

## August Services

Date	Waikanae	Raumati		Paekakariki
	9.15am	United@9 9 am	10 am	10.30am
5th	Rev. John Roberts	Rev. Cornelia Grant HC	Colin Anderson	Rev. Cornelia Grant HC
12th	Rev. Cornelia Grant and Diana Roberts HC	Marion Bowker	David Davis (Maureen Calhaem HC)	TBC
17th	Messy Church 5 - 7 pm			
19th	Rev. Stuart Grant	Maureen Calhaem	Maureen Calhaem	Rev. Cornelia Grant
26th	Parish Combined Service and AGM in Raumati 10 am Rev. Cornelia Grant			

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## August 2018

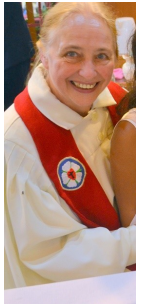
August is a busy month with various special services.

It begins with Peace Sunday on 5 August, which is the Sunday closest to Hiroshima Day on 6 August. Hiroshima was brought into our consciousness again just recently because of the horrendous floods experienced in that part of Japan, with thousands of people evacuated, not knowing whether they would have a home to go back to. How can you experience peace in such upheaval?

The following Sunday is Lay Preachers' Sunday, 12 August. Our Parish could not function or have regular services every Sunday if it were not for our Lay Preachers. We are very grateful for their willingness to serve.

The third Sunday (19 August) is dedicated to youth. In our Sunday morning services we might not see too many of them, but when it comes to Messy Church, once a month on a Friday evening, it is a different matter. And during our school holiday programme Angelique, our Youth and Young Families worker, has been ministering to a considerable number of young people in our name.

The last Sunday, 26 August, is a Parish service, followed by the Annual Church Meeting. With quite a number of positions to be filled I hope you will give some consideration as to whether you could serve the Parish with your skills in one of these positions.



And now a little preview into September: we have Fathers' Day on the first Sunday, and Spring Flower Sunday on the second. Although it is quite cold in the mornings and evenings at present, by the time September comes we can look forward to more hours of sunshine. In that hope and anticipation I greet you with two hymn verses:

Jesus comes to me as a winter tree  
And I receive him as a winter tree.  
Gentle the cross and gentle the snow,  
Gentle the path where he and I go,  
Carrying the buds of spring.



Jesus comes to me as a springtime tree  
And I receive him as a springtime tree.  
Fragrant the blossoming of the child,  
Fresh with laughter, free and wild,  
And carrying the green of summer. (Joy Cowley)

May the peace of Christ be with you,

*Cornelia Grant*

## About people

### Birthdays

Glenys Quaye celebrated her 60th Birthday. We hope that you had a lovely day with the family, Glenys.



Isabel Robertson turned 80 in early July.

Fiona Walker from Paekakariki had her 60th birthday in June.

### Anniversaries

Congratulations to Barbara and Brian Gray who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June.

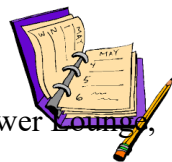
To any parishioners who are unwell, in hospital or moving to other levels of care, our thoughts are with you.

