

April Services

Date	Waikanae	Raumati		Paekakariki
	9.15am	United@9 9 am	10 am	10.30am
7th	Diana Roberts	Rev. Cornelia Grant HC	Colin Anderson	Rev. Cornelia Grant HC
14th Palm Sunday	Rosalie Sugrue	Rev. Roger Wiig	Rev. Cornelia Grant HC	Maureen Calhaem
18th Maundy Thursday	Rev. Cornelia Grant Raumati 7.30 pm			
19th Good Friday	Rev. John Roberts	Rev. Cornelia Grant Raumati 10 am		
21st Easter Sunday	Rev. Cornelia Grant Dawn Service at Raumati Beach 6.45 am Then Easter Breakfast in the Raumati Church Hall			
	Rev. John and Diana Roberts HC	Combined with Raumati 10 am	Rev. Stuart Grant	Rev. Cornelia Grant
Friday 26th	Messy Church 5-7 pm, Raumati (Please note change in date due to Easter)			
28th	Rev. Cornelia Grant	Maureen Calhaem	Rosalie Sugrue	Maureen Calhaem



April 2019

I would like to begin my “Together” greeting with a warm welcome to the Rev. Robin List, a retired Presbyterian minister. Robin and his wife Heather have joined the Raumati congregation following their move from Masterton. Robin is happy to take some services and is scheduled for one on the first Sunday in May.



At the moment we in the Season of Lent. With the terrible happenings in Christchurch it feels as though “Good Friday” has come earlier to New Zealand. My hope is that the outpouring of love and understanding toward the Muslim community in Christchurch and other centres will not be just a short-term thing and a matter of words only. May it bring a shift in attitude and uncover the ugly sore of racism that is festering underground.

Last year we celebrated Easter at the earliest possible date. This year the pendulum swings to the other extreme, with Easter falling at its latest possible date. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on 14 April. In Raumati there will be a Maundy Thursday (18 April) service at 7.30pm, followed by a 10 am service on Good Friday.

On Easter morning (21 April) there will be a Dawn service on Raumati Beach at 6.45 am, followed by an Easter breakfast in the Raumati Church hall. The normal Sunday morning services will follow in all worship centres apart from United@9, which will combine with Raumati at 10am. Everybody is warmly welcome at the various special services over Easter in Waikanae or Raumati.

This year, for some people in our congregations Lent is very personal, as they accompany family members approaching the end of their lives. May the verses of Marnie Barrell's hymn bring some comfort to you:

In trust we come to make our prayer,
no pain too deep, no hope too high to bring.
Here we seek wisdom, ask for care;
our need is our only offering.

You hold all suffering in your heart;
we pray for strength to comfort those in need.
Store up our tears to play their part,
to grow fruits of peace from sorrow's seed.

All hearts are open to your sight,
all disappointment, anger and lament.
Now may their power be used for right,
to further your work their worth be spent.

Your will be done; help us to know
how we may serve the needs for which we pray.
Trusting your purposes, we go
to live our Amen through every day.

Marnie Barrell

With blessings this Easter time, *Cornelia*

About people

Birthdays

Jeanette Dale turned 88 in December, not 80. Sorry for the error Jeanette.
Marion Hayward had her 90th birthday in March.

Deaths

Daphne Richards, wife of Jack from Paekakariki
Janet Skelsey
Barry Jobson, husband of Zena



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.

April: for your diary

Tue	2nd	2 pm	Afternoon Women's Fellowship, Raumati
		7 pm	Parish Property Group, Raumati
Thur	4th	10 am	Messy Church Meeting, Raumati
Mon	8th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Raumati
Tue	9th	10 am	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
		1 pm	Meditation Group, Church, Raumati
		7.30 pm	Parish Council, Raumati
Thur	11th	10 am	Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship
Sun	14th	5 pm	Ephesus in Kapiti, Raumati
Tue	16th	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship, Waikanae
Wed	17th	7.30 pm	Parish Men's Group, Raumati
Fri	19th		Deadline for May Together
Mon	22nd	1.30 pm	Board Games, Raumati
Fri	26th	10 am	Folding and distribution of May Together
		5 pm	Messy Church, Raumati

Maundy Thursday at Waikanae Presbyterian

The Waikanae Presbyterian Church at 43 Ngaio Road have again invited us to join them for a Seder (Passover) meal at 6 pm and then a Tenebrae service at 7 pm on Maundy Thursday, 18 April. Tenebrae is a traditional service of scripture and hymns and is very moving.

