



		
KAEO	UNION PARISH	KERIKERI
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2018**

The measure of a country's
greatness is its ability to retain
compassion in times of crisis.
Thurgood Marshall

ANNUAL MEETING 2018

Our annual parish get together for the
Annual Meeting will be on

Sunday 14 October
at our Kaeo Church
10.30am Parish Service
11.30am Annual Meeting
To follow Share Lunch

All members and interested friends are
welcome. Come and enjoy the fellowship of
our combined communities in an historic
place for our parish heritage.

Wesleydale Memorial Church was built as a
centennial memorial to the Wesleyan Mission
in Kaeo. The bicentennial will be in 2022,
which makes the Kaeo Church 96 years old!



Next year the Wesley Historical Society is
marking 200 years since the Wesleyan
missionaries first visited the area with a view
to establishing a mission.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE



An Inter-faith Experience

Sunday 14 October to

Sunday 21 October 2018

Cornerstone – Whare Karakia o Manako

144 Kerikeri Road, Kerikeri

30 minute Services each day at 5.30pm

With a shared meal following the final service
on 21 October

***Led by different faith groups within
the Kerikeri community***

*Bringing people of different faiths
together for the shared purpose of
praying for World Peace*

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth
Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust
Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe

IN LOVING MEMORY

31.08.2018 Wes Martin, resident of Kerikeri

It was with much love that we helped Wes' daughters Deirdre and Andrea lead the farewell service in Cornerstone. We, dear friend of our Jean, we will miss you too.

15.09.2018 David Andrews, resident of Kamo Rest Home

David Andrews was a member of the Kerikeri congregation for a number of years. As a Parish Councillor he used to entertain us with tales of his chooks and the mischief they got into. The newspaper notice read: "Passed away peacefully with his dog Lizzie by his side".

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.

The wound is the place where the Light enters you.

Rumi

Robyn's Ramblings

Something got me thinking again about shame.

There's an important link between shame and mental health. Also shame is experienced by a wide range of ordinary people.

In some cultures shame is the reverse of honour. In other cultures, in particular the main culture I've lived within, it is the reverse of success.

I got to understand this most poignantly as a minister in farming communities. The unholy trinity of weather, markets, and government makes farming a very vulnerable occupation. It takes a lot of trust to keep going in what is more a way of life than a job, living with so many variables. (It does mean that farmers overall have a good idea what faith is about even if they are not part of organised religion.)

It's also a line of work that requires almost constant adapting to the circumstances and, in recent decades that has needed to include innovation and thinking outside the box. Once upon a time (it seems) it was simple: supply the primary produce (meat, wool, milk) and the world will buy it. The world changed.

Central to this culture that has shame as the reverse of success is the idea of blame. Whose fault is it when something goes wrong? Whose fault when the potato crop fails? Whose fault when the price of kiwi fruit

crashes? Whose fault when drought carries on longer than usual, at the same time as a drop in world markets, and a high exchange rate? Whose fault when the company you work for goes into receivership?

And another one: whose fault when health fails? Am I poor at looking after myself? Am I now a useless person.

Strangely, the habit is to see any kind of failure that we are part of our own fault. Or, in the language of shame, to be ashamed of being part of something that fails. Shouldn't we have seen it coming? Shouldn't we have made different choices?

We should have got it right. We didn't and as a result we withdraw into ourselves. We can't face other people: they'll be talking about us; they'll rate us as failures, which can have an impact on attitudes to anything one tries in the future.

So shame leads to losing connection with others and, as a result, losing perspective on one's situation. There's no chance to talk about what's going on, to discover there are others in the same boat, or to do something different – have some fun, relax and enjoy company. No wonder depression, and suicide, are such big issues in this culture.

Interestingly the book of Joel addressed exactly this kind of situation. What had hit the land was drought, locusts, and an invasion: in our time, weather problems, disease (e.g M. Bovis), and external pressures, financial or political. "Their joy is put to shame," says Joel. That's how it is.

