



**KAPITI UNITING PARISH**

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**TOGETHER**

April 2022



*Members of the Waikanae congregation celebrate Harvest Festival in March. Food items were donated to the Kapiti Women's Refuge.*

## New Beginnings

We are very grateful to Dorothy Woods who has agreed to become the next Envelope Secretary. Ralph will continue in the position until the end of March and will assist Dorothy with the handover. Ralph has carried out this job for countless years and has earned a chance to spend more time fishing. The Parish owes him a debt of gratitude.

Thank you Dorothy for stepping up. All your hard work is really appreciated, and Cathy and the Property and Finance group are looking forward to working with you.



I am very happy to announce the employment of a new Playgroup Co-ordinator, Rebecca McDonald.

Some of you may recognise Rebecca from times when she has volunteered at Thrifty Place. Rebecca is an experienced early-childhood educator and facilitator with a strong community and people focus.

She is a delightful young woman. I am sure she will bring the enthusiasm and energy we need to regroup, after hopefully the peak of Covid has passed.

Rebecca will commence employment in the week before Easter. This will allow her to meet the volunteers and to familiarise herself with the facilities and equipment.

We will arrange an occasion when our volunteers can spend time with her and share their ideas and any concerns going forward.

The school holidays take place after Easter and the new term begins in May when the Playgroups will restart.

Anna Gilkison, our new Minister, will be here, so we are really talking about new beginnings and opportunities.

If you are a Playgroup volunteer, or would like to be, please contact the office with your name and contact details, so we can keep you informed. Thank you.

*Mary White, Parish Council Chairperson*

## About People

We wish happy birthday to all those in the parish celebrating birthdays, and a happy anniversary to those celebrating anniversaries this month. We hope you all enjoy your special occasions!

We think of those members suffering poor health and those in hospital and we wish you all a speedy recovery.

We are very sad to record the death of Gus McRae, a member of our church for many years. Gus served the church in many ways, including as “Together” Editor and as a member of the Parish Council. Gus’s family organised a private funeral service, and we are told that a memorial service will be held later.

The Raumati Pastoral Care team are conscious that at this time people may need extra care. We are aware that this is often provided by family, friends and neighbours, which is very good.

Should you need medical help phone:

Healthline 0800 358 5453

For a Covid test ring your doctor or 0800 258 5453.

For support and assistance phone:

Age Concern 06 367 2181

The Kapiti Student Volunteer Army 0800 005 902.

If you require pastoral care ring the team member who currently visits or rings you or otherwise ring the Pastoral Care Co-ordinator Diane Ammundsen, who will organise either a team member or a church member who has offered to help to contact you. Diane's phone number is 902 4736. She has an answer phone so you can leave a message if you wish.

We ask that all parish members take the time to pick up the telephone and call a church member who may not be well or who lives alone and would love to hear a friendly voice.



Blessings to you all, *The Pastoral Care Team, Adrienne, Merrill, Erice, Kay, Jennie, Lyn, Carole and Diane*

## Waikanae News

Attendance has been very light in this time of Covid blow-out; despite vaccinations many of our Waikanae folk are playing it safe and staying home. We who remain on deck are thinking of you and looking forward to seeing you all back again when the wave has gone by! Meanwhile we'll try to keep you up-to-date via emails and notes.

WaiCom (Waikanae Committee) welcomes Desmond Corrigan, our latest member. Desmond has been doing a lot of work around the church and grounds and his long and steady progress has spruced up the whole property remarkably. Thanks Desmond for your time and commitment.

Our Friday Playgroup has a new supervisor, whom we all look forward to seeing in action next term. The playground equipment stolen from the church backyard has not been recovered, but some good second-hand replacements have been donated by Waikanae Montessori Preschool. Thanks, Montessori!

Harvest Service was led by Syd Mephram, and enjoyed by all. Dianna baked a Kringle loaf; sort of bread/cake with fruit and nuts. It was very tasty and I understand that someone who won't be named ate five pieces! Now I don't feel guilty for having three. (A plate is recommended, as a mangled kringle may dangle while you tangle with it).

When is a door not a door? This year's property maintenance has begun, as planned several procrastinations ago. Round one is the entrance foyer, now almost complete. The rear entrance doors are redundant and haven't been used for decades: however, rust never sleeps and the salt air had all- but destroyed everything metal. Desmond and Ian took the



*Diana and John Roberts slice the Kringle loaf.*

doors off and removed all fossilised metal including the hinges, then sealed and permanently fixed them back in place. Some wooden trim tidied up the inside and made it all draft - and leak - tight. Then the whole foyer interior was repainted a light cream colour. Removing old curtains and rusty track completed the tidy-up. All that remains to be done is to weatherproof-trim the exterior.

The next post-procrastination job is to erect a new child-proof fence in the back yard. As well as replacing the ancient, rotting “temporary” fence that was erected in the Jurassic period, this will have the additional benefit of hiding the play equipment from view from the road. What the eye don’t see, the thief don’t covet.

*Ian Marsden*



## Wonky the Walnut Tree

Sadly it has proven necessary to cut down the walnut tree between the Raumati church hall and Thrifty Place. It has long been popular for the walnuts it provided, and for the welcome shade in summer for barbeques and Parish fairs.

However, advice from an arborist revealed that the tree had become extremely unstable and presented a threat to both the hall and Thrifty Place.

