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Set out, pilgrims. Set out into the freedom and the wandering. Find your people. God is much bigger, wilder, more generous, and more wonderful than you imagined.

Sarah Bessey

IN LOVING MEMORY

11.12.2018 Edward Te Rangihiwini (Hiwi) Tauroa

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

As announced by whanau to the local community:

Tākiri tū, ē!
Tangi rere, ē!

Tangi tīwarawara ana a te kōtīhitihi o Tangitū. Papahoro ana ngā tahataha kia karekare te moana o Whangaroa. Kua pari te tai ki ngā takutai katoa o Te Taitokerau whānui tonu.

E te taniwha hikuroa kua hūtia nei e te ringa kaha o aituā, hāere nunumi atu rā, ē!

E topatopa ana te manu tiutiu ki runga te tīhi o Taratara, ka titiro mai ai ki ō rahi e mahue atu nei, e tangi nei. E te kaiwhakakake i te mana rangatira o Whangaroa, e te kaiwhakatāiri o te mana taketake o Te Ao Māori, e te nanakia o te whīra whutupōro; haere atu rā ki te mūnga o te manomano, i te pō tē kitea. Te Rangihiwini, kua taka.

Former Race Relations Conciliator Hiwi Tauroa (CMG, JP) age 91, passed away peacefully on 11 December 2018 surrounded by his whānau.

Matua Hiwi was a man of many gifts and held a great number of roles in his time including principal, coach, lay-priest, scholar, politician and leader. A prominent figure in the North he leaves behind an impressive legacy of achievements in the pursuit of excellence and preservation of Te Ao Māori, and an advocate for the promotion of self-determination for his people in Whangaroa.

Much loved husband and poppa, Matua Hiwi leaves behind a committed wife of 60 years, six children, 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

ANAMNESIS

He took bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper. Luke 22:19-20

When Christians talk about Communion, we say it's a remembrance of Jesus, a memorial. Which is true, and scriptural, but also slightly misleading, as if what we're doing at the Table is reminiscing, like you would at a family wake or a school reunion.

But in the gospel's original Greek, the word for remembrance is stronger, edgier—*anamnesis*—literally, "against amnesia." Remembering Jesus in Communion is like standing up to an adversary. It's not reminiscence, it's resistance. It's not merely remembering, it's refusing to forget.

There are forces around us and within us that want us to forget what they've been up to for eons, wreaking havoc, taking up all the breathing room, wringing the life out of everything for ego, profit, and power.

They're always at it, trying to fog over all traces of Jesus' revolution in the world and in our hearts. They hope we'll lose his trail. They hope we'll forget we ever knew him.

When we forget, we're putty in their hands. When we forget, they can tell us anything they want, and we won't know they're lying. In the vacuum of forgetting, injustice has it easy, violence rules the day.

Communion is our uprising. At the Table, repeatedly, deliberately, dangerously, we remember. We remember him. We remember each other. We remember everything. We refuse to forget.

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

Robyn's Ramblings

Since the last newsletter two people important in my life have been farewelled. One I have known for just a few years but his influence on me has been significant in who I have become during my years in Te Tai Tokerau Northland. The other I've known always. One is our kaumatua Hiwi Tauroa, the other is my uncle Keith McPhail.

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Keith was the last of his generation, so it was pretty momentous for my cousins and me. The reflection I included in the service related to that but I realised it didn't just apply to us. It's something that relates to any of us with the passing of people who have been part of our history. So here's some of what I said:

End of the chapter in that, while we had Keith, we had a connection that went way back in our own experience. Yarns with Keith were a chance to talk about people and places that have been our lives. We're going to miss that a lot, and that's a bit of an understatement.

Heritage: you could say that's what Keith represents. He has us thinking about what we've had handed down, in family, genetic or otherwise, or through friendship however recent. The cloud of witnesses of those who have died are like the ancestors, the tūpuna, who keep us company on the side-lines especially at times when we need a booster shot of something. Something like the persistence and fortitude Nicki talked about. If they could do it, I can do it... Or just a reminder of who we are, the values we carry, the commitments we hold to.

I recall so many conversations with Keith about people, his parents – our grandparents that we never knew – about others in the family and the local district, about politicians. Now they were some discussions – “putting the world to rights”. I reckon he found people really interesting. People and relationships: that's what matters most. Practical Christianity is what appealed to Keith. The practice of it. The ordinary life lived well with those we live among.

What I then continued to say talks about our district, so I'll also share it with you:

An ordinary life that you may be interested to know played a part in something of extra-ordinary significance. Some may remember Keith being taken to an event at the University of Canterbury a few years back to do with radar and involving a visiting overseas academic keen to meet Keith.