The remedy? "Turn to God and lament." That is, get out, get together, speak about what's happening. Don't hold it to yourself, but put it out there in the shared space we call God. Find community again, that is find the spiritual in our midst, a safe place in which to be ourselves and know we have nothing to be ashamed of.

Apparently social connections are a significant factor in alleviating post-traumatic stress and ensuring resilience to the uncontrollables of living.

Church is this social connection, with a really strong foundation.

Rangimarie Peace Shalom, Robyn

The older I get, the more I'm conscious of ways very small things can make a change in the world. Tiny little things, but the world is made up of tiny matters, isn't it?

Sandra Cisneros

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

From the meetings on 28 August and 18 September 2018.

Community Projects: two have been in progress and another is in the advertising phase.

The **Cooking Class** was enjoyed by those involved, but the numbers were less than expected and not the target group hoped. Help promised with encouraging some in the target group to attend proved not forthcoming.

Being Well: An Integral Journey to Healing is being led by Imago Inocente, one of our extended family, and is for people living with chronic conditions. It will run for six weeks and is being very well received by participants.

Driver Licence Courses were approved by Parish Council at the August meeting and advertising for the Learner's Licence Course on 15-17 October is now underway, through social media, contacts in other churches, a contact at WINZ, and individuals spreading the word. Applications are being received and selection will be made on the basis of need and the benefit to be gained for livelihood and social well-being. Brie Timings, a social media expert and a member of Excite Church, is assisting. Tata Morgan of Kaeo will be leading the course and we are providing hospitality by way of morning and afternoon teas and lunches and company during these breaks.

Ngairé Allwood has joined the **Kerikeri Pastoral Team**. Name badges are being arranged for team members to help with their visiting by clearly identifying they come from the Union Church.

Cornerstone Management keeps council members up to date with what's happening in the building, with bookings continuing to flow in and little tasks needing to be attended to.

The **Garden Group** is overseeing landscaping for the Funeral Home site. A group who will be in town for a DOC CITES¹ meeting have offered to give some voluntary time to us and, weather permitting, they will be planting trees on the morning 3 October.

Kaeo Property reported that all the new curtains are now installed and painting of the church is underway. There is a concern, yet again, about the rain because a cherry picker will need to be brought on site to clean and then paint the steeple. Here's hoping ground conditions are suitable.

Property Planning Group: has reported the final stages for completing the Funeral Parlour, plans for landscaping (handed to the Garden Group to carry out), and a sign to mark Fairy Pools Lane, the name FNDC agreed for the reserve track on which we have an easement to our properties. We are working with Scotts Funeral Services to have signage at the entrance that points to their business as well as to Cornerstone and to the Union Church. Final details regarding the tenancy are being attended to and when that is done the Deed of Lease can be signed by the tenant and the Methodist Church on our behalf. A Dawn Blessing was held on 21 September, which clears the way for the tenants to move in and begin operations as soon as the lease is signed.

Girls' Brigade had a very successful Area Parade at our place in Kerikeri on 5 August. We took the chance as a parish to surprise Sheryl with a big thank you alongside Brigade's recognition of her long service. In September they held their annual Fathers' Day BBQ at Aranga Park. Unfortunately the structure used for this is being demolished so this will be the last such event. Unless they rebuild something similar elsewhere in the accommodation complex.

An **Inter-Faith Working Group** has got underway in Kerikeri and is planning this year's Week of Prayer for World Peace. It was hoped to hold it at another venue this year, to start a routine of sharing it around, but unfortunately the timing was not right for three possible options. So it will be at our place again, daily 5.30pm prayer times beginning on 14 October. (see p.1 for notice)

Ecumenical/Inter-Faith activity in the Whangaroa District includes a combined service scheduled for our church to mark the centennial of the World War 1 Armistice on 11 November.

The first **CTN Forum**, under the new structure, will take place on 27.10.2018 with Rev Dr Steve Taylor, Principal of Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership speaking on Leadership. His title is "Mission in the rural and rugged". Feel free to attend if you are interested, as this Forum is open to all.

Robyn's **Study Leave** is now in Module 2 phase, with classroom work in early October. The course has four modules and will end in July/August next year. The August meeting approved some holiday breaks through to early next year, catching up on family as well as a summer break in the south and a lake holiday at Tarawera.

