



**KAEO**  
Methodist

**UNION PARISH**  
Methodist Presbyterian  
Newsletter

**KERIKERI**  
Presbyterian

**August/September  
2018**

To be truly radical is to  
make hope possible, rather  
than despair convincing  
Raymond Williams

**GIRLS' BRIGADE AREA PARADE**



Seek, Serve & Follow Christ

*This coming Sunday*

**5 August 2018**

**10.30am**

at Cornerstone – Whare Karakia o Manako

Followed by a shared lunch: bring finger food to share (GB providing sausages for Barbecue)

Please pass the word around about this gathering of Girls' Brigades from across Northland. It will be an event to enjoy and celebrate the spirit at work in this continuing programme under the umbrella of our churches.

*This will be a parish service, with the Kaeo congregation joining in, or attending St Paul's Whangaroa if they prefer*

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

**Please write  
your annual reports now:**

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Parish Council          | Girls' Brigade              |
| Kaeo Home Group         | Kerikeri Home Group         |
| Kerikeri Bible Study    | Worship                     |
| Pastoral                | Women's Fellowship Kerikeri |
| Friday Friends Kaeo     | Prison Ministry             |
| Kaeo Property           | Church House                |
| Cornerstone Management  |                             |
| Property Planning Group |                             |

Finance Committee      Envelopes

*If you are unsure if you are responsible for writing a group's report, check with Robyn.*

Send to [admin@kkup.org.nz](mailto:admin@kkup.org.nz)  
Or hand in hard copy to Cornerstone Office

**This Week**

**KK Women's Fellowship**

**Thursday 2 August 10am**

at Lorraine's, 7 Carver Close, off Cobham Rd.

Morning tea: Lorraine

Devotions: Jenny

Theme: "Garden Beauty" bring a verse, poem, song, a personal story, a mate (be it male or female) "and a smile". You can bring something from a garden!

All welcome to a morning of fellowship and friendship.



## Robyn's Ramblings

Ko te Karaiti te pou herenga waka  
Christ is our mooring post

We give thanks for those have gone before us, even  
as we grieve their loss. Takoto rangimārie.

Huri noa ki te hunga ora, to us the living, greetings  
and blessings.

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In early June we got the news that one of the  
“youngsters” of this parish through most of the time  
I’ve been here had died suddenly – Craig Ambler.

Shock. Shock and immediately huge heartache for his  
boys that have been our boys. We feel deeply for  
Cameron, Hamish, and Duncan and we were so proud  
of them at Craig’s funeral. Such fine young men,  
already flourishing in what they are doing. Cameron  
and Hamish have been away from home following  
their own passions and we know they will continue on  
the journey they began in our company. As Luke 1:80  
puts it, to grow in strength and spirit. Some of our  
people have continued contact with them, and with  
Fiona their mum. The Kerikeri Congregation remains  
a home base for them whenever they want it and it is  
good to be able to support Duncan and their mum  
Fiona who live in Kerikeri.

It really was an honour for the parish that Craig’s  
family wanted to farewell him among us, even though  
he had moved to Whangarei. We welcomed him back  
to Kerikeri and gathered in Cornerstone – Whare  
Karakia o Manako with a large contingent of people  
who have been part of his life. We heard how the  
development of what has become Cornerstone –  
Whare Karakia o Manako was a big thing for him over  
many years. His dad Bill Ambler gave a very  
interesting perspective on building development as he  
shared snippets from his regular conversations with  
Craig. It felt like it had been of mutual benefit: what  
Craig gained from having the opportunity to part of  
this project and bring his vision and expertise to bear  
among a group of people who listened and  
appreciated what he said; and what we gained by  
having his enthusiasm, professional skills, and  
determination (at times insistent!) in our team.

Here is what I said on behalf of the parish to conclude  
the eulogies at the service:

We’ve missed you Craig since you left for work in  
Whangarei: your energy and enthusiasm in all our  
Parish Council projects and the scheming of new  
projects; the smell of the Spice Grill you had

picked up from across the road when we met at  
Kaeo.

You were on the Property Planning Group from  
the start in 2005 and we can sit here and see the  
fruition of almost all what we have envisaged  
together – the “almost” being the building next  
door. Your technical knowledge proved crucial for  
solving many of the problems we had and you  
were always a willing helper. Kaeo’s Property  
Committee can vouch for that too, with the work  
we’ve had there in mitigating the effects of  
flooding. You brought a bit of humour to meetings,  
never getting bogged down in the detail. The big  
picture always beckoned. Though there could  
also be fire in the meetings, when your  
enthusiasm overflowed a bit!

And the stories you shared at church – in the slot  
we call “symbol of God’s presence”. You spoke  
so clearly about faith and values and the work you  
were doing at the time - how they interwove. That  
surely is what it is all about.