Keith served in the War in radar work with the central base on Norfolk Island and one of the five stations in New Zealand, Whangaroa in Northland. In late March 1945 a very striking increase in radio noise

was noted at Norfolk and it only occurred around sunrise and sunset. New Zealand physicist Elizabeth Alexander recognised the significance of this and arranged for it to be monitored within an hour of sunrise and sunset at the radar stations. It was proving difficult to get definitive results but the commanding officer at Whangaroa found a way to increase the sensitivity of the instruments with the result that this station was first to get a clear indication of the solar based noise, as opposed to regular radio noise. I'd heard about it from the current resident of Radar Hill [Fred Barnes] and mentioned it to Keith. He said, “yes, I was doing that. We would observe and record each time it happened.” Very matter of fact about something that was a significant discovery in the science of radio astronomy, and in the development of space communications and of our understanding of the universe.

But then, our ordinary lives are always extra-ordinary in their way. That's what we're gathering up today: 97 years of one person's experience – how amazing this life is that we live.

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Hiwi is remembered, among many other things, for his contribution to education – matauranga. He was a big part of my education too. It started in Methven when I was doing te reo by Correspondence, looking for times to use the reo without getting the dirty looks I'd get if I did so at church. Times like a Rotary Conference coming to town. They wanted prayers to start on Sunday so I fronted up and found this famous man sitting in the front row. More nervous even than usual I proceeded and, when I came to close with the grace, looking out and saying it from memory in te reo, I saw a beaming smile on Matua Hiwi's face. The pronunciation would have been terrible – I hadn't yet come under the tutelage of Whangaroa – but what encouragement he gave me. You might imagine my delight – and trepidation – when I saw Hiwi and Pat in church at Kaeo in February 2004 when I came to “preach to the call” (and be voted on). I knew at once that my words to end would not be the ones in the script. They would be those same words of blessing – the grace we now regularly say together on Sundays.

Hiwi, Tarzan, Uru: they have been my Kaumatua mentors. There is a sense that Hiwi's passing is another end of chapter for me. Perhaps also for others here in the parish. Who would I have been without them? I hate to think!

Rangimarie Peace Shalom, Robyn

When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

From the regular meeting on 18 December 2018 and a special meeting on 15 January 2019.

Prior to the December meeting a number of councillors watched a special screening of Waka Huia, featuring our own Pat Tauroa. This was on TVOne on 14 October and is available on demand. It is a beautiful production, both in its photography and its depiction of Pat – and Hiwi – and her life and work in our district. It is also enlightening regarding the stories of Whangaroa and background to their current stand on treaty matters.

You can find it at this link:

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/waka-huia/episodes/s2018-e24>

Name Badge samples for the Kerikeri congregation were displayed and commended, with some final suggestions. Michelle and Christina are continuing with this task.

Workshop on the Future: Sunday 10 February 2019. Rev Mary Nicholas was present at the December meeting and we discussed together the best way to capture the interest of as many people as possible. The task, prior to any of the formalities of Methodist Stationing beginning, is to work on our vision as a parish – who we are, what is important to us, our values, our mission, our purpose. The special meeting in January clarified this and confirmed arrangements.

A parish service will be held on 10 February at 9.30am in Cornerstone – Whare Karakia o Manako, with a workshop to follow. Mary Nicholas will lead the service (including Communion) and facilitate the workshop. The workshop will focus on a work-sheet approved by Parish Council and included with this newsletter. Mary will guide us through the work-sheet, with small group discussion recording responses.

There is also the **opportunity for individuals to submit responses** on the sheet, if they cannot attend the workshop or if ideas bubble up in the days that follow. All responses will need to be at Cornerstone, or in the hands of a Parish Councillor, **by Sunday 24 February**. On that day, Rowan Smiley, the Methodist Area Superintendent will lead worship at both Kerikeri and Kaeo (at the usual times). In the afternoon he will chair the first Stationing focussed Parish Council meeting.

Cornerstone Management is engaged in careful planning for the future. Alongside other roles that Parish Council has been discussing, to ensure

continuation of tasks that Robyn has been involved in, Cornerstone is seeking two paid roles (around 15 hours per week in total) to be included in the budget for 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. In addition, the committee asked the December meeting to agree, “given the pressures on current personnel and the need for the phased succession”, to one 10 hour role beginning on 1 March 2019. Parish Council approved the request subject to Finance Committee consideration of available finance.

In establishing paid roles with Cornerstone, Parish Council agrees with the management committee that it is important to continue the presence of volunteer hosts, to provide church involvement and the extra personal touch they bring.

The Cornerstone alarm system is now being maintained by Northland CCTV and monitored by the company they engage. This has taken pressure off and helps future proof our operation.

The cleaner is now coming for 45 minutes, early every working day, and spreading the work throughout the week, as well as being able to respond to immediate needs. It remains important that all user groups, including church, do a good clean-up after any event.