¹ Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of

Wild Fauna and Flora

KERIKERI HOME GROUP END OF YEAR PLANS

To give thanks and celebrate all that we are being blessed with on our journey through this year, Home Group are holding a Christmas Dinner on Friday 30 November at Cornerstone–Whare Karakia o Manako.

The speaker for this is Robert Siakimotu, the international president of Open Air Campaigners. He is Nuiean by birth and both Robert and his wife Laisa are graduates of the Fiji Bible College of Theology and Evangelism.

The meal starts at 6.30pm and will be Pot Luck. That is, bring a meal dish (main and/or dessert) to share.

Home Group is pleased that the worship committee responded positively to the suggestion Robert speak at the service on the following Sunday.

This service on Sunday 2 December will be a combined parish end of year gathering, starting at the usual Kerikeri time of 9.30am. There will be a shared brunch to follow – bring food to share.

Invitations have gone to other groups to attend. We hope they can come and we are very much looking forward to these events.

Michelle Tupou

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 13:13
Love doesn't just sit there, like a stone, it has to be made, like bread; remade all the time, made new.

Ursula K. Le Guin

Verse and Voice of the Day, Sojourners

LIVE-STREAM FUNERAL FOR AN OLD FRIEND

Bill Fenton had the idea and what a good idea it was.

Several elderly Kerikeri folk thought we might transport them down to the funeral for Dulcie Dennes in Meadowbank, Auckland. Dulcie Darling, as she was known (she called everyone “darling”), was a former resident of Kerikeri.



To travel meant an overnight trip as the funeral was at 3pm.

That would be inconvenient for some and I had a commitment at 9am the next morning getting ready for the Cooking Class. Also there were too many people wanting a ride down and it was beyond what some of the older folk could manage.

Bill established from Sibun’s Funeral Director it could be live streamed to Cornerstone, then contacted the family who thought it was a great idea. A go-ahead for us!

Robyn easily negotiated her way to the link that had been emailed to Bill and she found appropriate music playing while people arrived. A countdown clock showed on the link to tell how many minutes until the service commenced and once we were at 10 minutes before, the connection came through sound and a visual of the front of the chapel (see photo).

We created an “In Loving Memory” sheet for those present to sign and leave a comment for the family.

Our Worship Area was warmly commended by those who came. After watching the service, we retired to the Hall for a chat and refreshments. Anecdotes were shared.

Live-streaming is clearly something to be utilised and promoted in the future. The first experiment worked so well. It showed what was possible and gave us ideas for making it even better, almost as good as the real thing.



In future we would ask for an emailed copy of the Order of Service to print and be able to follow the service (maybe even sing along!). We could ask if it is possible to arrange a notice in the local paper, or an add-on to the family notice.

With developments in technology perhaps one day we would be able to have a two-way streaming, with people at our end contributing to the service.

Mary Fenton

BLESSED BEFORE DAWN

5am Friday 21 September: excitement displaced tiredness in a gathering to bless the new Funeral Home for Scotts, the place that's been in our dreaming and scheming for many years.

There were parish members, representatives of church and faith, Garry, Angus, and Fiona from Scotts, and of course our tangata whenua, Sid Kingi and Nau Epiha. We were delighted that Kipa Munro of Ngati Rehia and resident kaitiaki of Rewa's Village also attended.

The scheduled time was obviously before dawn, but that's the process. The time for blessing is ata hāpara, before the first light of day.

And what an experience that is. After a briefing from Matua Nau, we began the walk down the hill. In the almost dark (a bit of light from street lights on the bypass) and the almost silence (the clomping of our feet on the concrete road) and intent on the occasion, thoughts turned to the building, what it will be as well as all the journey to get to this point.

Nau led us, speaking his karakia through each part of the building all the way to the most tapu space – where the staff attend to those who have died. In the chapel Matua Sid concluded the tikanga Māori then we shared our church and Baha'i prayers. Kipa Munro brought greetings and thanks to the kaumatua and Garry Looker also expressing gratitude for what he saw as a very important occasion for Scotts.