We also heard this week about the passing of Clara  
Fa’itafa Gillanders after a long illness. Duncan and  
Clara were part of the parish for a long time, on a  
citrus orchard on Koropewa Road, until they shifted  
to the North Shore to be closer to family. Duncan was  
a valued parish councillor with long experience of  
church systems. We remember Clara’s passion for the  
Bible Society and always immaculately dressed, a  
true lady. Her funeral notice indicated that, in her  
memory, donations may be made to the Bible Society  
<https://biblesociety.org.nz/get-involved/donate/>

Remembering this is not just the good thing of  
remembering those who have died. To me, it’s totally  
relevant to live, to living now and into the future. It  
reminds us of what we hope.

For memory and hope are intimately connected. By  
remembering our people, even when memories mean  
sadness, strangely one might think, I find my spirits  
lifted. I remember what is in fact the source of our  
hope – the important things in life and the grounds for  
it all. I remember and therefore restore my hope in  
what gives life and enables and encourages more life.  
The heartbeat of the universe.

Aka\* God.

*Rangimarie Peace Shalom, Robyn*

Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps  
fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full  
of hope.

Maya Angelou

\* For those who struggle with colloquialisms, this one means

“also known as”

## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

From the meetings on 19 June and 17 July 2018.

At the June meeting we took a moment in memory of Craig Ambler, who had died earlier in the month and we prayed for Cameron, Hamish, and Duncan, and Fiona, with this great sadness and huge adjustment to their lives.

Each month the meeting hears any **Health and Safety** issues that have arisen. They have always been little things, but it is important that Parish Council carries out its role of oversight in this area and this will be reassuring to all who use our buildings. Annual building checks have been done or in process.

Module 1 of Robyn's **Study Leave** was in full sway by June with six days of classroom work in Auckland followed by road time on ambulance gathering case logs for assessment. The module is now completed and module 2 starts later in August.

Painting of the **Kaeo Church** is still being held up by the weather so the committee is checking that the quote for the job still holds. The task of replacing the Hall curtains is almost complete, with the sunscreen curtains for the Supper Room now ordered. The Kaeo committee is arranging for professional installation of the old Kerikeri speakers in the church by a local electrician. The Hall windows are now being cleaned every six months.

**Property Planning Group** continued the task of pushing for completion of the Funeral Parlour. It involved a letter to the top in the District Council which bore immediate fruit. PPG is grateful to have Bill Fenton in our corner, ensuring good communication, and negotiation when needed, between the different parties involved.

**Cornerstone Management** has arranged for twice-weekly cleaning and all are pleased with the results. It is important that all users (including us) clean up well at the conclusion of events, so we can continue to have a building that is not just welcoming for all who enter, but clean and welcoming. Covers for the piano and organ in the Worship Area are currently being made. Shifting the piano that was in the Hall (the Peggy Hawkings piano) into the meeting room has proved to be a good move, with the Singers enjoying practice time following Sunday morning tea. The children's table in the Worship Area has received a new top (using an offcut) and the Heat pumps in the Hall are working well.

The **Garden Group** have a role in planning and advice for the Funeral Parlour landscaping and a recent meeting had an onsite walk around with Angus

Brodie to consider together what will be best. A no-build covenant 16m from the near side of Funeral Parlour, required for fire regulations by NFDC, puts constraints on planting anything flammable within the zone which reaches into the Cornerstone site.

Hope Church had offered to contribute towards a TV in the Tamariki-Children's Room, which would complete the overall plan for AV/IT in the building. Linked to the camera it can relay services to those in the crèche as well as be available for visuals for children's ministry. Parish Council decided to defer a purchase at this point with the Funeral Parlour not yet bringing in income. However, subsequently, a spare TV that one of the parish councillors had in a cupboard proved to be suitable for basic functions in the interim, until funds allow a full size Smart TV to be purchased.

Administrator Suzanne Campbell is to attend for us an event in Cornerstone on 4 August called "The Shoestring Professional". It is to help churches and small businesses with event planning and execution and is led by Bronwyn Parker whose specialty is marketing (and supporting Cornerstone) and Brie Timings who works assisting churches and small groups with social media and is a member of Excite Church in Kerikeri. It is hoped that one or two others from Parish Council will be able to attend.

**Worship** committee are looking for options with an increased number of Sundays needing cover over the next year, particularly during Robyn's Study Leave. There have been very good contributions from church groups over recent times. Thanks to Kerikeri Home Group for a last minute stepping in for Jan when Robyn was already scheduled unavailable. Any other ideas – of individuals to invite or of church teams to work together – Jan will be very pleased to hear.

**Finance** committee has approved an operating budget for the coming year, which with Parish Council approval goes in with the annual accounts in preparation for the audit.

**Girls' Brigade** continues to do well, although still seeking extra support with two leaders having babies shortly. Sheryl told us about the Area Parade that we are hosting on 5 August (see front page).

