






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



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Newsletter



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This is what my soul is telling me, be peaceful and love everyone.

Malala Yousafzai

Hurihia tō mata ki te rā taka te ātārangi
ki muri i a koe

Turn your face to the sun and the
shadows will fall behind you.

Māori Proverb

IN LOVING MEMORY

18.02.2019 Carole June Frear (née Brookes)

The Kerikeri Union church family has been really and truly blessed having Carole and Neville part of our fellowship since their shift to Kerikeri. Thank you, Totara North Bible Chapel for sharing them with us! Our links with Carole are across both communities: she's been leader of the team doing Bible at Kaeo Primary. Oruaiti Primary remembers her warmly for that work also. Tireless in many, many ways, sharing her love and faith in her community.

So all of us, church, friends, and wider community say thank you to Carole's family for sharing her with us. Thank you, Neville, for getting her to this part of the country. Thank you for letting her give so much of her talents and her time. To the creator of life who continues brief life and hope in us, thank you for her friendship, her smile, her gracious ways, all the things we will never forget.

This song, based on Philippians 4:8 says it best:

Whatever is true and honest and good,
whatever has beauty and wisdom,
whatever reveals the face of God,
these we will live by and treasure.

Spoken (and sung) for opening the service to celebrate Carole's life on 22.02.2019

CONGREGATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

Sunday 7 April

Parish Council has been working on the Profile document that is to be a means of introducing ourselves as a parish to a prospective minister. In it we are to describe who we are. Ministers seeking new appointments through the Methodist Church stationing process then choose their preferences from all the available profiles. Then the national Stationing Committee considers the best match to offer to parish and minister.

On Sunday 7 April, after the service at Kerikeri, the congregation will be asked to gather over morning tea in the hall. Bev and Alan, for the Ministry Leadership, will guide working through what the Parish Council have compiled gathering feedback and suggestions for any additional input. At Kaeo, after the service, the congregation will gather in the meeting room for a working lunch and discussion, facilitated by Alan.

Nau mai, haere mai. Do come and join the discussion.

There's really no such thing as the 'voiceless'. There are only the deliberately silenced, or the preferably unheard.

Arundhati Roy

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm/Passion Sunday Kerikeri and Kaeo 14 April

Good Friday Kerikeri 19 April

Easter Day Kerikeri and Kaeo 21 April

Kerikeri Services at 9.30am

Kaeo Services at 11.15am

Robyn's Ramblings

Ko tō ngākau ki ngā taonga a ō tupuna

In your heart lie the treasures of your ancestors

As people of biblical faith, we have a foundation that is not in fact the mainstream of the world-view called “Western”. Drawing on the traditions of the Hebrew ancestry, and interpreted and deepened by the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth, our foundational culture is not white. If you wanted to give it a colour, I'd call it “olive”. Which has a nice association, given the olive tree is a symbol of peace.

Within the Bible, when it's not going off on human driven tangents, there are insights into the nature of life and humanity that have been invaluable to me as a white skin person (kaikiri) in my endeavours to uncover my own inclinations to kaikiritanga – racism.

You may have heard me talk of the opening verses of Genesis and how the ancient Hebrews understood the nature of human beings and our interconnectedness to the whole of the cosmos. This is not the dualism that has pervaded the thinking brought here from Europe (and which I studied extensively as mainstream university philosophy in the 1970s). This is not the black and white thinking that dualism breeds, but earth and living breath thinking. That is, reality is physical and spiritual and human beings an integration of physical, mental/emotional, relational, and spiritual. If that sounds like the Māori Te Whare Tapa Whā – tīnana, hinengaro, whanau, me wairua – then you are right. These ancient cultures, olive and brown, hold a similar world-view.

The original vision as given in the Creation narratives is of an interconnected whole, with the Creator envisaging life-giving and life-proliferating relationships for all things, all species and within the human species.

We know it goes awry as that is the ongoing biblical story, the Creator endeavouring to get humanity back on track. Within the stories of the ancestors handed down in the Bible, there are stories of connection as well as stories from when concerns for power and control held sway, usually with fear and hurt at the root of it all.

One story of connection is very important for us right now. Ancestor Abraham was promised to become a great nation – descendants as many as grains of sand – but his chief wife Sarah remained childless. She suggested he have a child with Hagar, her slave-maid. It happened and Ishmael was born. Later Sarah did get pregnant and Isaac is born. If we ever imagine this

might have been a happy, diverse family (Hagar's origin was from another ethnic group), the truth is it was a real family and things did not stay happy, even if the children wished they could.

Hagar was sent away with her son, sent out into the desert with some food and a skin full of water. Most likely they would die – unless someone found them and was kind enough just to enslave them not kill them.

When the water had run out, Hagar put Ishmael under a tree and sat down at a distance where she would hear less of his whimpering. She sat down and cried. Then

God heard the boy's cries, and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “Hagar! What's wrong? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy's cries over there. Get up, pick up the boy, and take him by the hand because I will make of him a great nation.” Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went over, filled the water flask, and gave the boy a drink. God remained with the boy; he grew up, lived in the desert, and became an expert archer.
Genesis 21:17-20

Ishmael is the son of Abraham named in the Qu'ran. Hagar is the mother of Islam.