If you are coming to the meal please ring 293 6987 and book in. The meal will cost \$10.

April: regular events



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

Parish Chairman's Page

Kia ora...Greetings to you all. I will be writing this page in the Together in order to help keep you all up to date with events and happenings taking place within our Parish and Council.

In a recent weekly newsletter I referred to Proverbs 20.18, with the invitation for people to read it. It says succinctly, "Without a vision the people perish". It is a pertinent reminder for us as a Parish as we begin to contemplate our future after Cornelia's ministry ends in January next year. As part of our Review process individuals will be asked to consider what their personal vision is for the congregation they worship with and the Parish as a whole. The process will start in April.

At the end of my previous tenure as Chairman, I applied for a grant from the Prince Albert College Trust to assist with the outreach work in the community. On reassuming the Chair, I enquired about the outcome. Thanks to Kate we now have been advised that we have a grant of \$5,000. It seems that our reassigned address from Raumati Road to Weka Road threw the PAC mail system out of kilter. The grant was waiting to be uplifted.

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held last Tuesday. It was called to discuss remarks made to the visiting UCANZ Review Team. There was a great deal of very honest discussion about the issues raised. While it was not possible to resolve many of these within our meeting time the way was paved for continuing the dialog.

Parish Council has agreed to change the format of future meetings in the interest of improving communication with our members and examining and discussing new ways of functioning within the Parish.

- Parish Council will now meet monthly.
- One months meting will be devoted to Parish business matters.
- The following month will be an open meeting for members to attend and participate. The first open meeting will be in May.
- Where business matters need urgent or immediate action these will be dealt with by the Chairman, Deputy and one other Councillor.

Ma te Atua koe e whakau, kei te pono me te hari...God fill you with Truth and Joy. *Syd Mephram.*

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Bill's antique violin now in very good hands

A centuries-old violin that Bill McKeich bought with £100, hard-earned as a teenager in his school holidays, will be played at next month's Te Kōkī Trio recital by Martin Riseley, NZ School of Music's head of strings and one of the country's foremost violinists.



And guess who will be in the front row! *"It goes like this". Martin enjoys the moment as Bill picks out a tune*

Bill loaned the violin to the School of Music last year, when arthritis in his fingers and a thumb impacted on his ability to play at the level he's achieved since the 1950s. Martin was immediately taken with the violin's deep, mellow tone. "It really is beautiful to play," he said, "and it gets better all the time".

As a youngster Bill played with the Wellington College orchestra - twice a soloist in the Town Hall - and years later with the Tawa and Kapiti orchestras. "I always loved music, but as a teenager my tutor decided I needed a decent instrument: till then my grandfather had lent me an old imitation Stradivarius and it didn't have a very good tone at all.

"The then well-known Brooklyn stringed-instrument maker Eric Mier also imported instruments and ordered me a violin from London. I had no idea that it would become such a treasured old friend. It seems to have been made around 1671, probably in Germany from its dark varnish.

"Martin has plenty of violins to choose from", said Bill, "but he obviously thinks mine is really special. I'm thrilled to hear it played so wonderfully, like never before!"

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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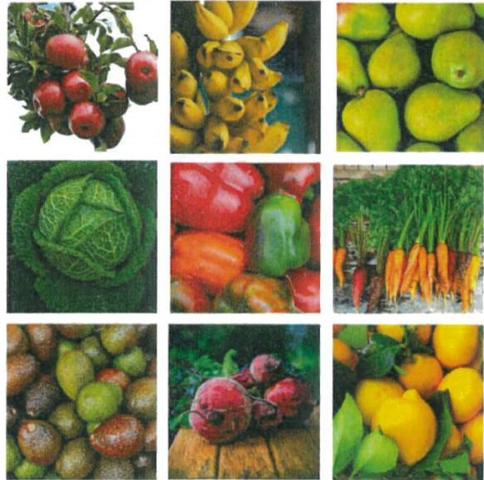
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Waikanae Congregation



Worship highlights

We entered into the annual **Covenant Service** on Sunday 10 February when we renewed our relationship with God and celebrated Holy Communion in a service led by John Roberts. The reflection outlined the historical background to the service and the theology it embraces. One member said, "The liturgy is amazing and the reflection helped me put it into context."

We celebrated **Harvest Festival** on Sunday 3 March with Diana Roberts involving the congregation in the theme 'Fruits of the Earth, Fruits of the Spirit'. Pat Souness arranged a marvellous display of vegetables and food items provided by the

congregation. These were later donated to the Kapiti Foodbank.

Rev. Cornelia opened the season of **Lent** for us on Sunday 10 March with a service of Holy Communion, exploring the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness.

World Day of Prayer

Fifty-six people attended the World Day of Prayer service in our church on Friday 1 March. They came from Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian and our Uniting Church. People from these churches actively participated in the service led by Marie Smith. The liturgy was prepared by church women of Slovenia in Central Europe with the theme "Come – everything is ready." \$419 was received in the offering for the work of Christian World Service, Inter-Church Hospital Chaplaincy and the Bible Society in Slovenia. Fellowship continued afterwards in the lounge and we enjoyed some wonderful Slovenian baking from Diana Roberts and Cornelia Grant. Thanks to all who helped with the hosting of the service.

Women's Fellowship

At the March meeting Sharon Marsden entertained us with a lively account of Isaac Merritt Singer, the inventor of the Singer sewing machine. He was the proverbial self-made man: an actor; a genius with



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PRE-LOVED CLOTHING POP-UP SHOP

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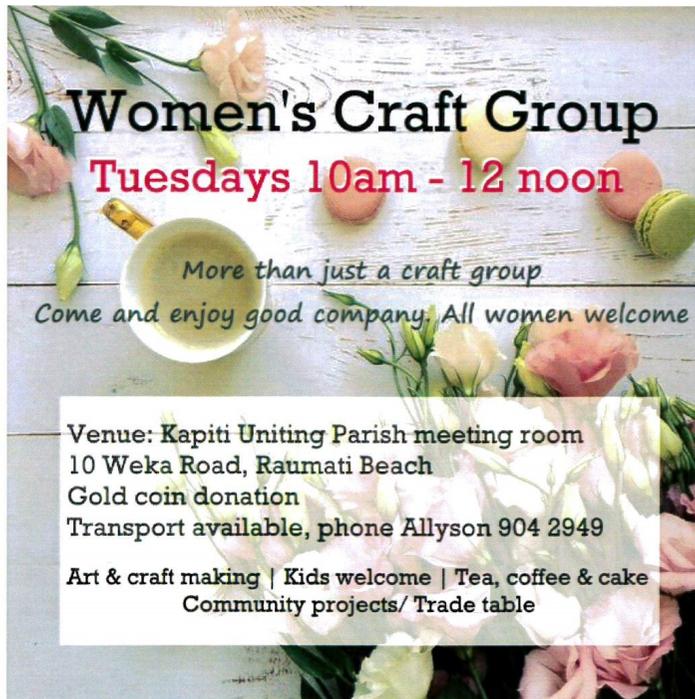
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Prices range from 50 cents to \$10 for good quality pre-loved women's and children's clothing and accessories, with some men's clothing also for sale.

All money raised goes towards the relocation of the Tamariki Education Centre in Kenya, a primary school co-founded by Raumati Beach locals Denise and Chris Carnihan and supported by the Education is a Shield Charitable Trust. To find out more phone 0276365229, email tamarikilc@gmail.com or visit www.tamarikieducationcentre.com.



Women's Craft Group
Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon

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Venue: Kapiti Uniting Parish meeting room
10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach
Gold coin donation
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Community projects/ Trade table

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technology; an innovative businessman; and a philanderer! A colourful character full of surprises! Maybe we could explore more of the personalities who developed household items. We could be in for more surprises!

Lenten Studies

Our Lenten Study series 'Entering the Passion of Jesus' began on Sunday 31 March, and will continue on 7 and 14 April. We are using resources prepared by Amy-Jill Levine – a DVD and a study book. A flyer with more information is available. We meet in the church lounge following worship and morning tea.

