






KAEO **UNION PARISH** **KERIKERI**



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Newsletter



**December 2018/
January 2019**

The morning glories and the sunflowers turn naturally toward the light, but we have to be taught, it seems.

Fr Richard Rohr

A VERITABLE CHRISTMAS FEAST IN OUR COMMUNITIES

at Cornerstone-Whare Karakia o Manako

at Wesleydale Memorial Church

The Bay of Islands Singers
Community Christmas Carols
Cornerstone- Whare Karakia o Manako
The Corner Kerikeri Rd & Heritage Bypass

St Andrews Singers,
Service of
Nine Lessons and Carols
14th December 2018
7pm



6.00 - 7.00pm

Wed 12th Dec 2018

Please note NEW VENUE



FREE ADMISSION

KOHA for WOMANS REFUGE appreciated



**CAROLS
IN THE
CHURCHYARD**
21 DECEMBER 2018, 7PM
KAEO UNION CHURCHYARD
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OUR CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

9pm in Kerikeri

A time to wind down and reflect, to ponder and pray, to let the true spirit of the season take hold.

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.15am in Kerikeri 10.30am in Kaeo

A Short Service of Celebration with Carols and Readings and Prayerfulness

IN LOVING MEMORY

10.11.2018 Pat Scott, of Kerikeri Retirement Village Rest Home

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.

At this time of the year, let us also have in mind those who have lost loved ones in the last year and approach Christmas with a very different feel from every other year.

The loving and remembering continues all the days of our own lives.

Robyn's Ramblings

Love is the big booming beat which covers up the noise of hate.

Margaret Cho

Do you know when it is your head speaking and when it is your heart speaking when you say something? Reacting to something that happens or responding to someone else's comments, where do your words or actions come from?

Joy Cowley has a poem in *Aotearoa Psalms* called Head and Heart.

Head said: "I am logic. I am structure. I am the stake which supports the young plant."
Heart said: "I am love. I am mystery. I am the creative force of life."

Not surprisingly they got into an argument ending up going to God to ask to be separated. God's answer: "Not even God can do that."

They belong together, but their problem is finding peace together because they are so different.

We need both – head thinking and heart feeling – but there's a big problem when they talk at cross purposes. For example, when one person is speaking from the heart and the one who replies to them speaks from the head.

"I don't want things to change". That's the heart speaking. So will it help to put the case, clearly and logically, that it can't be helped? That change needs to happen, that change is part of life, etc. etc.

And round the other way round. If someone is expressing their thoughts and trying to be rational in

doing so, there's little gain in responding with feelings only. Much better to say something like: "I hear your argument, but I need to simply say, not what I think, but what I feel."

The most important thing is to recognise the difference. To recognise it in ourselves and in other people. Then there's a chance we can communicate. Not at cross purposes, but directly heart to heart and head to head.

God's advice to Head and Heart in Joy Cowley's poem is:

Respect each other. Nurture each other.
Help each other to be equal.

Then peace will come more and more – inside ourselves as well as in our relating with others.

Rangimarie Peace Shalom, Robyn

UNDIVIDED ATTENTION

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. Mark 13:35

My daughter is two-and-a-half and still not talking much. To ease her frustration we've taught her signs for words like "milk" and "clean up," and she's created her own signs for the things she really wants, like "music" and "animal crackers."

Nonverbal communication is more demanding than speech. I can't passively listen to her while focusing on something else. And she knows it.

When she has something to say and my head is turned away from her in conversation with someone else or (too often) in communion with my iPhone, she places her hand on my cheek and steers my face toward hers until she knows she has my undivided attention.

God's Beloved Community, too, requires our focus. We've been given work to do in this interim time—the work of justice and peace—and it won't accept less than our all.

Advent is a season for having our gaze gently but firmly redirected. A time to abandon all the shiny distractions that have turned our heads. A call to give our undivided attention to the one who is arriving any minute now, the one who has something vitally important to communicate to us, the one who will not be ignored.

Prayer

Speak Lord, your servant is watching.

Vince Amlin, *Stillspeaking Daily Devotional*, United Church of Christ USA http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

From the meetings on 23 October and 20 November 2018.

New members Christina Chong and Eleanor Hawkes were welcomed to their first meeting in October, along with a welcome back to Neil Scott. The Council is functioning without an appointed minute secretary (Ngairé Allwood continues with the official role for the purposes of signing documents), so Mary Fenton kindly agreed to take minutes at the October meeting, as did Alan Robinson at the November meeting.

We heard that the **Week of Prayer for World Peace** flowed well at Cornerstone and we look forward to another group taking a turn to host it next year.

Correspondence received included a letter from David Stringer with a proposal for a workshop to assist the development of parishes. Parish Council advised him to take the proposal to the new Churches Together in Northland Forum work group for their consideration.

Name Badges for the Kerikeri congregation were proposed and the idea checked out with congregation members between the October and November meetings. Approval to go ahead was given in November.