The **Garden Group** reported that Brian Stewart continues on task with watering, currently with the Funeral Home grounds included in order to ensure the plants get established. Urgent needs for the Funeral Home grounds to develop mow-able areas have been referred to the Property Planning Group.

Kaeo Property reported that the painting of the building is completed and the account paid. It is looking very good.

Awaken the Divine

Sometimes we are astonished when we learn that although we did not actually “do” anything for a certain individual, our simply being present or showing up allowed something to shift in his or her inner landscape that made space for deeper healing. Sometimes we discover that in simply being present to another’s pain we experience the Divine in them that awakens the Divine in ourselves.

Killian Noe, *Descent into Love:
How Recovery Cafe Came To Be*

COVENANT RELATIONSHIP – NGĀTI URU AND WETERIANA

On Sunday 27 January Hope Centre Kerikeri and the Union Church shared worship together. Allen Heta, from Te Patunga Marae in Pupuke, Kaeo, had been asked to open proceedings, given the special relationship between our parish and Te Patunga and his regular presence with Hope Church.

Allen began with Psalm 133. Look it up and you can read the whole Psalm. A key part is the first verse:

Na, anō te pai, anō te ahuareka o te nohoanga o ngā teina, o ngā tuakana i runga i te whakaaro kotahi!
How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

Allen then spoke about the relationship we carry:

On Tuesday 10 June 1823 on the shores of the Kaeo river, heaven and earth were called to bear witness to a covenant, between the hapū of Ngāti Uru and the hapū of the Wesleyan Methodist movement.

The cairn built of stone in Kaeo marked the day on which this was sealed.

Inscribed on the cairn are these words from Numbers 23:23: “anō te mahi a te Atua/what God has wrought”.

What God has wrought, worked, brought together, then sealed, no man can tear asunder, pull apart, change, or destroy. God is the protector of covenants. And God will always seek his people who have been joined together in covenant, to keep his covenant...

Allen gave some Old Testament examples of covenant keeping/breaking, plus the consequences. In all:

There is a price to pay for watering down the word of God, or altering his covenants, or what he has already said and done.

Ngāti Uru have kept the faith, have kept the covenant, the Wesleyan Methodist Church¹ have kept the faith, have kept the covenant, although there have been abrasions along the way, just like Joshua, but together we have kept in covenant.

I am standing here because Ngāti Uru and the Wesleyan Methodist church have a covenant.

God is a covenant keeping God, seeking his covenant keeping people to always honour the covenant, “those who stand by their oath even to their own hurt” (Psalm 15:4)

Ngāti Uru and the Wesleyan Methodist church prepare themselves for two major events; 1. farewell to Robyn and 2. welcoming her successor.

Every minister that comes to Kaeo, comes through the door of Ngāti Uru. Ngāti Uru welcomes them as a covenant partner.

The difference between us is that they get to change the guard every 10-20 years. Ngāti Uru can never change the guard until that guard dies. My father and those of the Methodist faith before me, and his before him, for eight generations, have kept the covenant.

On 10 June 2023 it will mark 200 years of this covenant. What day is that? It is a Saturday, the seventh day and on the seventh day God rested.

These two peoples who have kept covenant with God will celebrate 200 years, on a day free from work commitments. God has pre-ordained this day.

The fact that there are three houses under the covenant gathered here today, combined, is not a new thing we know...

This is the first combined service that the three houses have come together since the opening of this house [Cornerstone – Whare Karakia o Manako]. It will not be the last. Hope church shares this house and it is of God that Hope is here today.

Pentecostal churches here in Aotearora came out of Smith Wigglesworth, probably England’s greatest evangelist who came here in 1922. Yet he was born into the Methodist church and grew in the teachings of John and Charles Wesley, till God called him.

It is written in Malachi 4, the last verse, “I will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers.” The father being the Methodist movement and Pentecostal Hope being the offspring, born from the Methodist movement, here together today.

This is not something new that God is doing...

The last words Jesus spoke as he hung on the cross, as he looked toward heaven were these, “It is finished” (John 19:30).

He came and accomplished everything God had commanded him to do. God left nothing out...

What is happening is that God is bringing fresh revelation of this, his word. The church is experiencing something new that has always been on the heart of God.

God has always wanted his church, his people, to live in unity. This service has been pre-planned by God since the world began... Psalm 133 only confirms it.

Today here it is in practice. (see Psalm 133:1 above)

Now may the God of grace who gave us his only son Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and life eternal, cause his countenance to shine upon us, his love to flow through us, his grace to guide us. Amen.

¹ Carried by us, the Union Parish

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

Heather Hackett reports Bible in Schools at **Riverview Primary** will start in March.

“We teach over 200 children every week, on Monday afternoons, and Friday mornings.