Playgroup

There have been new mothers and children at our Friday Café Playgroup meeting in the lounge. One hot sunny Friday morning when a grandmother from France was present, she was asked how long she had been in New Zealand. Her reply: "I arrived from Paris yesterday afternoon. The temperature there was 4 degrees!"

Easter worship

Our **Good Friday** service on 19 April will be a 'Liturgy of Nails' led by John Roberts. There will be a series of readings, responses, and silent reflection and prayer, designed to help us enter more deeply into the meaning of Good Friday. On **Easter Sunday** we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection in word and sacrament. John Roberts will lead the liturgy and Diana Roberts will reflect on the Easter story.

Recognition of new members

On the first Sunday of Lent we acknowledged as new members several people who have joined our congregation over the past year. They are: Joan Baber, Waveney Bowman, Murray Collingwood, Natasha Furze, Ian and Sharon Marsden. They were each presented with a small wooden 'holding' cross made by the Vicar of the Anglican-Methodist Parish of Otaki, Ian Campbell, using timber from local buildings and trees. Jane Collingwood and Renata Joyner will be acknowledged when they return from overseas.



John and Diana Roberts

Words of Encouragement

Written by Steph Fisher, shared by Mary Francis

I lost a very dear friend a few weeks ago. It still has not really hit home that she is gone and I write with a box of tissue beside me as I type. But I cannot think of a better way to honour her.

From the outside, it must have looked like a very unlikely friendship. You see, the very fact I came into Sue's life was because her daughter had died. Killed by cancer at the age of 20. Taken before she had been married two years. And I married the man left behind. It might have been a painful, awkward, strained relationship. Yet Sue welcomed me with great warmth and friendship.

And over the ensuing almost 13 years, she became so much more than just a friend. Sue became one of a handful of older women who have been incredibly precious in my life. Titus 2 talks about older Christian women teaching the younger women among them how to love their husband and children. Sue became one such treasured person in my life. She was an encourager, asking me what I was reading and telling about the books and sermons that were exciting her. She would talk about the trials and joys of parenting young children and provide a sounding board for ideas and questions. She would pray with me on the phone when my children had croup and when I called to debrief after various 'kid-related incidents' left me publicly embarrassed, inconvenienced, exasperated or just plain exhausted, she would laugh with me, as only one who has been there can. Sue was a bright, capable woman.

She had a career as a scientist. But she saw the value God places on being a wife and mum. She did it brilliantly, raising three terrific kids and then, when other peoples' adult children were flying the nest, digging very deep to care for each of her boys at home herself, as they too succumbed to the genetic disease that afflicted them, and the cancer that followed. And she spurred me on to seek to be a wife and mum like that, regardless of what others think.

Sue encouraged me to serve Christ with zeal. She had an enthusiasm to see others meet Jesus. Her home was always open. Friends, neighbours, and those not long met were frequently around their table for a meal,

Trade Aid



As is usual at this time each month, walking through the door of the Trade Aid store in Coastland, confronts one with a wonderful display of craftsmanship and colour that we don't often see in other stores.

A particular display this time was of woven baskets and trays, shown in the photo, created by craft people in many countries such as Uganda, Tanzania, Philippines, Bangladesh.

Two other shelves of interest, one of blankets and duvet covers and another of soaps and perfumes.



You will find so many things to take your interest, so pop in and enjoy.

Don Niccol

Environmental Issues

At the end of last year when the Social Issues group disbanded, the group thought about how it could bring environmental issues to the attention of the parish. The group was mindful that many in the parish are concerned about environmental issues - some have been actively involved in the past while others would have access to a lot of environmental material but not necessarily have time to weed out the relevant articles.

It was decided that three or four times a year, relevant information from the Public Issues Network newsletter would be shared with the parish through our 'Together' magazine. The Public Issues Network is a Methodist Church of New Zealand initiative and the newsletter, which is co-ordinated by Betsan Martin, has a range of excellent information.

Lent

We are currently in the six-week reflective period of Lent. During this season, people stop doing things that they enjoy. "What will I give up for Lent?" is the question that we ask ourselves during the season of Lent.