Community Projects: final reports on the Cooking Course and Being Well workshops were presented, along with details of costs. A report on the Learner Driver's Licence course, with costs, was also presented, with the expectation that the Restricted and Full Licence course will take place in the new year. The Cooking Class didn't manage to draw in the target demographic but it was worthwhile in any case. The Being Well course was very valuable for participants and it's hoped the leader, Imago Inocente, will be able to repeat it at some point. The Driver's Licence Course was a good start and is definitely something to repeat, with more effort made to get in contact with those most in need, e.g. through WINZ.

Cornerstone Management reported that Jessica Scott has stepped down as a volunteer host on Tuesdays, although is willing to fill in for Mary Fenton when she is absent. Jessica is doing sterling work in other areas, particularly pastoral. Parish Council agreed that the Community Carols on 12 December, being held at Cornerstone because the Turner Centre is hosting the NZ Ballet, will be hosted by us (i.e. free of charge). The Council also agreed to a reduced cost for the first aid training relocated from the Ambulance Station on 27 October. Robyn is Chaplain for St John in Northland and this relocation

was needed to assist with the large gathering in Kerikeri that day for the funeral of Dion Hodder the St John cadet who had died of meningococcal disease.

The **Garden Group** conveyed a big thanks to Brian Stewart for ongoing care of the grounds. A card is being sent to Warren Baker expressing our gratitude for his assistance in choosing plants for the Funeral Home grounds and donating nine large trees.

Kaero Property reported that the painting had stopped but was due to start again when the weather permits. There are a couple of issues that need looking at: cleaning the filter for the water tank and getting the overflow on the water boiler fixed.

Property Planning Group: reported yet again that the Council had some issues to work through, this time regarding the Resource Consent. Parish Council gave their full support to Bill Fenton for the plan of action to attend to these and the official Opening of the home by Scotts Funeral Services is happening according to their plans on 4 December.

Girls' Brigade scheduled their final night for Thursday 22 November, with badges and awards being handed out.

Armistice Day was marked in Kerikeri and Kaero with the Kerikeri congregation joining worship at St James' prior to the RSA service held there at 11am and Kaero participating in the Whangaroa Church and RSA Services and dedication of a plaque at the RSA. This completes the work of the Whangaroa Armed Services Commemorations, which began in April 2015. During the commemorations pennants were made for those from the district who died in World War 1 (blessed in 2015) and in World War 2 (blessed in 2017). The pennants are stored in our Kaero church building in the meantime until a suitable place can be found with the RSA.

Regarding **Partnerships/ Whakawhanaungatanga**, the November meeting expressed a wish that there be a shared service with Hope Church as soon as can be arranged. 27 January is the date that would suit them and us so arrangements are being made to do that.

Robyn reported on attending the opening and first day of the Pacific Conference of Churches five yearly Assembly in Auckland at the end of October. She attended on behalf of the International Rural Churches Association. **Study Leave** is progressing well, the main problem being that it is not easy to be "off-duty" from parish commitments. Module 3 on-line learning begins in December with classroom work in early February.

At the Annual meeting the matter of **Future Planning** was raised. Parish Council heard details of the Stationing process, with a Parish Profile to be put together by May 2019 as we have already advised the Methodist Church that we are seeking a new minister for 2020. The Rev Mary Nicholas has agreed to facilitate the planning for this profile and a small group has met with her to get things underway. See the notice below for details of a **Workshop** following a parish service on Sunday 10 February.

Also in consideration is planning to sustain any current mission we wish to continue, in particular our mission of providing community space with a spiritual heart through our buildings in Kerikeri and Kaeo. Robyn has been collating ideas from people to divide up tasks. It is becoming clear that to sustain our mission, and allow a new minister to bring different gifts and skills, we will need to spend money on wages for some key roles.

WORKSHOP ON OUR FUTURE AS A PARISH

All members and friends of the parish are invited to participate in planning our future together, prior to the Methodist Church's search on our behalf for a new minister.

Sunday 10 February at 9.30am

in Cornerstone – Whare Karakia o Manako, Kerikeri

beginning with Worship, including Communion, led by Rev Mary Nicholas.

Mary is a Methodist minister, resident in Whangarei and recently retired from St John's Golden Church. She has been involved with us previously in the ministry appointment review in 2013 and shared a dialogue sermon with Robyn back on 28 January this year.

Mary will facilitate the Workshop which we consider:

What is our story of ministry and mission to this point?

Who are we – the Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Parish – as community of faith?

What will be our focus for the future?

MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW

and start thinking and talking together about these questions

“A JOYOUS FEAST”

The Kerikeri Home Group, with support from Kaeo Home Group hosted a wonderful end of year gathering at Cornerstone on Friday 30 November. Thank you, Michelle and Team!



A NEW GARDEN IS BORN

Over recent months and weeks the Garden Group have been working hard to design a colourful attractive garden surrounding the new Funeral Home.