Abraham unites the three faiths of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.

We are whanaunga. We are brothers and sisters.

The blessing of the God of Sarah, of Hagar,
as of Abraham,
the blessing of the Son
born of the woman Mary,
the blessing of the Holy Spirit,
who broods over us as a mother
over her children,
be with you now and always.

By the way, Jesus continues to call us to be counter-cultural. The gospel we are to live is the good news of life as an interconnected whole, working towards the Creator's original vision of life-giving and life-proliferating relationships among all peoples and all things.

Anything else is not gospel.

Rangimarie Peace Shalom, Robyn

Peace comes from being able to contribute the best that we have, and all that we are, toward creating a world that supports everyone. But it is also securing the space for others to contribute the best that they have and all that they are.

Hafsat Abiola, Nigeria

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

From the regular meetings on 19 February and 19 March 2019.

Name Badges for the Kerikeri congregation have been made. Thank you, Michelle and Christina.

Visioning: Mary Nicholas' leadership of the service and the workshop on 10 February was commended by Parish Council. Thank you to all who participated in the visioning workshop and those who sent in individual submissions.

Stationing: since that workshop the parish has officially entered the Stationing process, during which time the Methodist Superintendents, Rev Kuli Fisi'ahi and Rowan Smiley, lead us through the requirements. Rowan met with Parish Councillors on 24 February to outline the process. Our first task is drawing up the Parish Profile, presenting as clearly and accurately to prospective ministers who we are, in terms of values, ministry focus, and needs, as well as statistics. Councillors are meeting on 26 March to fill in the profile form. Consultation with the congregations will take place prior to the superintendents submitting it to Methodist Stationing Committee at the beginning of May.

Concurrently, ministers seeking a change of appointment are filling out Minister's Profile forms. A list of these ministers is sent to Parish Council to choose, with Rowan Smiley, 3-4, in order of priority whom we'd like to consider. In early August Stationing Committee meeting selects the one that they see as the best fit out of our list of possible and in September a face-to-face meeting is arranged between the parish and the potential minister. At this point each party has the opportunity to approve or not approve. If it's agreed the stationing will go ahead with the new appointment beginning on 1 February 2020.

Pastoral reports inspire us each meeting, with Jessica and her team doing great work keeping in touch with people and gathering up new people who make contact with us.

Kaeo Home Group is underway with their twice monthly studies. Not sure if the dog who attended the first session will be allowed back as there was a bit of a problem with a number of shoes left at the door!

Kerikeri Home Group started the year by participating in the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1 March and followed that up with a lovely lunch gathering at Margot's place at Tapuaetahi.

Rolls and Lists: Church systems mean we have a number of lists (which we keep secure to ensure privacy), including the roll of parish members, the list for the newsletter, and pastoral lists for each community. The roll of members, those who have been confirmed and/or have been a member in a church elsewhere, now has four more names. If you would like your name to be on this roll and are not sure that it is, please get in touch. Most of the time, this roll is very much in the background as belonging in our church family is a matter of free choice for any who wish. There are times of formal decision-making where it can be important, so we need to be sure our roll is up to date.

Girls' Brigade, our frontline mission with children and young people, has got underway full steam ahead. As usual, the leaders are always stretched with their own work and family commitments and value the help, even if just occasionally, of others. Sheryl and her crew do an amazing job and it is a great encouragement to them that the numbers this year have increased from 13 to 27. Parish Council agreed to fund an extra floor clean on Friday morning to support the leaders who are always run out of steam and time by the end of the session.

Car Boot Sales: Hope Church have been doing a fundraiser BBQ breakfast for a Youth Trip to Gisborne for ANZAC day. Mary has organised new signage and advised that she will be away for three sales 27 April, 11 and 25 May. We need extra helpers, even just for an hour or two, for those sales. Get in touch with Mary if you can help.

Community Projects: Five people attended the restricted and full driver's licence course with Tata Morgan in mid-February with two taking up the offer of funds for the application fee after they were assessed ready to sit the course. We hope to hold more courses – Learners and Restricted/Full – sometime during the coming year.

Cornerstone Management is the busiest committee, with growth in the building use cause for satisfaction and extra work. More brochures have been printed and a water filter is to be installed for the tap in the little basin near the zip. A newsletter was instigated to keep all users, including church people, informed about the building's operation and any issues encountered. If you didn't receive the first one and would like to be on the mailing list, let Robyn know.

The committee went through a thorough interview process and was pleased to recommend the

appointment of Michelle Tupou as Management Assistant, which Parish Council confirmed. Michelle will be on site at Cornerstone from 10am-2pm on Tuesdays and Fridays and from 10am-12noon on Wednesdays. Cover for keeping the building is therefore in place from 10am-2pm every week day as Michelle's hours will complement those of Suzanne Campbell, the Administrator. **Host Volunteers**

remain an important aspect of our mission of hospitality and more hosts are still needed to make this happen.

New chairs are being purchased so that Cornerstone will have 100 stacking chairs for the Hall. The 50 chairs currently in place will go to **Kaero** with the cost of the purchase being shared between the committees.