The latest newsletter from Social Issues Networks referred to a calendar that has a table that sets out some interesting options that you may choose to do during Lent. Examples include Read Psalm 19 and find a new strength, buy and use a keep cup for takeaway coffee, and give away some baking or home-grown produce. Although we are now well through Lent I would recommend these actions for you to consider over the remaining Lenten weeks. Be selective and identify what's manageable for you. Highlight activities as you do them and share one or two ideas with friends or family. Many of these ideas are things we could continue to action during the rest of the year too. *(Copies of the calendar are available from the Parish Office or you can view online at www.methodist.org.nz/public_questions_network/index3)*

Betsan Martin also recommends:

Living Lent - Creating a Climate of Change: www.livinglent.org where, as members of the Living Lent community, you can each make a commitment to changing your lifestyle for the climate during Lent.

Marg Lees

cuppa or game of cards and she prayed faithfully for many, many people. She lived with her heart and mind set on things above, not on earthly things. Where many people looked on the tragedies in Sue's life and wondered how she could still trust God after all that had happened - her husband in a wheelchair, all her children gone - Sue trusted in God's goodness, his wisdom and sovereignty, set her eyes on eternity and pressed on, in the strength God gave her. And now she is home. Taken in her early sixties by a brain tumour. Yet victorious because of Christ.

As I increasingly find myself sliding into the 'older womens' section of Titus 2, I will continue to be taught by Sue's example on how to shift into that new role, as I seek to serve Christ by teaching the younger women as Sue taught me, looking to live for Christ in every part of my life, with the zeal and perseverance God gives me, until I join Sue, praising God in glory.

Mary Francis would like to thank all those who prayed for this family.



Prayer Requests

May be made verbally or by text/email/phone to:
 Mary White 298 7727 or marywhite@xtra.co.nz
 Merrill Baker 902 4134 or amkram.nz@gmail.com
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Your name will not be used without your permission.
 A small carefully-selected group of your Church Family will be praying.
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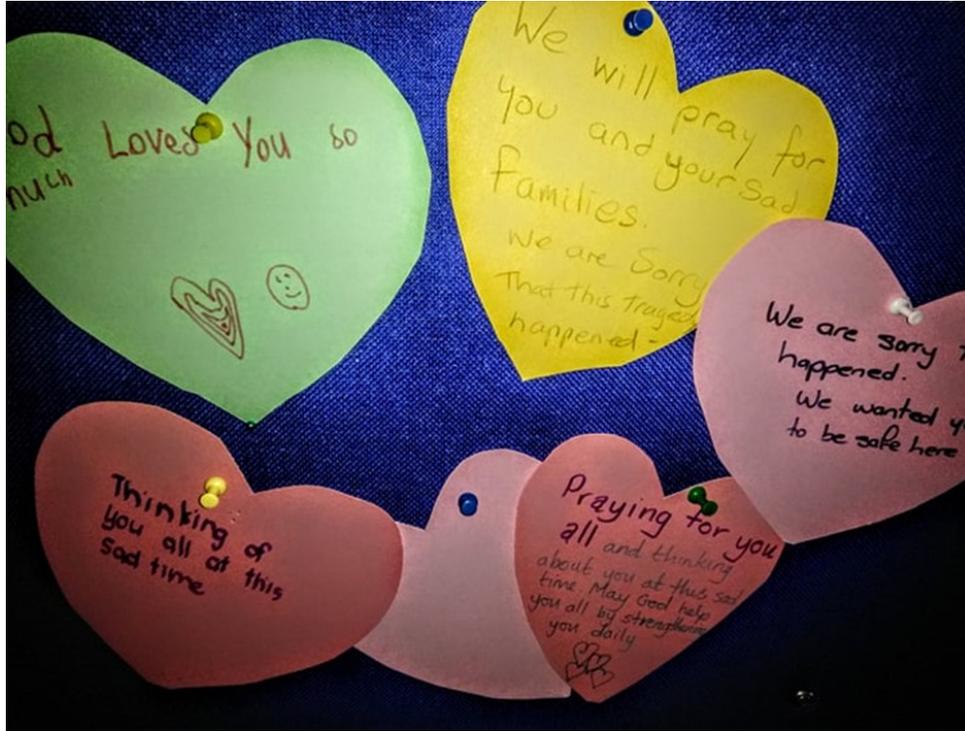
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Messy Church



The theme for the March Messy Church was 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' We looked at finding the right way in life through mazes, using compasses and a compass course.

