

March Services

Date	Waikanae	Raumati		Paekakariki
	9.15am	United@9 9 am	10 am	10.30am
3rd	Diana Roberts (Harvest Festival)	Rev. Cornelia Grant HC	Rev. Stuart Grant	Rev. Cornelia Grant HC
10th	Rev. Cornelia Grant HC	Rosalie Sugrue	Rev. Roger Wiig HC	Maureen Calhaem
Friday 15th	Messy Church 5 pm to 7 pm			
17th Harvest Festival	Colin Anderson	Own Service	Rev. Cornelia Grant	TBC
24th	Rosalie Sugrue	Syd Mephram	Maureen Calhaem	Rev. Cornelia Grant
31st	Maureen Calhaem	Combined with Raumati at 10 am	Rosalie Sugrue (Women's Fellowship Special Project)	TBC

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With the first Sunday in March the season of Epiphany comes to an end.

Tuesday 5 March is “Shrove Tuesday”. The word “shrove” is the past tense of the English word “shrive”, which means to obtain absolution for one’s sins by way of doing confession or penance. Shrove

Tuesday was named after the custom of Christians to “be shriven” before the start of Lent the following day, Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday is also known as Pancake Day because traditionally all eggs and meat were used up on the day before the six week Lenten fast. Eating up the fats gave rise to the French expression “Mardi Gras”, meaning “fat Tuesday”.

If anybody would like to attend an Ash Wednesday service, on 6 March, you can go to Our Lady of Fatima, 29 Parata Street in Waikanae at 9.30 am, St Patricks Hall, Milne Drive at 9.30 am, Waikanae Presbyterian, Ngaio Road at 10 am, St Marks on Rosetta Road, at 10 am or 7 pm at St Pauls on Kapiti Road.

The six weeks of Lent lead us into Holy Week and Easter, which falls towards the end of April.

On Saturday 9 March the Parish has an important date. My time here as minister comes to an end in January 2020. The Parish Review is the first step on the way to find my successor. A panel of two Methodist and two Presbyterian representatives will come to the Raumati church and conduct the review. Each of your voices is valued.



March 2019

On page 4 and 5 you will find the timeline for the day, and also discussion points suggested by the panel for an open meeting in the afternoon, to which the whole parish is invited.

During the next six weeks as we accompany Jesus on the way to Jerusalem and ultimately to the cross, let us be mindful of the many Christians who are persecuted for their faith in many countries. Let us also be mindful of people who become refugees because of war, as well as those who are imprisoned and tortured because they stand up for social justice for the poor or otherwise socially outcast.

With my warm greetings and blessings to you all,

Rev. Cornelia Grant

About people

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to The Very Rev. Marg Schrader who celebrated her 80th in February and Mo Raea who celebrated his 70th birthday.

Deaths

Harrie Keene husband of Molly
Jack Leslie husband of Sue
Phillip Ross husband of Beryl

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.



*Diane Ammundsen
Pastoral Group Convenor*

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March: for your diary

Fri	1st	1.30 pm	World Day of Prayer Service, Coast Community Church
		1.30 pm	World Day of Prayer Service, Waikanae
		7.30 pm	World Day of Prayer Service, Raumati
Tue	5th	10 am	Messy Church Meeting, Raumati
		2 pm	Afternoon Women's Fellowship
Wed	6th	1.30 pm	Raumati Domestic Property Group, Raumati
Sat	9th		Parish Review Please see pages 4 and 5
Sun	10th	5 pm	Ephesus in Kapiti, Raumati
Mon	11th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Raumati
Tue	12th	10 am	Pastoral Care Group, Raumati
		1 pm	Meditation Group, Church, Raumati
Thur	14th	10 am	Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship
Fri	15th	5 pm	Messy Church, Raumati
Tue	19th	10 am	Waikanae Women's Fellowship, Waikanae
Wed	20th	7.30 pm	Parish Men's Group, Raumati
Fri	22nd		Deadline for April Together
Sat	23rd	1 pm	Raumati Village Community Garden, Garden Party
Mon	25th	1.30 pm	Board Games, Raumati
Fri	29th	10 am	Folding and distribution of April Together

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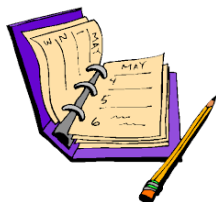
Servers for Communion

I would be grateful for some more volunteers to help serve communion. You would be asked to help about twice a year. If you can help please email me at the following address rpwinski@gmail.com

Thank you.

Pat Winskill

March: 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

World Day of Prayer

Friday 1 March

This year's worship resources have been written by women in Slovenia, one of the smallest countries in Europe. At the core of the service is an invitation to join in community, "Come - Everything is Ready". The focal point is a table set with food to share. Readers will tell stories from women on the edge of Slovenian society: refugees, migrant workers, mothers, and Roma.

Services will be held at:

Waikanae Uniting Church 1.30 pm
Coast Community Church, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu, 1.30 pm
Raumati Uniting Church 7.30 pm

Everyone is welcome to come.

JOIN US FOR

**FRIDAY
15 MARCH
5-7PM**

A free evening of fun,
games, activities and
stories for the whole
family. Dinner and
dessert provided

**Kapiti Uniting Parish
Raumati Church (in hall)
10 Weka Road
Raumati Beach**

PH: 902 5809

Children must be
accompanied by an adult

Parish Review

Saturday 9 March

On Saturday 9 March, a Parish Review will be held by the following representatives:

- Ian Harris, Methodist Synod, Convenor
- Barbara Halliwell, Methodist Synod and Christian Churches
- Peter MacKenzie, Presbytery Central
- David Cook, Presbytery Central

Arrangements on the day:

10 am Meeting with Presbyter Cornelia Grant

11 am Meeting with Parish Council members and Cornelia

At some stage Cornelia will leave and discussion with Parish Council members will continue.

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch break

1:30 pm Open meeting at the Raumati Church with all Parish members who would like to share any observations with the review team.

Around 3:00 pm Visits to church properties

If you wish to communicate with the review team in a less public way, you are welcome to briefly email Ian Harris at super1.LNIS@methodist.org.nz

Initial Discussion Starter Points (not all will be covered)

The following questions give an overview of the sort of areas that should be discussed with the review team. Some questions will be treated lightly, others may need deeper exploration.

1. What are some of the positive aspects of your church life?
2. What are the challenges that your church is facing?

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.

PARISH OFFICE AND CENTRE BOOKINGS

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Raumati Morning Women's Fellowship

Thursday 14 March 10 am

We will watch a DVD on the special project in Fiji.
Meeting room, Raumati church.
All welcome.

Women's Fellowship Special Project Service and Fundraising Morning Tea

Sunday 31 March at 10 am

The Women's Fellowship cordially invite you to a combined Special Project Service, led by Rosa Sugrue and special Morning Tea to follow. The cost is \$5 per person. This is our annual fundraising effort, instead of our usual luncheon.

All proceeds go to the organisation "Bellyful" which provides free meals to families with newborn babies and young children who are struggling with serious illness, particularly those who have limited family or social support.

The International Special Project is raising funds for the Go Organic, Grow Organic project of the Social Empowerment Education Programme(S.E.E.P.) in Fiji, a partner of CWS. They will encourage more effective agriculture and better protection from natural disasters. SEEP will help rural communities using a combination of traditional and new disaster-preparedness strategies.

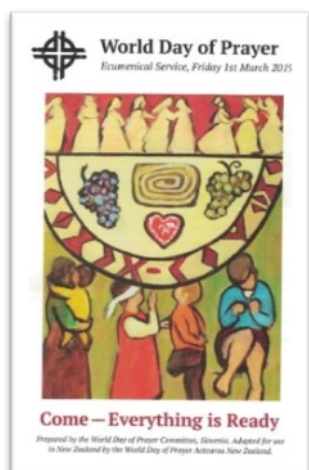
Your support is much appreciated.

3. What is happening with worship in the church?
4. What are the mission aspects of the church?
5. What strategies/plans have you got for the next five years?
6. Is the church in a viable position?
7. What structure does your church management have?
 - Is this effective for you?
8. Is there a positive working relationship between minister and church council?
9. How well does the church meet the needs of the parish and wider community?
 - Are there plans for any major development?
 - Are the buildings structurally sound?
13. Is the leadership structure of the church effective in mission?
14. Is there a positive relationship with the Synod and Connexional Office?
15. What ways are you resourcing your mission? E.g. partnering with another church/parish; mission resourcing; Synod; self funded; grants; training programmes; etc
16. What resources are lacking in order for you to fulfil your mission? E.g. Training, partnership, funding, people.

Waikanae Congregation

A vision for the Waikanae congregation

Towards the end of last year one of our newer members, Murray Collingwood, expressed commitment to a vision of our church for the next 10 years. The Waikanae Interest Group encouraged Murray to form a Vision Group to explore this. Murray, Jan Jobson, Ian Marsden and Evan Ireland reported back with a list of goals, and ideas for achieving them. These include a new welcome pack, listing details of our church on the Neighbourly website, and a regular midweek daytime social activity. The Interest Group supports these initiatives, and will keep our Presbyterian and the Parish Council up to date with developments.

