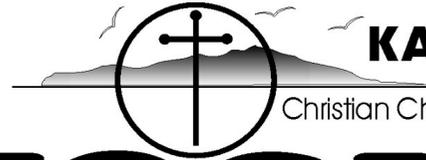


August Services

Date	Waikanae	Raumati		Paekakariki
	9.15am	United@9 9 am	10 am	10.30am
4th	Rev. Stuart Grant	Rev. Cornelia Grant HC	Rev. Roger Wiig	Rev. Cornelia Grant HC
11th	Rev. John and Diana Roberts HC	Rev. Robin List	Rosa Sugrue and Maureen Calhaem HC	Rev. Robin List
16th	Messy Church, Raumati 5 pm to 7 pm			
18th Youth Sunday	Colin Anderson	Maureen Calhaem and Kate Foley	Rev. Cornelia Grant	Maureen Calhaem
25th	Rosa Sugrue	Barrie Woods	Rev. Stuart Grant	Rev. Cornelia Grant

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TOGETHER

August 2019

August is one of those months where every Sunday is designated for a special purpose.



The first Sunday (4 August) is celebrated as Peace Sunday, being close to Hiroshima Day. Escalating tensions between the USA, Iran and the UK and generally in the Middle East makes thinking about and praying for peace more than urgent. Let us hope that these tense situations can be resolved through diplomacy and not with weapons.

The second Sunday (11 August) is Lay Preachers' Sunday. We thank all the lay people who give their time and effort in leading worship services in our parish. As we have four services every Sunday they are in constant demand, so thank you for your many hours of preparation in this important ministry.

The third Sunday (18 August) is Youth Sunday, on which we purposely give room to the younger generation to lead us in worship. As there are not too many younger people in our parish that is very precious.

On the last Sunday (25 August) we shall have our Spring Flower service. The communion table will be covered with little flower arrangements. After the service these will be taken to "shut-in" people of the parish, -those who are sick or bereaved or too incapacitated to still venture out to church.

We had to bring the Spring Flower service forward into August, as Sunday 1 September is the date of our Annual Church Meeting, and on 8 September our next music recital

will be held. Spring flowers are already coming out, due to a mild winter! Please put these two dates in your diaries.

To conclude, I would like to share a private moment in our family life. At the beginning of August Stuart and I will become grandparents for the first time. Our youngest daughter Helen is having a baby.

Wherever each one of us is on our journey through life, let us all contribute to the "Tree of Peace", so that the younger generation has a chance to live fulfilling and peaceful lives.

*Where shall be found that holy ground
where we may plant the tree of peace,
strong to survive through fire and storm:
where shall such peace be born?*

*Our common theme, our deepest dream,
to see the tree of peace outspread,
shelter for each and every one:
how shall such peace become?*

*Christ is our peace, Christ our release
from fear and hatred, lust for power;
Christ is that young and greening tree,
growing for you and me.*

*Here is the place where, by God's grace,
we in our time must plant Christ's peace,
deep in our hearts and minds and souls,
making the dream come true.*

Colin Gibson

With my warm regards to you all,

Rev. Cornelia Grant

August: for your diary



Tue	6th	10 am 2 pm	Messy Church meeting, Raumati Afternoon Women's Fellowship, Raumati
Wed	7th	1.30 pm	Raumati Domestic Property Group, Raumati
Thur	8th	10 am	Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship, Raumati
Sun	11th	5 pm	Ephesus in Kapiti, Raumati
Mon	12th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Raumati
Tue	13th	10 am 7.30 pm	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati Parish Council, Raumati
Fri	16th	5 pm	Messy Church, Raumati Deadline for September Together
Tue	20th	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship, Waikanae
Wed	21st	7.30 pm	Parish Men's Group, Raumati
Thur	22nd	10 am	Parish Fair meeting, Raumati
Fri	23rd	10 am	Folding and distribution of September Together
Mon	26th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Raumati
Tue	27th	1 pm	Meditation Group, Church, Raumati

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August: regular events



Mondays	9.30 am	Raumati Music Café Playgroup, (term-time)
Tuesdays	10 am	Women's Craft Group Lower Lounge, Raumati
Wednesdays	11 am - 4pm	Thrifty Place
	1 - 4 pm	Thrifty Place
Thursdays	4 pm	F.I.T. Exercises, Raumati
	9.30 am	Raumati Café Playgroup (term-time)
Fridays	2.30 pm	Fruit and Vege Co-op pick up
	9.30 am	Waikanae Café Playgroup (term-time)
Saturdays	10 am - 12.30 pm	Thrifty Place

Women's Craft Group
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About people

Happy Birthday to all those who have had birthdays in July and who will have them in August this year. Congratulations to Hans Peters who turned 90 recently.

Congratulations Joy and Syd Mephram who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary recently.

Our sympathy goes to any parishioners who are unwell or in hospital or moving to other levels of care. Our thoughts are with you all.



We sadly record the deaths of Val Bryant, and of Fay Thorpe, and of Peter Currie, and of Ron Hughes, and of Marcia Zondag, parish members who all died in July. Our sympathy to their families and friends.

Marcia (Machthild) Zondag's memorial service will be on 28 August, at 11 am, at the Kapiti Coast Funeral Home in Hinemoa Street. Please, keep this date in mind.

Stay warm and well, spring is not too far away!

Diane Ammundsen and the Pastoral Team

Thank you from Maureen

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for looking after me and offering me car rides again and again. It is so lovely to have such good friends.

Thank you, Maureen Calhaem

News from Waikanae



Changes. At our AGM on 21 July Heather Freeman handed over the responsibilities she has carried for many years. Heather has cared for the people and property of the Waikanae church and maintained close links with the wider parish. We thank her warmly for her generous, conscientious and cheerful service. Pat Souness has lifted our spirits with her church flower arrangements, and Tina Ireland will succeed her. Rosemary Wells

and Sue Hodgson are stepping down from the Waikanae Interest Group and from some of the organising tasks that have sustained the life of the church. Murray Collingwood, Ian Marsden and Evan Ireland are newcomers to the interest group.

Pastoral. We mourn the death of **Fay Thorpe** on 14 July. Although Fay lived her last few years in Paraparaumu at Summerset Village, she had long been very active in our Waikanae congregation. She was such a vibrant person, always interested in what was happening, and ready to make her views known. Her many talents and graces, -among them singing, embroidery (including two wall hangings in the church), dancing (Scottish and line dancing), and play-acting, and her great gift of friendship, enriched and enlivened our household of faith. She was a 'character' and we miss her dearly.

Worship. Rev Stuart Grant stretched our thinking with his reflection on Harvey Cox's writing on Belief and Faith. Rev John Roberts presented the parable of the Good Samaritan from the perspective of Amy-Jill Levine, a Jewish New Testament scholar. Diana Roberts celebrated Bible Sunday with an invitation to members to bring and share a Bible that has special significance for them.

Play Group resumed after a school holiday break. Marie Smith, a key helper with the group, says there is plenty of space for more families to come and join in the activities.

Women's Fellowship. This month we held our AGM. We reflected on how the group has changed over recent years. We are now much smaller, and feel that a formal structure is no longer appropriate. There are regular duties e.g. 'chairing' the meeting, keeping a record, preparing devotions,

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 Mepham.

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

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Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship

Thursday 8 August, 10 am

Angelique Monaghan is our speaker and will tell us about her work as the Parish Family-Community Worker. Raumati meeting room. All welcome.

Supper Club

Friday 23 August

Registration is still open to be a part of the Supper Club. It is a way to get to know - in a relaxed friendly social atmosphere - people we may not normally get a chance to speak to in church

Guests are *not* required to reciprocate. This is an opportunity for hosts who enjoy entertaining to have fellow church members as guests.

Guests are asked to give a \$10 koha towards the cost of the dinner. They will be notified where they will be dining just prior to the date. We have four or five host venues at present.



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but rather than designate 'office holders' we identify what needs doing, and arrange for someone to do it. We are members of the national MWF and we are involved in the World Day of Prayer and the annual Special Projects. Our focus is to be a group of Christian women who support each other to live a life of faith, engaged with our community and our world.

Looking Ahead. We remember with deep appreciation the faithful service of those who now hand over the tasks that have supported the Waikanae church. We are thankful for those who offer themselves to develop a new vision for God's work in this place. We look forward in hope.

" 'Tis Jesus the first and the last, whose Spirit shall guide us safe home. We'll praise him for all that is past, and trust him for all that's to come."

Diana Roberts

~

Photos of Messy Church in July. Noah's Ark was the theme for the night.



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Is bullying epidemic?

Sadly, bullying has been in the news a lot lately, not just in New Zealand but around the world. Equally sadly, most of us have been subjected to bullying at some stage in our lives. What is increasingly obvious is that bullying is not just a problem in our schools. Rather it may occur in our homes, in sport, in the workplace, in our places of worship, and even in our neighbourhoods and communities. *bullyingfreenz* states that “Most widely-accepted definitions of bullying are based on four elements: bullying is deliberate; harmful; involves a power imbalance; and has an element of repetition.

Perhaps bullying is more in the news these days because it does not only happen in person but also online (cyberbullying). It can happen anywhere, at any time, and be verbal, physical, or relational. Bullying can create a risk to health and safety.

As I reflect back upon my own school days, I remember being bullied. Becoming involved in a range of sports and student leadership responsibilities helped reduce it for me personally. Reflecting more widely upon my life, I regret that at times I may have been perceived as a ‘bully’. As Janet’s mother used to quote from Robbie Burns (English translation) - *“Oh would some Power the gift give us, to see ourselves as others see us.”*

Stephanie Dyburgh – a Wellington lawyer and Wellingtonian of the Year last year – has spoken publicly about her experiences of bullying in the law profession. Then, recently a friend shared with Janet and me the bullying this person has been subjected to in the workplace. Seeing the illness and the mental anguish this has caused our friend stimulated me to write these few words.

We call ourselves Christians. As such, then, let us endeavour to ensure that our relationships with people we interact with are loving and respectful. Step back and think about our words and actions. We can do this by demonstrating virtues such as respect, gratitude, generosity, and helpfulness. If we all genuinely take such an approach this will surely help make our interactions with people more meaningful for them and ourselves.

Ken Milne



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 Mary White 298 7727 or marywhite@xtra.co.nz

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Please be aware that these are the contact names for requests.
 A larger group not named here are praying.

*Just begin one, one, one. Begin by praying for someone. Begin at home by saying something good to your child, to your husband or to your wife. Begin by helping someone in need in your community, at church, at work or at school. Begin by making whatever you do something beautiful for **God**.*
 Mother Teresa



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Music: a vital part of worship

Chorister and music-lover Bruce Johnston reviews some of the realities of today's church music.

It's hard to imagine a worship service without music. Yet sometimes there's a tendency to think it just "happens", rather like the music that surrounds us on radio and TV and in shopping malls. Of course, the truth is that what we hear in church needs a great deal of careful consideration and many hours of dedicated rehearsal.

"Choosing appropriate music requires regular, careful assessment", he says, "particularly as congregations change over time. Worship leaders regularly confer with musicians for special occasions such as Easter or Pentecost or Christmas or Anzac Day. Sometimes a small singing group introduces new music to the congregation before the service".

We're not only talking about hymns, says Bruce. "The accompanist also has an important role at the beginning and the end of the service, and during the offertory. Opinions may differ over these music choices, though with today's easy access to centuries of beautiful compositions it's generally felt that it need not always be religious. This music can be intensely relevant and moving, and warrants the congregation's full attention".

At Raumati, orders of service will now include notes about the music and why it has been selected. This practice may vary at Waikanae and Paekakariki, depending on the availability of musicians.



For the future, a new 16-strong singing group will take part in special parish-wide services and on occasion instrumentalists may be invited to accompany the pianist/organist.

"Music and Christian worship have been closely linked over many centuries", says Bruce. "That relationship will continue, as music and song continue to play a key role in the life of God's people today. The emotional power of music is a vital and moving part of worship".

Total donations made by the three Women's Fellowship Groups in the Kapiti Uniting Parish 2018-2019

Sincere thanks to all who have supported the projects

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Kapiti Counselling Centre	50.00
Presbyterian Support Services	50.00
Wesley Community Actions	50.00
Waikanae AED Trust	50.00
Wellington Free Ambulance	100.00
District Fees	379.00
Other Expenses	138.50
	\$2,027.30

Marie Smith

time of their crime – and 90 are still on death row. Under both its own laws and as a party to the Convention on the Rights of the Child Iran is legally obliged to ensure that child offenders are never subjected to the death penalty or life imprisonment. The letter tells Supreme Leader, Ali Khomeini, that Iran must stop executing child offenders and work towards abolishing the death penalty.