## August: for your diary

Wed	1st	1.30 pm	Raumati Domestic Property Group, MR1, Raumati
Sat	5th	2 pm	Raumati Village Community Garden Meeting, Lower Lounge, Raumati
Mon	6th	7 pm	Parenting Through the Storm, 1 Weka Road
Tue	7th	9.15 am	Messy Church Meeting, MR1, Raumati
		2 pm	Afternoon Women's Fellowship, MR1, Raumati
Wed	8th	1.30 pm	1-2-3 Board Games! MR1, Raumati
Thur	9th	10 am	Raumati Women's Fellowship, MR1 Raumati
Fri	10th	6.30 pm	Film Evening, MR1 Raumati
Fri	3rd	10 am	Kapiti Counselling Service Meeting
Sun	12th	5 pm	Ephesus in Kapiti, MR1, Raumati
Tue	14th	10 am	Pastoral Care Group, MR1 Raumati
		1 pm	Meditation Group, Church, Raumati
		7.30 pm	Parish Council, MR1 Raumati
Wed	15th	7.30 pm	Parish Men's Group, MR1 Raumati
Thur	16th	10 am	Fair Meeting, MR1 Raumati
Fri	17th	5 pm	Messy Church, Raumati Hall
<b>Deadline for September Together</b>			
Mon	20th	7 pm	Parenting Through the Storm, 1 Weka Road
Tue	21st	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship, Cornelia's home
Wed	22nd	1.30 pm	1-2-3 Board Games! MR1, Raumati
Fri	24th	10.30 am	Folding and distribution of September Together
Sun	26th	10 am	<b>Parish Combined Service, AGM, shared lunch, Raumati</b>

**Church Fair: 27 October**  
**9 am to 1.30 pm**

## August: regular events



Tuesdays	10 am	Women's Craft Group Lower Raumatī
	1 - 4pm	Thrifty Place
Wednesdays	9.15am	Paekakariki Café Playgroup (term-time)
	1 - 4 pm	Thrifty Place
	4 pm	F.I.T. Exercises, MR1 Raumatī
	7 pm	Learn to Crochet
Thursdays	9.30 am	Raumatī Café Playgroup (term-time)
	2.30 pm	Fruit & Veg Co-op pick up
Fridays	9.30 am	Waikanae Café Playgroup (term-time)
Saturdays	10 am - 12.30 pm	Thrifty Place



### Notice of Kapiti Uniting Parish AGM

**Sunday 26 August  
in Raumatī**

**Combined Service 10 am, followed by  
AGM and shared lunch**

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## OPENING HOURS

Tuesday/Wednesday: 1-4pm

Saturday : 10am -12.30pm

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Kapiti Uniting Parish  
10 Weka Road, Raumatī Beach  
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## The Waikanae Congregation

Since the last issue of Together we have appreciated the work of various worship leaders. John Roberts led the service for Disability Sunday, drawing on a theology of inclusion and disability from the work of the locally based Disability, Spirituality and Faith Network, as well as the Ecumenical Disability Advocacy Network affiliated to the World Council of Churches.



Rosalie Sugrue led a service in the church lounge on Refugee Sunday, engaging in a critical look at some scripture passages that spoke of harsh treatment being inflicted on displaced people, as well as some other passages expressing a more caring attitude.

In his service Stuart Grant shared new understandings of attitudes to women in the gospel stories of Jairus's daughter and the woman with chronic bleeding. In another service John Roberts shared some scholarly insights of Amy-Jill Levine on the parable of the mustard seed, drawing from her book: 'Short Stories by Jesus: parables of an enigmatic rabbi'.

Cornelia Grant reflected on bringing down the walls of division between people.

For their July meeting the Women's Fellowship, with friends, including three men, fourteen of us in all, attended a screening of the movie 'Edie' at Waikanae's Shoreline Cinema. This on a seniors Tuesday, so just \$10 each a ticket. Great! An inspirational film for us 'oldies', although none of us is planning a mountain climb! A good time was had by all.

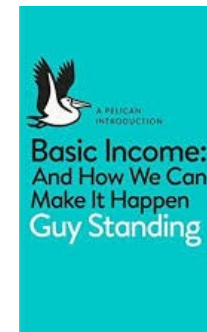
Quite a number of different groups are using the church lounge during the week on a regular basis: tai chi, three yoga groups, meditation, another for children starting school.

The Friday morning playgroup was in recess for the two weeks school holiday period. On the last day of the second term two sets of twins were

## Ephesus in Kapiti

The next meeting of Ephesus in Kapiti will be on 12 August when Dr. Tralee Sugrue will lead discussion on Guy Standings recent book "Basic Income – How Can We Make It Happen".

We begin at 5 pm and will finish with the usual bring and share tea about 6.30 pm. All welcome.