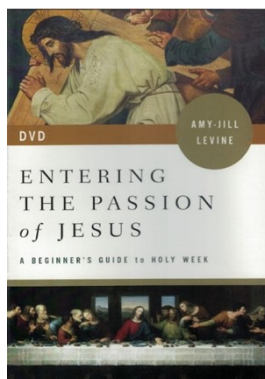


World Day of Prayer

Several churches will participate in the Waikanae celebration of the World Day of Prayer which will be held in our Uniting Church at 1.30pm on Friday 1 March. At the planning meeting on 30 January, Presbyterian, Anglican and Catholic women gathered with several members of our congregation to look at the service prepared by church women of Slovenia in Central Europe. The Apostolic Church group also plan to share in the service. The theme: "Come – everything is ready" invites lively participation.

Lenten studies

Lent begins for us on Sunday 10 March. We will be holding Lenten studies using a DVD resource featuring Amy-Jill Levine, a Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies in the USA, who communicates well, both in writing and presenting on DVD. There will be studies on three Sundays: 31 March, then 7 and 14 April. These will be held in the church lounge following the after-church morning tea, finishing by 11.30 am. The studies will look at three incidents where Jesus takes risks, and explore their implications both for him and us: the temple-risking righteous anger; the first dinner-risking rejection; Jerusalem-risking reputation.



Trade Aid

Kapiti Trade Aid - Coastlands Shop

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The organisation Aspiration partners with the craft workers who create boxes and other items from naturally dark and rich coloured Sheesham wood, found in northern India.

Based in the town of Saharanpur, the carvers originally came from Kashmir, some 280 years ago. They were Hindus and under Mughal rulers were given the option of converting to Islam or leaving Kashmir. Today both Muslims and Hindus are involved, with men doing the carving and women finishing and polishing the items at home.

Sheesham wood comes from trees that are fast-growing and very durable and the wood is easily carved. The colour and the fact that the forest is sustainable makes this wood very attractive and the artisans working by hand create border designs and floral inlays.

Pop in to the Trade Aid shop in Coastlands and enjoy the artistry that is all around and you may care to purchase and own some.

Don Niccol



THRIFTY PLACE

OPENING HOURS

Tuesday/Wednesday: 1-4pm
Saturday : 10am -12.30pm

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Kapiti Uniting Parish
10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach
Phone: 04 902 5809



A leaflet outlining the studies in a little more detail will be available before the studies begin.

Recognition of new members

On Sunday 10 March, during our monthly service of Holy Communion led by Rev Cornelia Grant, we will be recognising several new members who have joined the Waikanae congregation over the past year or so. More about this in the April issue of 'Together'.

Pastoral

Phillip Ross, a much-appreciated member of our congregation, died on 6 February. He and Beryl were weekend visitors to our church before retiring to Waikanae. Philip became chairperson of the church committee 2002-2006, securing historic status for the church building. He cared for the church grounds, helped erect fencing, and established the front garden. Philip helped get the playgroup underway in 2004, coming every Friday morning to assist, taking a special interest in children who lacked adult male contact, donating toys, and being Father Christmas to the group for six years. Phillip held responsible positions in several community groups. He was meticulous in all that he did for both church and community. We give thanks for Phillip's generous sharing of his abilities.

Diana and John Roberts



Prayer Requests

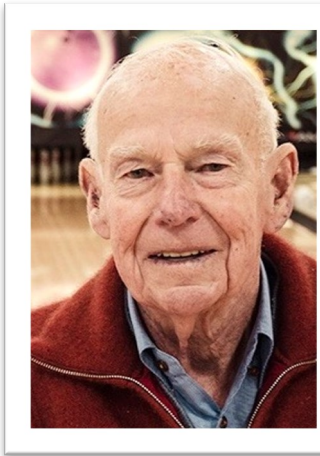
May be made verbally or by text/email/phone to:
Mary White 298 7727 or marywhite@xtra.co.nz
Merrill Baker 902 4134 or amkram.nz@gmail.com
Liqin Chin Liqinfeijoa@gmail.com

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.

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

Jack Leslie: a “founding father”



More than 300 people crowded into the Raumati Church on Friday 8 February to pay their last respects to a man who over the years had influenced many aspects of life on the Kapiti Coast. And not least, the Kapiti Uniting Parish.

The eulogy delivered by Diane Ammundsen opened the eyes of many who had known just one or two aspects of Jack's life and career.