All koha from the evening was donated to the victims of the Christchurch Massacre and thanks to everyone's generosity we were able to donate \$73.30.

We also wrote messages of hope onto love hearts and they will be getting sent down to Christchurch as well.

Next Messy Church is a week later than usual (Friday 26 April) due to Easter, and will be based on an Easter theme.

Thank you to everyone who came along to take part in Messy Church and all volunteers who gave their time and energy to make it a great evening.

Angelique Monaghan

These are some of the activities the Group has been involved in for many years and, although we no longer meet as a Group, two of us will try to keep some things going – in particular putting information on the environment and justice and peace issues from Methodist Public Issues into our *Together* magazine along with Amnesty International news. And in the meantime the interfaith Peace Gathering and Christmas presents for Women's Refuge will also continue.

We thank those who have served on the committee over the years and especially those who have recently retired – Barbara Niccol and Gus McRae, who have been members from the beginning, and Sue Hodgson.

Erica Carley

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Ephesus – in- Kapiti

Ephesus will be meeting on Sunday 14 April at 5 pm in the meeting room at Raumati. The topic will be "Eco Theology" and the discussion will be led by Don Niccol. As usual it will be followed by a finger-food tea.

Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship

Thursday 11 April at 10am.

The programme will be a Meditation called "The Sounds of Easter"

All Welcome.

Social Issues Group

Many people in the Church may not be aware that last November the Social Issues Group was disbanded because of lack of members. The Group was started by Rev. Norman Wilkins when he was minister of Kapiti Uniting and Hazel Ollerenshaw, Gus McRae and Erice Carley have convened it since then. Under the Parish Guidelines, Social Issues Group was responsible for :

- Involving the Parish in the community, nationally and internationally, involving speakers, making submissions etc.
- Supporting community programmes like Amnesty International, Christian World Service, Fair Trade.
- Encouraging involvement in Interfaith issues.
- Promoting and publicising Public Issues information and resources which are sent to the parish by our partner churches.

Over the years we have organised public meetings with speakers on subjects like prison reform and Progressive Christianity, made submissions to MPs on social issues, written to the local Council on issues about water and Easter Sunday trading. We have partnered with the local Kapiti Amnesty International Group at various times and promoted action in the Parish; sold Trade Aid products at Church for some years and more recently promoted the shop at Coastlands; and Christian World Service is always an important part of our Church activities. We have also started a link with Women's Refuge and Operation Christmas Child. For many years we organised Waitangi Day Services and have held Mayoral Candidates meetings.

Norman Wilkins also began to contact other Churches and faiths and a Peace Vigil (now called a Peace Gathering) has been held every year to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace. Environmental issues have also been important - Linda Wilkins led us in organising a very successful Sustainability Day and for many years we held an annual beach clean-up and worked with the Transition Towns organisation. In 2007 we started the Community Service Award to recognise people in the parish who have done exceptional work in the wider Community.



Fun at Messy Church

School holidays at Kapiti Uniting Parish

Raumati Church, 10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach
family.kapitiuniting@gmail.com, ph: 902 5809

Casual Playgroups

Thursday 18 April, 9.30-11.30am
Tuesday 23 April, 9.30-11.30am
Please bring a gold coin & piece of fruit



Friday 26 April, 5-7pm
Family fun, games, activities, stories and food. Everyone welcome.
Koha appreciated.

Easter Crafts

Wednesday 17 April
1-3pm
Primary aged, donation.





Photos from the Raumati Village Community Garden - Garden Party and Over the Fence Cuppa held in March.

Our local community came together for Neighbour's Day and celebrated with our first Garden Party.

Attendees consisted of local neighbours, parish members, and those who were interested in the community garden.

Creation started in the Garden of Eden, and my hope is the Raumati Village Community Garden continues to bring life to the Kapiti Uniting Parish.

Kate Foley