Three members received advice as to the best nurseries to acquire the various varieties of shrubs and trees and then spent most of the day buying them. My front lawn looked very much like a nursery once they were all taken off the truck waiting to be planted.

We had been offered the help of seven DOC people for a short time on 3 October, in Kerikeri for a CITES* meeting. At 8am on that day church members armed with wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes and full of enthusiasm arrived.

To our great disappointment the top soil had not been delivered or our bark brought up from the spare section next door. Although the Garden Group had hired a post hole borer it was like boring through rock - a bone shaking job for the man using it.

The DOC workers arrived at 9am and set to work planting.

Some church ladies provided a sumptuous and plentiful morning tea so tables and chairs were set up outside in the beautiful warm sunshine. The workers were called and while they ate and drank they were given information of the history of our church etc.

One of the DOC workers, a woman who came from Christchurch, was very interested to hear about our history and climate.

Unfortunately, we couldn't finish the job so had to send people away early. We continued on 16 October with the help of a tractor and silage bin behind. Many willing hands worked until 2pm to finish the job, before sitting down to a much needed lunch.

We are very grateful to Warren Baker nurseries who donated us nine lovely large trees. The Garden Group would like to thank everyone who helped, a satisfying job well done. Thank you all.

Lorraine Stewart

* Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

LECTIONARY READINGS

December 9 Bar 5:1-9 or Mal 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11	Advent 2 Luke 1:68-79 Luke 3:1-6	January 13 Isaiah 43:-1-7 Acts 8:14-17	Epiphany 1 Psalm 29 Luke 3:15-17,21-22
December 16 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7	Advent 3 Isaiah 12:2-6 Luke 3:7-18	January 20 Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Epiphany 2 Psalm 36:5-10 John 2:1-11
December 23 Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews 10:5-10	Advent 4 Psalm 80:1-7 Luke 1:39-45(46-55)	January 27 Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,6-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Epiphany 3 Psalm 19 Luke 4:14-21
December 30 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26 Colossians 3:12-17	Christmas 1 Psalm 148 Luke 2:41-52	February 3 Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Epiphany 4 Psalm 71:1-6 Luke 4:21-30
January 6 Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12	Epiphany Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 Matthew 2:1-12	February 10 Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Epiphany 5 Psalm 136 Luke 5:1-11

KERIKERI SUNDAY ROSTERS

	<i>Door and Tea Duty</i>	<i>Communion Prep</i>	<i>Readers</i>
<i>December 9</i>	Arlene and Lloyd	Helen and Ros	Mary Fenton
<i>December 16</i>	Gage and John		Michelle
<i>December 23</i>	Mary and Christina		Helen Norman
<i>December 30</i>	Trevor and Ngaire		Akisi Renner
<i>January 6</i>	Elaine and Ian		Ros Simpson
<i>January 13</i>	Jan and Rilla	Bev and Bob	Jessica Scott
<i>January 20</i>	Arlene and Lloyd		Neil Scott
<i>January 27</i>	Michelle and Akisi		Kay Blunkell
<i>February 3</i>	Bev and Bob		Marie Cannon
<i>February 10</i>	Elaine and Ian	Rilla and Jan	Diane Paterson

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 9 December, 13 January, and 10 February

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** will restart 21 February

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

Kerikeri Home Group Plans for 2019 contact **Michelle 02041686931**.

Bible Study Group most Mondays 1.15-2.45pm, in Cornerstone, final for year on Monday 17 December

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

DECEMBER

Wednesday 12 6.00pm **COMMUNITY CAROLS** led by Bay of Islands Singers in Cornerstone – Whare Karakia o Manako

Friday 14 7.00pm **Nine Lessons and Carols** led by the St Andrew's Singers from Mangonui in the Kaeo Church

Tuesday 18 7.00pm Parish Council meets at Kerikeri

Friday 21 7.00pm **CAROLS IN THE CHURCHYARD** community event in Kaeo Church grounds

Sunday 23 4.00pm Union Church led Communion at Ted Robinson Chapel

Friday 28 11.00am Communion at Kauri Lodge

JANUARY 2019

Friday 18 11.00am Communion at Kauri Lodge

Friday 25 **Material for Feb/March newsletter due** (available 3 February)

Sunday 27 **10.00am COMBINED SERVICE WITH HOPE CHURCH** at Cornerstone; shared light lunch to follow

4.00pm Union Church led Communion at Ted Robinson Chapel

February

Monday 4 11.00am Cornerstone Management Committee meets

Sunday 10 9.30am Parish Service led by Rev Mary Nicholas followed by **WORKSHOP ON OUR FUTURE AS A PARISH** (looking towards appointing a new minister for 2020 onwards.) Shared Lunch to conclude

Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. 1 Corinthians 14:1

The task of prophetic ministry is to nurture, nourish, and evoke a consciousness and perception alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us. Walter Brueggemann

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