At 12, his mother said that now he was wearing long trousers he could go out to

work, and he joined the rag trade. That was to be a lifelong career, and eventually Jack and his wife Sue opened their own successful clothing businesses at Otaki, specialising in hospital apparel, and later at Paraparaumu.

Jack's impact on Kapiti was significant and long-lasting. He mentored and helped many local people set up their businesses here. Over time he held all offices in the local Rotary Club and was honoured by Rotary International as a Paul Harris Fellow.

But life for Jack was so much more than business.

Vitally interested in education, he used his considerable powers of persuasion to get Paraparaumu College built, and chaired both local colleges' boards for many years. And when in 2011 Jack was inducted into the Kapiti/Horowhenua Business Hall of Fame he was called “a founding father of the Kapiti district in both a business sense and also a community sense”.

Jack was integral, back in the 70s/80s, in the founding of the Kapiti Co-operating Parish, forerunner of today's Uniting Parish.

George Forster chaired much of the lengthy process of bringing together Presbyterians and Methodists, each with their long traditions, and recalls that Jack was a man who led from behind.

Tolla Williment's Memorial Exhibition



You may have heard that Tolla was enthusiastically preparing for an exhibition of her recent artwork at Artscape, the Arts and Crafts Cooperative, 239 Main Highway, Otaki.

With her passing away in mid December the family have now arranged a showing in her

memory between 9 March and 7 April and you are warmly invited to view it during that time.

Please let any colleagues or friends know about these arrangements and we trust that you (and they) are able to visit and enjoy.

Arthur Williment on behalf of family

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Te Kōkī Trio

***Piano: Jian Liu Violin: Martin Riseley
Cello: Inbal Megiddo***

The **Te Kōkī Trio** performs regularly across New Zealand, and in Australia, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. All distinguished musicians with extensive international performance experience, they are based at Wellington's NZ School of Music where they are lecturers in classical performance.

At Raumati Church

Sunday 5 May
2.15pm

Afterwards, meet Jian, Martin and Inbal
over light refreshments

Tickets available in April
\$20, children \$10.

“He was very much a background person”, says George. “There were some very difficult decisions to be made, and his approach was to sit down with people and quietly talk things through. He was an ideas man, and he knew how to make an idea work.

“He quietly moved things along and influenced people in the right direction: knowing people, talking to people, listening to what people were saying, and bringing his wicked sense of humour into play. We can attribute to Jack much of the success that eventually led to establishing the Kapiti Uniting Parish”.

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Kapiti Community Garden Parties

Community gardens and orchards across the Kāpiti district are celebrating with a series of parties throughout autumn. Free workshops, activities and festivities are happening in seven gardens across Kāpiti, from 8 March until 28 April 2019. It's about gardening, but also recognising the wider role community gardens can play in community building, education and encouraging local food production.

Each party is a unique reflection of the garden and its community.



The Raumati Village Community Garden, at our Raumati church, will be open on Saturday 23 March from 1 pm to 3 pm. Come and see what we are planting for winter and see how we water our garden.

<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Our-District/on-to-it/community-garden-parties/>.



Amnesty International News

Good News

Amnesty has produced a report of some of the outstanding results from their activities in 2018. Some of the main achievements are:

Nearly 7 million AI supporters took action, writing, protesting, petitioning and much more, to defend and advance human rights everywhere.

AI helped to pass 41 laws that strengthened human rights.

170 people who were unfairly imprisoned across 18 countries were released.

Amnesty played a key role in historic legislation that bans the practice of child marriage in Burkino Faso.

Take Action

To help people around the world whose human rights have been taken away go to the Amnesty International webpage: amnesty.org.nz and click on **Take Action**. The letters are written and you just have to enter your name and address for campaigns you would like to help with.

Two of the campaigns are:

Myanmar. In 2005 a 13 year old boy was kidnapped and forced to serve in the army. In 2017 he gave a radio interview about his experiences, was arrested and charged under a vague law which restricts freedom of expression, and sentenced to two years in jail. The letter to the Minister of Home Affairs calls for Aung Ko Htwe to be released immediately and for the law to be reformed to protect free speech.

Madagascar. 55% of Madagascar's prison population are pre-trial detainees, many of whom are poor and have no access to lawyers. Pregnant women and women with babies do not have access to appropriate healthcare and children have no access to education or vocational activities. People who have not been found guilty of any crime are dying in prison due to the appalling conditions.



The letter calls on the President of Madagascar to commit to ending the use of unjustified, excessive and prolonged pre-trial detention which discriminates against the poorest people, and provide humane conditions of detention.

Erice Carley

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Photos from the Parish BBQ held on Sunday 10 February at Raumati.

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