Moreover, tree debris was falling on the Thrifty Place roof and in the gutters, and the steps at the rear of the hall were shaded – they will now dry more quickly, making them less prone to algal growth and reducing the chance of the steps being slippery.



*The operation in progress!*

The decision to remove the tree quickly while the ground was dry - thus ensuring minimal damage to the lawns around the tree by the contractor's truck and large limbs falling - was made at the March Property and Finance Committee meeting chaired by Cathy Drummond, and was approved by the Kapiti Uniting Parish Chairperson, Mary White.

The Orchard Joinery team suggests there may be a wood turner on the Coast who would appreciate some of the wood, which is stacked beside the storage shed at Thrifty Place.

### **Firewood Available**

Some of the wood will need to be cut into smaller pieces, before being used as firewood.



This should be done within the next four weeks while the lawns are firm. Parishioners should have 'first dibs' on the wood. However, REMEMBER – first in best dressed!

### **Trees alongside Church driveway and ramp**

The contractors also cut back the two Kowhai trees alongside the Church driveway ramp and the silver birch at the front. This will reduce gutter contamination and reduce algae and lichen on the brickwork.

*Ken Milne, Property and Finance Committee*

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**Thrifty  
Place**

Quality second hand  
clothing and  
household items

Tuesday 11 am to 4 pm  
Thursday 11 am to 4 pm  
Saturday 10 am to 12.30 pm

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# Easter Services

14 April - Maundy Thursday  
7.30 pm Raumati

15 April - Good Friday  
9.30 am Waikanae  
10 am Raumati

17 April - Easter Sunday  
7 am Raumati, followed by breakfast  
9.30 am Waikanae HC  
10 am Raumati

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Weka Road, Raumati Beach  
Ngapaki Street, Waikanae Beach

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





**Women's Craft Group**  
**Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon**

*More than just a craft group  
 Come and enjoy good company. All women welcome*

Venue: Kapiti Uniting Parish meeting room  
 10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach  
 Gold coin donation  
 Transport available, phone Allyson 904 2949

Art & craft making | Kids welcome | Tea, coffee & cake  
 Community projects/ Trade table

## E-Prayer Requests

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



Mary Francis 904 0457 or [billandmary262@gmail.com](mailto:billandmary262@gmail.com)

Merrill Baker 902 4134 or [amkram.nz@gmail.com](mailto:amkram.nz@gmail.com)

Mary White 298 7727 or [marywhite@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marywhite@xtra.co.nz)

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

*Mary White, E-Prayer Group Coordinator*

## **Kapiti Counselling Service**

The Parish's own professional counselling service is available for confidential counselling or discussions for any member of the Parish or their family.

The counsellors are: Marie Livesey, Penny Currier and Angela Claridge.  
Phone 902 5809.

### **Parish Directory**

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### **Parish Office Contact**

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Parish website:	www.kapitiunitingparish.org.nz
Waikanae Church	Corner of Ngapaki and Taiata Streets, Waikanae

## April: regular events

Mondays	9.30 am	Raumati Music Café Playgroup
Tuesdays	10 am-12 pm 11 am-4 pm	Women's Craft Group, Raumati Thrifty Place
Thursdays	9.30 am 11 am-4 pm 2.30-3 pm	Raumati Café Playgroup Thrifty Place Fruit and Vege Co-op pick up, Raumati
Fridays	9.30 am	Waikanae Café Playgroup
Saturdays	10 am-12.30 pm	Thrifty Place



## April: for your diary

Wed 6th	1.30 pm	Raumati Committee, Raumati
Mon 11th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home
Tue 12th	10 am	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
Wed 13th	1.30 pm	Property and Finance, Raumati
<b>Fri 15th</b>		<b>Deadline for May Together</b>
Tue 19th	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship, Waikanae
Fri 22nd		Folding and distribution of May Together
Mon 25th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Carole Rudings' home

**NB.** The lunch at a local café after the Raumati combined service on 10 April is now cancelled.

### Raumati Women's Morning Fellowship

It has been decided not to hold a meeting on Thursday 14 April due to the increase in Covid cases.

Contact Merrill Baker 902 4134 or  
Lyn Martin 904 8361.

## April Services

<b>Date</b>	<b>Waikanae 9.30 am</b>	<b>United@9 9 am</b>	<b>Raumati 10 am</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Maureen Calhaem	Carole Rudings	Syd Mephram
<b>10th Palm Sunday</b>	Rev. Doug Lendrum	Rev. Barrie Keenan HC Combined at Raumati, 10 am	
<b>14th Maundy Thursday</b>	Rev. Roger Wiig, Raumati Parish Combined Service, <b>7.30 pm</b>		
<b>15th Good Friday</b>	John Roberts <b>9.30 am</b>	Rev. Roger Wiig Combined at Raumati, <b>10 am</b>	
<b>17th Easter Day</b>	Rev. Roger Wiig, Raumati, <b>7 am</b> Dawn Service (followed by breakfast in the hall)		
	John and Diana Roberts HC	Rev. Roger Wiig, Raumati Combined at Raumati, 10 am	
<b>21st</b>	Rev. Anna Gilkison Induction Service, Raumati Parish Combined Service, <b>7 pm</b>		
<b>24th</b>	Maureen Calhaem	Barrie Woods	Rev. Robin List

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