We need teachers for any age that suits you, helpers, and relievers.

All curriculum and workbooks are provided, and the children are very keen to learn! Teachers stay in class, so there are no discipline issues.

A training session will be on Sunday 24 February at 12.30 after the church service at Kerikeri Baptist. *Lunch provided at 12!*

If you can help in any way, even for one or two terms, or would like to know more, please phone Heather Hackett 4077265

At **Kaeo Primary** there are six weeks of Bible each term. Robyn will continue to work with Room 1, so long as she is available on the days required.

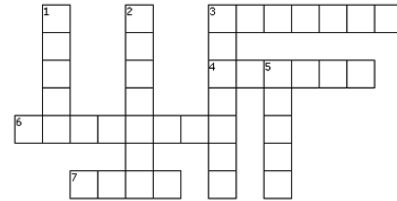
However, this will be her last year and it would be good if we could continue to support this the following year. Anyone curious about what happens and whether it might suit you, get in touch with Robyn. You could come along and watch, then come along and participate, if it's right for you. It is the

senior room in the school, the teacher stays in and actively encourages the children. The children enjoy the programme and the fact that they gain another “aunty” with it (or “uncle” – men are involved too).

The training at Kerikeri Baptist on 24 February would be worth joining if you're interested.

Let the Children Come

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14b (NIV)



ACROSS

- Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone
- Small in size
- Sons and daughters, young people
- The parts of the body which connect the hands to the shoulders

DOWN

- A statement accepted as fact
- A country or territory ruled by a king or queen
- To be a member of a group, such as a club or organization
- To come in contact with or to feel with your fingers

little	touch	kingdom	arms
children	truth	belongs	blessed

LECTIONARY READINGS

February 10

Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Epiphany 5

Psalm 136
Luke 5:1-11

February 17

Jeremiah 17:5-10
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Epiphany 6

Psalm 1
Luke 6:17-26

February 24

Genesis 45:3-11,15
1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Epiphany 7

Psalm 37:1-11
Luke 6:27-36

March 3

Exodus 34:29-35
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Transfiguration

Psalm 99
Luke 9:28-36,(37-43)

March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8b-13

Lent 1

Psalm 91:1-2,9-16
Luke 4:1-13

March 17

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
Philippians 3:17-4

Lent 2

Psalm 27
Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9: 28-36

March 24

Isaiah 55:1-9
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Lent 3

Psalm 63:1-8
Luke 13:1-9

March 31

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Lent 4

Psalm 32
Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

KERIKERI SUNDAY ROSTERS

	<i>Door and Tea Duty</i>	<i>Communion Prep</i>	<i>Readers</i>
<i>February 3</i>	Gage and John		Marie
<i>February 10</i>	Mary and Christina	Rilla and Ngaire	Diane
<i>February 17</i>	Bev and Bob		Jan
<i>February 24</i>	Trevor and Ngaire		Bob
<i>March 3</i>	Jan and Rilla		Akisi
<i>March 10</i>	Michelle and Akisi	Michelle and Akisi	Mary
<i>March 17</i>	Gage and John		Michelle
<i>March 24</i>	Mary and Christina		Helen
<i>March 31</i>	Bev and Bob		Ngaire

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 10 February and 10 March

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, restart **5 February**

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

FEBRUARY

Monday 4	11.00am	Cornerstone Management Committee meets
Thursday 7	10.30am	KK Women's Fellowship meets at Cornerstone
Sunday 10	9.30am	Parish Service led by Rev Mary Nicholas followed by VISIONING WORKSHOP Shared Lunch to conclude
Sunday 17	Usual times 4.00pm	Singing Service at both Kerikeri and Kaeo Communion Service at Ted Robinson Chapel (Jan)
Tuesday 19	7.00pm	Parish Council at Kaeo
Friday 22	11.00am	Communion Service at Kauri Lodge
Sunday 24	Usual times 12.30pm 1.30pm 4.00pm	Services led by Rowan Smiley, Methodist Area Superintendent Training for Bible-in-Schools at Baptist Church Special Parish Council re Methodist Stationing Process Communion Service at Ted Robinson Chapel (Robyn)

MARCH

Friday 1	tba 7.00pm	KK Home Group lunch at Margot's at Tapuaetahi World day of Prayer venue tba
Thursday 7	10.30am	KK Women's Fellowship meets at Cornerstone
Sunday 17	4.00pm	Communion Service at Ted Robinson Chapel (Jan)
Tuesday 19	7.00pm	Parish Council at Kerikeri
Friday 22	11.00am	Communion Service at Kauri Lodge Material for April/May newsletter due
Sunday 24	4.00pm	Communion Service at Ted Robinson Chapel (Robyn)
Sunday 31	4.00pm	Communion Service at Ted Robinson Chapel (Jan)

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