Robyn's report included mention of celebrations at Te Patunga Marae for **Ada Heta's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**. Tumeke – awesome, Whaea Ada, to reach this august age. As a parish we have long connections with Te Patunga and Ian Hayes spoke of the strong working relationship with Uru and Ada over a number of decades.

We heard in June that the Whangaroa Armed Services committee will be holding a day of remembrance and reflection on **Armistice Day** (11 November, 100 years from the signing of the armistice at the end of the Great War). It is to begin with an Ecumenical Service in our Kaeo Church at 9.30am. Formalities at the Memorial Hall will be at 11am and this will be followed by an all-age community gathering in the grounds of the Kaeo Church and adjacent Council playground.

**Mission Projects: Two Community Projects** have been in process of development. “Cooking healthy food on a tight budget” had a trial run in early July, with Karen Hawtin as the tutor and the six week course gets underway on 26 July.

Brie Timings is helping us design a driver licensing programme with Tata Morgan of Te Runanga of Whaingaroa as the tutor.

These initial projects and any costs of development will likely use up remaining Presbyterian Foundation funds received last year. For the future Parish Council has decided to include funding for two Community Projects every financial year, from now on.

We continue efforts to identify feasible and effective ways to respond as a church to needs in the community – that is, **Outreach** in response to what people are reaching out for. Two councillors are currently on the task of bringing to Parish Council specifics in terms of objectives and recognised needs and practicable projects to implement. The goal is to do something and not just talk about it.

**Regional and National Churches:** We discussed in June the proposal from Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa NZ to change the way parishes contribute money to the operation of the Partner Churches (in our case Methodist and Presbyterian). Alan Robinson is on UCANZ’s Standing Committee and believes this is for the best for parishes in general even though our parish has felt no trouble with the current joint mission fund system. The new system will mean one request for money, at national and at regional level.

We also heard about proposal for a Northland Forum that will include all the Methodist and Presbyterian parishes. A handful of Presbyterian parishes have been under direct oversight of Northern Presbytery but the Presbytery have now devolved key parts of its activities to smaller areas, Northland being one of them. This aligns with the Methodist Church retaining a separate role for Northland Synod which will function alongside the Churches Together in Northland Forum. We heard in July that a meeting on 14 July had confirmed the new structure and the first new CTN Forum will be held as soon as can be arranged.

No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves.

Amelia Earhart

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



For the driver licencing programme

*Enabling people to take a step up towards livelihood and gain confidence in mixing with others*

This Community Project needs a small number of volunteers to make it happen. What it involves is what we as a church are very good at – hospitality. That is, being present, welcoming, helping serve food, and eating together, chatting with participants.

The timing for the initial programme is not yet set as we need an indication that there is crew for this task before we do.

If you are interested, get in touch with Robyn. 021 02476280 or (09)2834802 (do leave a message as it gets picked up quickly by way of a sound attachment to an email!) or [minister@kkup.org.nz](mailto:minister@kkup.org.nz)

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Psalm 138:8

... Which causes me to wonder, my own purpose on so many days as humble as the spider's, what is beautiful that I make? What is elegant? What feeds the world?

Louise Erdrich

## EVERYDAY VIRTUE

*Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honourably in all things.*

Hebrews 13:18

People frequently conflate religion with morality, as if they were the same thing. When we are children we imagine that if we are good, God will reward us. But the Christian faith insists that God loves us as we are. As Paul put it: "God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Those who are honest before God in prayer know their flaws and foibles, their various sins of commission and omission. As comedian Steven Wright so eloquently put it: "A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory."

Still, we humans are capable of great kindness, decency and noble acts of courage. And, though religion isn't morality, religion can and should foster it.

For a society to function humanely there needs to be widespread commitment to what I call "everyday virtue." To "act honourably" towards others is needed now more than ever. One only needs to read the comments section on practically any post in social media to know how viciously mean we can be toward one another.

New information technologies make communicating around the globe easier, but with them have come a coarsening of public discourse. It is easier to fling harsh and hurtful words anonymously across an electronic medium than it is face to face.

The world would be a better place if we all tried to exercise everyday virtue: to watch our words, to tell the truth, to do the right thing and to strive to have a clear conscience.

Richard L. Floyd, *Still Speaking Devotional*,  
United Church of Christ, USA

## THOUGHTS FROM THE METHODIST GENERAL SECRETARY

*David Bush was en route to the World Methodist Council in South Korea when he and his wife Lynda visited Japan. He makes this comment:*

The gardens of the imperial palace have significant stone walls as part of the protection for those who lived in the palace. These walls were built at around the same time the Incas were building large stone structures. The size of the stones and the precision are very similar. However some walls were quite different, with irregular rather than rectangular blocks of stone. These were not secondary walls where the builders used up the scraps, rather they were an integral part of the systems of defence.