## 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, Angela Claridge and Syd Mephram.

Phone 905 2374. Please leave a message and contact will be made.

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 Waikanae Church: Corner of Ngapaki and Taiata Streets, Waikanae  
 Paekakariki Church: Ocean Road, Paekakariki

## Parish Men's Group

The Parish Men's Group next meeting will be held in the meeting room at the Raumati Church on Wednesday 15 August at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Sean Doyle. Further details to follow in the weekly notices.

Contact: Syd Mepham phone 293 6557 or Bruce Johnston phone 902 3771.

## Raumati Evening Women's Fellowship

It was decided at the recent AGM that for a trial period of two months we would change to daytime meetings. The first meeting will be on Thursday August 9 at 10 am at the meeting room in Raumati. The speaker will be Helen Potter who will talk about and demonstrate her floral art. Please note change of time. All welcome.



## Supper Club (Dinner)

28 September, 6 pm

Would you like to share in fellowship and join other church members for dinner? We have hosts ready to serve you at their home. \$10 per head. Please contact Carole Rudings on 298 8165 to book your place or for further details.



there enjoying themselves, while another two little boys had fun pushing a doll's pushchair around the room.

There are weekly visits and a monthly Holy Communion with church members in the hospital wing and apartments at the Charles Fleming Rymans retirement village. Two of the congregation who recently spent time in Wellington Hospital are now back in their own homes. Our small church family keep in close touch and care for each other.

On 14 July Kapiti Coast District Council held a drop-in session 2 pm to - 5 pm at the church lounge to talk about a draft proposal to rezone the Old Beach area of Waikanae Beach. This would create a specific Beach Residential Zone for implementation later this year. Our church is within the area where the draft rezoning is being considered. The proposal includes a number of site-specific provisions and rules which relate to subdivision, development of the land, limits to the footprint of a building on any site.

The proposal was sent to Wendy Anderson, the property person in the Methodist Connexional Office in Christchurch, for comment. She responded: "I have had a quick look at your files. .... It would seem the site and height restrictions apply to new buildings. ...." She wondered if the new zoning would affect rates, future access changes, seismic strengthening or changes to the buildings, possible subdivisions. Marie Smith attended the drop-in session. She reported to the congregation that the new zone would not impact on the church building and site as things stand at present.

*John and Diana Roberts*

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## World Council of Churches 70th Anniversary

The World Council of Churches (WCC) celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month. The founding assembly was held in Amsterdam in August 1948. The three partner churches that are part of Kapiti Uniting Parish - Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian Churches NZ - are member churches.



Rev. John Roberts will lead a service to celebrate this landmark year at Waikanae next Sunday 5 August, at 9.15am. John graduated from the WCC's Ecumenical Institute at Chateau de Bossey, near Geneva, in 1978. He attended the Canberra Assembly in 1991 as a visitor, and the Harare Assembly in 1998 as an official representative of the Methodist Church of NZ. John served on the WCC's Central Committee from 1991 to 1998.

His PowerPoint presentation will briefly cover some WCC history, what the WCC does, and outline the connection between the WCC and the NZ member churches. There will be a small display in the church lounge at morning tea time. All those interested are warmly invited.



### Film Evening SIMONE

Friday 10 August  
Raumati Meeting Room  
6.30 pm BYO dinner  
7 pm film

Directed by Andrew Niccol.  
Don Niccol will give insights into the film  
after the viewing.

## Amnesty International News

*A recent Amnesty Newsletter had some good news stories*



**Anwar Ibrahim** has been released after two decades of political persecution. He is the longstanding leader of the opposition in Malaysia and an Amnesty International Prisoner of Conscience. Peaceful political dissent was not tolerated in Malaysia and he was arrested and beaten in 1998. There have been many campaigns calling for his release but he has now received a royal pardon and can take part in politics again.