There are many other campaigns, including calling on the United States government to investigate the unsafe conditions of child detention facilities, and calling on Argentina to guarantee access to safe abortion after an 11-year-old was raped and forced to give birth.

Erice Carley

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Amnesty International News

Amnesty International has had many human rights 'wins' so far this year. Two examples are:

- **Hungary: Ahmed H**, a Syrian man has been released. He was living in Cyprus with his wife and daughters but went to the Serbia-Hungary border to help his elderly parents and relatives flee Syria for safety in Europe. But there was a clash, and even though Ahmed was seen calling for both sides to remain calm he was arrested on farcical charges. Over 100,000 people took action, and it worked, and he is now back with his wife and daughters.
- **Indonesia: Johan Teterissa** led a peaceful protest in front of the President of Indonesia, for which he was locked up far from his home in Maluku. Amnesty supporters have campaigned on his behalf for some years. Now we can celebrate his freedom and his return to live with his family. Johan shared his gratitude with everyone who supported him, saying that the solidarity letters were not just for him, but for all the other prisoners of conscience separated from their families.

We can Take Action to help get more people released by going to the Amnesty webpage – amnesty.org.nz and click on **Take Action**. The letters are already written and you just have to enter your name and address for campaigns you would like to take part in.

Two of the current campaigns are on Iran:

1. **Atena Daemi** is an outspoken advocate who opposes the use of the death penalty and defends the rights of women in Iran. She has been sentenced to seven years in prison for her peaceful human rights activities. There, she has been threatened, assaulted and viciously punished but her spirit is not broken and she says she will never stop fighting for human rights. The letter calls on Iran's leader to release her immediately and unconditionally, and, until that happens she must have access to family and lawyers and be protected from torture and ill-treatment.
2. **Children on death row in Iran**. Iran has executed at least 97 people between 1990 and 2018 who were under the age of 18 at the

Kapiti Uniting Parish Financial summary for the year ended 30 June 2019

The following is a summarised account of our income and outgoings for the year ended 30th June 2019

<u>Income</u>	<i>Actual 2019</i>	<i>Budget 2019</i>	<i>Actual 2018</i>
Offerings and donations	140,663	129,830	131,475
Property	32,792	31,800	35,096
Thrifty Place	15,642	11,240	9,377
Other	19,434	13,900	15,672
<i>Total Income</i>	208,531	186,770	191,620
<i>Expenses</i>			
Ministry	76,701	82,210	71,908
Family Mission	39,160	41,162	37,271
Wider Missions	12,613	12,600	12,312
Centres	34,300	50,160	35,678
Administration	37,523	40,160	39,317
<i>Total Expenses</i>	200,297	226,292	196,486
<i>Operating Profit (Loss)</i>	8,234	(39,522)	(4,866)

The pleasing result for 2019 was achieved by the response programme, the very good result from Thrifty Place, some welcome grants and lower than expected property expenses.

However, before we get too pleased with ourselves, the draft budget for the 2020 year shows a loss of similar magnitude to that of the 2019 budget. This is mainly due to the maintenance budgeted last year now being urgent and sharp increases expected in levies by the national churches - Methodist, Presbyterian - and UCANZ, and ever increasing property insurance premiums.

David Davis, Acting Treasurer, 17 July

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It is with regret that we have accepted the resignation of our Parish Treasurer, Dina Zaripova. Dina has done a great job as our treasurer for the past parish year, but due to the pressures of her job in Wellington, and her involvement in part-time studies, the demands have become too great. Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish, Dina.

Accordingly, the Parish is seeking the services of a person with accounting skills, who can fill the role of treasurer, commencing in September. We are indebted to David Davis for agreeing to act as treasurer until the AGM on 1 September.

If you can help, or know someone who can, please contact either Parish Chairman, Syd Mephram 293 6557 or Finance Group Convenor, Ken Milne 298 4622.

Ken Milne

Annual Parish Fair

It's getting to that time of year again! We are only three months out from our annual Parish Fair.

The date is Saturday 2 November, so please make a note in your diaries and calendars.

We have convenors in place for all the stalls except the cake stall. There will be helpers in place, but we need someone to be in charge. Please contact Stuart on 902 1620 if you can assist.



Also, please start looking out items for the garage sale and bric-a-brac stall, and novels for the book stall (fiction sells well, but other books do not, so please stick to novels).

We intend to have a really good plant stall, so please start some seedlings as spring approaches.

Stuart Grant