Nau has gifted us with a name for the building – Te Taumata o Te Ao. The pinnacle of the world. It is the pinnacle of this world's journey for those who have died and a significant place of pause for those who gather to remember them.



LECTIONARY READINGS

October 7

Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

October 14

Job 23:1-8, 15-17
Hebrews 4:12-16

October 21

Job 38:1-7,(34-41)
Hebrews 5:1-10

October 28

Job 42:1-6,10-17
Hebrews 7:23-28

November 4

Ruth 1:1-18
Hebrews 9:11-14

Pentecost 20

Psalm 26
Mark 10:2-16

Pentecost 21

Psalm 22:1-15
Mark 10:17-31

Pentecost 22

Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c
Mark 10:35-45

Pentecost 23

Psalm 34:1-8,(19-22)
Mark 10:46-52

Pentecost 24

Psalm 146
Mark 12:28-34

November 11

Ruth 3:1-5,4:13-17
Hebrews 9:24-28

November 18

1 Samuel 1:4-29 1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14,(15-18),19-25 Mark 13:1-8

November 25

2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12 or Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8

December 2

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

December 9

Bar 5:1-9 or Mal 3:1-4
Philippians 1:3-11

Pentecost 25

Psalm 127
Mark 12:38-44

Pentecost 26

1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 16
Mark 13:1-8

Reign of Christ

John 18:33-37

Advent 1

Psalm 25:1-10
Luke 21:25-36

Advent 2

Luke 1:68-79
Luke 3:1-6

KERIKERI SUNDAY ROSTERS

	<i>Door and Tea Duty</i>	<i>Communion Prep</i>	<i>Readers</i>
<i>October 7</i>	Arlene and Lloyd		Jessica Scott
<i>October 14</i>	(Kaeo for AGM)	Lyn and Michelle	Neil Scott
<i>October 21</i>	Bev and Bob		Kay Blunkell
<i>October 28</i>	Elaine and Ian		Marie Cannon
<i>November 4</i>	Mary and Christina	Lorraine and Brian	Diane Paterson
<i>November 11</i>	Gage and John		Jan Gough
<i>November 18</i>	Trevor and Ngaire		Lloyd Purdie
<i>November 25</i>	Michelle and Akisi		Bob Tayler
<i>December 2</i>	Jan and Rilla		Akisi Renner
<i>December 9</i>	Arlene and Lloyd	Helen and Ros	Mary Fenton

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 14 October, 5 November, and 9 December

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 1.15-2.45pm, in Cornerstone

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

OCTOBER

Monday 1 11.00am Cornerstone Management Committee meets
Thursday 4 10.00am KK Women's Fellowship at Jan's
Friday 5 6.30pm Kerikeri Home Group meets at Bev and Bob's
Sunday 7 Old Favourites Music Service at both churches
Thursday 11 1.30pm Worship Committee meets at Cornerstone

Sunday 14 10.30am PARISH SERVICE AND AGM at Kaeo, with Lunch to follow
(no service at Kerikeri). All welcome, bring lunch food to share.

4.00pm Communion at Ted Robinson Chapel
Tuesday 23 7.00pm Parish Council meets at Kerikeri
Friday 26 11.00am Communion at Kauri Lodge
Sunday 28 *Morning services led by Beverley Deverell*

NOVEMBER

Thursday 1 11.00am KK Women's Fellowship meets at Cornerstone
Monday 5 10.00am Cornerstone Management Committee meets
Sunday 11 9.30am **Whangaroa Community Combined Service for Armistice Centennial**
in our Kaeo church
Tuesday 20 7.00pm Parish Council meets at Kaeo
Friday 30 11.00am Communion at Kauri Lodge
6.30pm Kerikeri Home Group Christmas Dinner at Cornerstone, open invitation to all
(see notice on p.4)
Material for Dec/Jan newsletter due (available 9 December)

DECEMBER

Sunday 2 9.30am Parish End of Year Social at Kerikeri, beginning with Service featuring Home Group's visiting speaker Robert Siakimotu (no service at Kaeo)

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