**Zunar's travel ban has been lifted.** Another longstanding Prisoner of Conscience, he has been arrested multiple times under Malaysia's draconian Sedition Act for his outspoken criticism of the Government. He uses his cartoons to raise awareness of corruption and the abuse of power in the country. In 2016 he was stopped from travelling overseas but his travel ban has now been lifted.

**Bobomurod is released.** In Uzbekistan, journalism is a high-risk job. Publishing articles that are critical of the Government can have serious consequences, as Bobomurod Abdullayev found out as a writer for the Institute of War and Peace Reporting. During seven months in detention he was repeatedly tortured by National Security Service officers trying to force him to confess to bogus charges. After multiple Amnesty appeals the Tashkent City Court has now released Bobomurod.

If you would like to help free people, **go to Amnesty International's webpage – [amnesty.co.nz](http://amnesty.co.nz)** – and click on **Take Action** where there are lots of letters you can sign. Two of the current campaigns are:

**Tell Egypt to free Shawkan.** Photojournalist Shawkan is facing the death penalty because he took photos of the police violence that killed hundreds of people at a protest in Cairo's streets in August 2013. He has suffered torture during this five years in prison and isn't receiving medical treatment.

**Demand Myanmar release Reuters Journalists.** Two Reuters journalists, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, were arrested in December while investigating atrocities by Myanmar's security forces against the Rohingya people. They now face 14 years in prison.

## Ephesus in Kapiti

Each month a group meets in the lounge at Raumati under the name of an ancient city, home to a church that features prominently as the recipient of messages from St Paul containing important aspects of the Faith.

It also features in Revelation, being praised for its perseverance, but also receiving a reprimand, which, thinking about it, could provide the subject matter for an evening's discussion!

We are fortunate to have prominent speakers at our meetings and to be involved in discussions about Christian belief.

In our 8 July meeting, divided into two separate groups, Cliff Couch asked us to consider the question ~ "Who or what is Jesus today?" as individuals and then to provide a single sentence answer, which we were able to consider together.

Group One saw Jesus as: A wise man, in the way he lived and in what he taught espoused humanity in its ideal form which still relates to us today.

Group Two saw Jesus as: An older brother who died before us and who is an inspiration we can look to for examples of how to live.

Join us sometime to share in our discussions about the faith.

*Don Niccol*

*Word search answer from page 16: JUDAS Iscariot who was A THIEF*



## Raumati Church Jobs to be done



Last month we talked about the type of work the Raumati Property Group do. This month we wanted to share with you the list that is constantly being up-dated.

If anyone feels that they could help do some of these jobs please contact us through the office.

- Remove white powder on several brick columns.
- Finish black vinyl strips on doors.
- Paint hall steps handrails.
- Nails on the hall deck need hammering/screwing back down
- Church entrance. Varnish bottom sill of window.
- Repair paint on small area of hall wall above steps. Urgent.
- Paint end wall of Thrifty
- Wiring of sound desk in church
- Paint letterbox post, sign frame and rear handrail.
- Investigate front spouting on church, blocked or leaking.
- Build set of shelves in shed for paint storage.
- Wash all building windows outside.
- Water blast front and end walls of Thrifty Place to remove salt.
- Investigate/replace small downpipe at front of hall roof.
- Varnish two wooden crosses on church walls.
- Design and install finger sign post for driveway.
- Replace sign on Raumati wooden fence.
- Dig series of holes by Thrifty Place to locate pipe work.
- Build set of shelves in office.
- Fit 6 x ½ round tiles beside steps at back.
- Repair bitumen road and access ramp.
- Build shelf for sound equipment.
- Lay new concrete path to Thrifty place. A quote has been received and project on hold

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## Something to think about:

What does the church mean to me /you?

*Ephesians 5:1-2. Watch what God does, and then you do it like children who learn proper behaviour from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with Him and learn a life of love.*

So, what does the Church mean to me? In a word – EVERYTHING!!! I grew up in a family where going to church on Sunday morning and evening (if there was a service) was what you did.




