



Kaeo - Kerikeri Union Parish Newsletter

December 2023 and January / February 2024



Presbyterian Church
of Aotearoa New Zealand



Christmas Services For Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Parish

**Christmas Eve – Sun 24 Dec
9.30pm at Cornerstone, