade Aid into the future you can contact me at: [marg.lees0@gmail.com](mailto:marg.lees0@gmail.com)

*Marg Lees*

# Raumati Playgroup

We are very pleased to welcome **Monica Simpson, our new Playgroup Co-ordinator.**



We are excited that Monica has joined us and look forward to many happy playgroup sessions under her guidance.

Our friendly and informal playgroup meets in Raumati Church Hall on Thursdays in school term times from 10am to 12pm. All pre-schoolers with their caregivers are welcome to attend.

Leaflets like the one below advertising the playgroup are available from the Raumati and Waikanae churches - and full details are on our [kup.org.nz](http://kup.org.nz) web page. If you know of anyone who might like to join us, please let them know.





# NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

Word search from Rosalie Sugrue

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*Write out the unused letters to find the missing book.*

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# Thrifty Place Christmas



Christmas has started at Thrifty Place with donations already on sale.

Please check through your Christmas decorations, linen, clothing, toys etc and see if there is anything you no longer want and could donate to Thrifty to help make someone else's Christmas special.



## Parish Directory

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## Ongoing Repairs of Minister's Office at Raumati



*The old carpet has been removed and the gib is being replaced*

## November Services

	<b>Waikanae 10am</b>	<b>United@9 9am</b>	<b>Raumati 10am</b>
<b>3 Nov</b>	Barrie Woods	Rev Robin List HC	Rev Anna Gilkison HC
<b>10 Nov</b>	Rev Anna Gilkison HC	Rev Roger Wiig	
<b>17 Nov</b>	Waikanae Anniversary Worship Group	Heather List	TBC
<b>24 Nov</b>	Our prayerful response to the findings of the Royal Commission on 'Abuse in Church Care'		
	Rev John Roberts	Rev Anna Gilkison	

### November: Regular Events

<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>10am-12pm 11am-4pm</b>	<b>Women's Craft Group, Raumati Thrifty Place</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>10am-12pm 11am-4pm</b>	<b>Raumati Playgroup Thrifty Place</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>10.30am-1pm</b>	<b>Thrifty Place</b>

*Answer to word-search - NT Books: SECOND CORINTHIANS*

# December Services

	<b>Waikanae 10am</b>	<b>United@9 9am</b>	<b>Raumati 10am</b>
<b>1 Dec</b>	Carole Rudings and Kate Foley	Rev Robin List HC	Rev Anna Gilkison HC
<b>4 Dec</b>	Children's Service and afternoon tea Raumati		
<b>8 Dec</b>	Rev Anna Gilkison HC	Barrie Woods with United@9 Special congregational meeting after service to approve Annual Financial Reports	
<b>8 Dec 2pm</b>	Carol singing and tea at the Raumati Hall		
<b>15 Dec</b>	Readings and Carols Worship Group	Rev Anna Gilkison	Maureen Calhaem
<b>22 Dec</b>	Christmas Service Worship Group	Rev Roger Wiig	
<b>24 Dec 9pm</b>	Rev Anna Gilkison at Raumati		
<b>25 Dec 10am</b>	Rev John and Diana Roberts	Rev Anna Gilkison	
<b>29 Dec 10am</b>	Rev Anna Gilkison at Waikanae		

## Advent Study at Waikanae

2pm on Tuesdays 26 November, 3, 10, 17, December

## November: for your diary

2	12pm	Parish Men's Lunch, Raumati lower room
3	12.30 – 2.30pm	Practice emergency community response Raumati South School Hall
8	10am -12pm	Raumati Playgroup
11	1.30-4pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home
12	10am-12pm	Pastoral Care, Raumati
13	10-11.30am	Property and Finance Group
	11am	Service at Sevenoaks
14	10am – 12pm	Raumati Women's Fellowship
	10am -12pm	Raumati Playgroup
15	10am-12pm	Parish Council, Raumati
	11am	Raumati piano tuning
19	10am-12pm	Waikanae Women's fellowship
20	10am -12pm	Music and Worship Group, Raumati
21	10am -12pm	Raumati Playgroup
	10.30am -12pm	Coastal Villas church service
24	3-4.45pm	Musicians' Afternoon Tea, Raumati
25	1.30-4pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home
26	2-3pm	Advent Study, Waikanae
28	10am -12pm	Raumati Playgroup
29	10am	Folding Together

*But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. **Isaiah 40:31***