What I share with you today comes from my share of the service of 24 June led by George Forster, Gordon Prentice and myself. All retired lay preachers!!!! Our theme was 'What the Church means to me' and what I share with you today will be excerpts from my sermon.

I have very vivid memories of walking to church as a wee fellow. Father on the outside me in the middle and Mother pushing the pram, plus sister. And later as we were about 8 or 9 walking to Sunday School at Shirley Methodist and picking blackberries growing by the footpath!!

A very strong foundation was laid down in my teen years with our wonderful youth group at Edgware Road Church in Christchurch. Eventually there were engagements, then marriages!! We all attended services as a group, morning and evening then invited ourselves to the parsonage for supper on the way home!!

So for me, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else on Sunday morning, but at worship. I don't feel right, somehow if I miss out Worship with God's people in God's House. It is the place where we feed our faith in God. In worship we are reminded that God is available to each of us, every moment of every day, walking with us in every circumstance of our lives.

So what does this mean for us as a Parish? It means that we provide a safe, loving Church community for each other in honesty and sensitivity, whether we are new to the faith or mature in the journey, encouraged and supported knowing with certainty that God is always present.



# PARENTING THROUGH THE STORM

*A support group for parents/caregivers  
of youth going through tough times*

A facilitated support group for parents & caregivers of youth aged 12-25 years, experiencing mental health distress or addiction.

Offering support, advice, resources, guest speakers and a chance to connect with others in similar situations.




**When:** Fortnightly, Monday evenings from 7-8.30pm  
Monday 6 and 20 August

**Where:** Te Ara Korowai, 1 Weka Road, Raumati Beach

Free to attend, koha appreciated for tea/coffee

**Contact:** Angelique 027 484 6481  
email: family.kapitiuniting@gmail.com

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## Word Search

### Bible Lay Preachers

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in August is 'Lay Preachers Sunday' -  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Christian preachers were lay people

Andrew, Apollos, Aquila, Barnabas, Bartholomew, Dorcas, Gaius, James, John, Luke, Lydia, Mark, Matthew, Matthias, Paul, Peter, Philip, Phoebe, Priscilla, Silas, Stephen, Thomas, Timothy, Titus

Which Apostle did not preach? \_\_\_\_\_ Iscariot  
who was \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 12:4-6)

See answer page 18

As you sit in your place of worship do you ever consider the gifts a worship leader, an organist/pianist to help us sing to God's praise, fresh flowers in the vases, a friendly greeter at the door as you entered, giving you an Order of Service, someone to operate the sound system, stewards to bring forward the offering and the Food Bank offering, and of course a smiling face dispensing tea and coffee to warm our hearts before we return home.

I have heaps of wonderful worship memories of other places where I taught over 40 years, too many to detail here. So there you have it. What does Church mean to you?

To all my readers, the amazing grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, and the unlimited friendship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Go well, Arohanui. Howard Farr.



### Prayer Requests

May be made verbally or by text/email/phone to:  
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Mary White 298 7727 or [marywhite@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marywhite@xtra.co.nz)  
Merrill Baker 902 4134 or [amkram.nz@gmail.com](mailto:amkram.nz@gmail.com)  
Marion Bowker 021 103 3623

Your name will not be used without your permission.  
A small carefully-selected group of your Church Family will be praying.  
They will not discuss these requests with anyone else, unless you require them to.

We do not necessarily need details as '**God**' will know the facts.

## Annual Parish Fair! Annual Parish Fair!

*Yes, it's nearly that time of year again!*

The annual parish fair will be held at the Raumati Church on **Saturday 27 October, 9 am to 1.30 pm**



The organising committee met in June and we have convenors lined up to look after all the usual stalls.

So please start thinking about items you may be able to contribute to the garage sale, the bric-a-brac table, unwanted books (fiction only, please), plants (start growing them in time), jams & preserves, cakes, etc., etc.