It is perhaps too simple to say this reflects the structure of a strong community. Where every person has a place and community would be diminished if any person was excluded. The reality is that it is not simple. Growing Nationalism and tribalism have radically effected elections in Europe. The Church is also strongly affected. Consider how people are sidelined due to the way they express their faith, or people are excluded because of the way others interpret the bible.

I was left with a question. Are we only building with regular rectangles, or do we fit and mould so everyone finds a place of strength to belong?

The Methodist Church advised this month of the passing of Sonny Livingstone, a probationer with Te Taha Māori. Matua Sonny participated in the opening of Cornerstone–Whare Karakia o Manako, alongside Rev Keita Hotere, at the dawn blessing and planting the Te Taha Māori tree.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### August 5

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Ephesians 4:1-16

### August 12

2 Samuel 18:5-9,15, 31-33

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

### August 19

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

### August 26

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11),22-30,41-43

Ephesians 6:10-20

### September 2

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

James 1:17-27

### Pentecost 11

Psalms 51:1-12

John 6:24-35

### Pentecost 12

Psalms 130

John 6:35, 41-51

### Pentecost 13

Psalms 111

John 6:51-58

### Pentecost 14

Psalms 84

John 6:56-69

### Pentecost 15

Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

### September 9

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

James 2:1-10,(11-13),14-17

### Sept.16

Proverbs 1:20-33

James 3:1-12

### Sept 23

Proverbs 31:10-31

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

### Sept 30

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

James 5:13-20

### October 7

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

### Pentecost 16

Psalms 125

Mark 7:24-37

### Pentecost 17

Psalms 19

Mark 8:27-38

### Pentecost 18

Psalms 1

Mark 9:30-37

### Pentecost 19

Psalms 124

Mark 9:38-50

### Pentecost 20

Psalms 26

Mark 10:2-16

# CALENDAR

**SUNDAY SERVICES: 9.30am Kerikeri** Worship at Cornerstone – Whare Karakia o Manako, Kerikeri  
**11.15am Kaeo** Worship at Wesleydale Memorial Church, Leigh Street, Kaeo  
 Communion on the second Sundays, with lunch following the Kaeo service

**CAR BOOT SALES:** On the second and fourth Saturdays in the grounds of Cornerstone, Kerikeri, in the Hall if wet. Contact Mary 407 1117 or carboot@kkup.org.nz.

**Kerikeri Girls' Brigade** contact Jodie 407 8353 or gb@kkup.org.nz

**Kaeo Home Group** second and fourth Monday evenings of month, contact Alan 405 0688

**Kerikeri Home Group Plans for 2018** contact Michelle 02041686931.

**Bible Study Group** most Mondays 1.15-2.30pm, in Cornerstone

**Kerikeri Retirement Village Chapel Services:** Every Sunday at 4.00pm at the Ted Robinson Chapel.

## AUGUST

Thursday 2	10.00am	KK Women's Fellowship at Lorraine's, 7 Carver Close, off Cobham Rd.
Monday 6	10.00am	Cornerstone Management Committee meets
Thursday 9	1.30pm	Worship Committee meets at Cornerstone
Friday 24	11.00am	Communion at Kauri Lodge
Sunday 26		<i>Morning services led by Kerikeri Pastoral Team</i>
	4.00pm	Communion at Ted Robinson Chapel
Tuesday 28	7.00pm	Parish Council meets at Kerikeri

## SEPTEMBER

Thursday 6	10.00am	KK Women's Fellowship meets at Cornerstone
Tuesday 18	7.00pm	Parish Council meets at Kaeo
Friday 21		<b>Material for Oct/Nov newsletter due</b> (available 30 September)
Sunday 23	4.00pm	Communion at Ted Robinson Chapel
Friday 28	11.00am	Communion at Kauri Lodge

The Bay of Islands Singers **Sacred Music down the Ages** at St John the Baptist Church  
 Waimate North Sunday 19 August 2018 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Limited seated. Tickets [CASH ONLY] at  
 Paper Plus, Kerikeri. To reserve seats for door sales phone 09 4028944

## KERIKERI SUNDAY ROSTERS

	<i>Door and Tea Duty</i>	<i>Communion Prep</i>	<i>Readers</i>
August 5	Rilla and Jan		Jean Andrewes
August 12	Gage and John	Rilla and Ngaire	Jan Gough
August 19	Arlene and Lloyd		Bob Tayler
August 26	Trevor and Ngaire		Akisi Renner
Sept 2	Mary and Christina		Mary Fenton
Sept 9	Bev and Bob	Arlene and Lloyd	Michelle
Sept 16	Elaine and Ian		Helen Norman
Sept 23	Michelle and Akisi		Ngaire Allwood
Sept 30	Jan and Rilla		Ros Simpson

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