PHOTOS FROM NGĀ PURAPURA – FAMILY FESTIVAL

Kaero 23 March 2019



Watch for this event again next year as it is now established as annual fun day for all the family. The count for the day through the gate was 776. Check <https://www.facebook.com/ngapurapurakaero/> for more pics.



MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

Michelle Tupou has begun work in the new position designed to assist with the “home-making” tasks at Cornerstone. We had a chat about the role and what she is thinking and feeling at the start of this new venture.

Michelle, what appeals to you about this role?

Meeting with people. It's a chance to help out within the church and help whoever could use my help. I just love being here at Cornerstone. I never experienced anything like this before. From a young age, traditionally, it was the case that you must go to church. Always must go and I never had the feeling of wanting to be at church all the time like I do now. Whether it is a service, worshipping, home group, any of those things. Just being in the place where we have church. I love it.

What is a bit daunting?

Me learning how to approach people in a good way. I have a habit of just saying what I think and then apologising for it. I'd like to learn the best words to use. I'm learning every day.

The computer is daunting too. I've got lots to learn about how to do the bookings, new ones and repeats, working out availability of different rooms, what group can fit alongside another group, and making sure users get the equipment they ask for.

What do you ask of the rest of us?

Please would you continue to assist me with your help and your support. And if something is on your mind don't hesitate to raise it with me.

This is a summary of the Management Assistant's tasks:

- Keeping the household tidy and well supplied with necessities (e.g. toilet paper)
- Liaising with the cleaners
- Liaising with user groups regarding any concerns from either side
- Assisting in the bookings process
- Arranging for orientation to the building and for access for those without an alarm code

LECTIONARY READINGS

April 7

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:4b-14

Lent 5

Psalm 126
John 12:1-8

April 14

Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday
None or Isaiah 50:4-9
Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 or Psalm 31:9-16
None or Phil 2:5-11
(Palm) Luke 19:28-40 (Passion) Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Lent 6

May 5

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
Revelation 5:11-14

Easter 3

Psalm 30
John 21:1-19

May 12

Acts 9:36-43
Revelation 7:9-17

Easter 4

Psalm 23
John 10:22-30

May 19

Acts 11:1-8
Revelation 21:1-6

Easter 5

Psalm 148
John 13:31-35

April 21

Acts 10:34-43 or
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Easter Day

Isaiah 65:17-25

May 26

Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Easter 6

Psalm 67

April 28

Acts 5:27-32
Revelation 1:4-8

Easter 2

Psalm 118:14-29 or 150
John 20:19-31

June 2

Acts 16:16-34
Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21 John 17:20-26

Easter 7

Psalm 97

KERIKERI SUNDAY ROSTERS

	<i>Door and Tea Duty</i>	<i>Communion Prep</i>	<i>Readers</i>
<i>April 7</i>	Elaine and Ian		Ros
<i>April 14</i>	Trevor and Ngaire		Jessica
<i>April 21 (Easter Day)</i>	Jan and Rilla	Michelle and Akisi	Neil
<i>April 28</i>	Arlene and Lloyd		Kay
<i>May 5</i>	Gage and John		Marie
<i>May 12</i>	Michelle and Akisi	Lorraine and Brian	Diane
<i>May 19</i>	Christina and Jenny		Jan
<i>May 26</i>	Bev and Bob		Akisi
<i>June 2</i>	Elaine and Ian		Bob

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 17 April (EASTER DAY) and 12 May

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 contact Michelle 020 41686931.

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.

APRIL

Monday 1 10.00am Cornerstone Management Committee meets
Thursday 4 10.30am KK Women's Fellowship meets at Cornerstone
Sunday 7 Congregational Consultations on the Parish Profile (for Stationing) after each service
Wednesday 17 7.00pm Parish Council Stationing meeting at Kerikeri, in the Worship Area
Friday 19 9.30am **GOOD FRIDAY** service at Cornerstone
Sunday 21 9.30am **EASTER DAY** service with Communion at Cornerstone
11.15am **EASTER DAY** service with communion at Kaeo
4.00pm Communion Service at Ted Robinson Chapel (Jan)
Tuesday 23 7.00pm Parish Council meets at Kaeo
Friday 26 11.00am Communion Service at Kauri Lodge
Sunday 28 4.00pm Communion Service at Ted Robinson Chapel (Robyn)

MAY

Thursday 2 10.30am KK Women's Fellowship meets at Cornerstone
Sunday 19 4.00pm Communion Service at Ted Robinson Chapel (Jan)
Tuesday 21 7.00pm Parish Council at Kerikeri, in the Meeting Room
Friday 24 11.00am Communion Service at Kauri Lodge
Material for June/July newsletter due
Sunday 26 4.00pm Communion Service at Ted Robinson Chapel (Robyn)

CHURCH GROUPS – REMEMBER TO BOOK when you have a meeting or event in our buildings. You have first option on use but you need to book to secure the space!

Contacts

Parish phone: 09 407 8250
(answer phone with options for service times, minister, bookings for buildings, and administrator)
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BOOKINGS FOR THE BUILDINGS

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