There'll be update reminders in the next two editions of Together. Let's work together to make a great success of this year's fair.



*School holiday fun: up-cycled robots and balance class.*



*"Excuse me, but aren't I supposed to be the guest speaker".*

## Parish Men's Group Breakfast

After enjoying a great breakfast cooked by experts the audience was very interested to hear the experiences of Ross Church, during the period he was Mayor of Kapiti. There were many challenges and some disappointments but above all was his objective to serve the Kapiti community.

Thank you Ross for sharing your experiences. And also for helping out in the kitchen!

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*Shields of Faith held up by the children who attended Messy Church.*

## Messy Church

*"Carry the shield of faith". Ephesians 6:10*

The fourth part of the armour is 'God is faith'.

We heard the story of Daniel, who had the faith to continue praying under very difficult circumstances. God closed the lions mouth's and the people knew that Daniel's God was the one true God. Hallelujah!



## July School Holidays

We had a range of holiday activities on at the church these last holidays, from making dream-catchers, up-cycling robots from old appliances, board games, playgroups, knitting and a balance class.

We had over 160 children through over the two weeks.

A big thank you to Maureen, Marian, Sarah and Kaye for giving up their time and energy to help out with these activities.



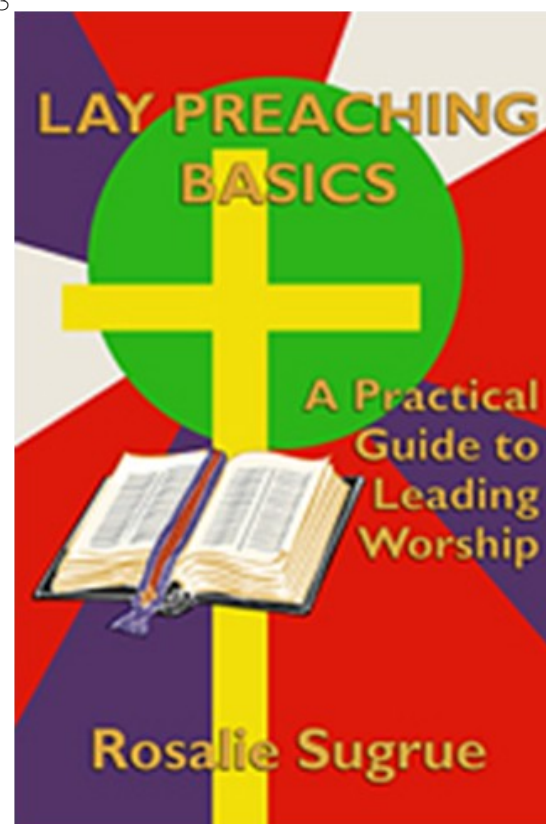


## Raumati Village Community Garden

The garden was open for its first community workshop on 18 July. Hannah Zwartz, the Council's Green Gardener, shared her knowledge on how to make weed-free compost and built our first compost bin, now located in the garden site.

The tool sharpening session was very successful, with many people coming along getting their tools sharpened in time for spring.

Join us for our next meeting on Sunday 5 August at 2 pm in the hall at Raumati.



## Book of the month *Lay Preaching Basics* by Rosalie Sugrue

"Rosalie draws on the teaching tools and ideas she has developed as an educator and she provides a variety of service outlines and sample prayers ... this is a useful book to go hand-in-hand with study and spiritual formation for anyone. I recommend it!"

*Viv Whimster, 2016–2018  
Vice-President, MCNZ*

"This is a guide to leading worship that experienced lay preachers, as well as those just beginning, will find useful, inspirational and easy to read. There are plenty of practical tips and ideas coming out of the author's long experience as a lay preacher, and the checklists of what needs to be done before, during and after services are invaluable reminders."

*Emeritus Professor Colin Gibson*

"This book is just what New Zealand churches need to support the emerging lay leadership in worship services."

*John Thornley, Lay Preacher, Palmerston North*

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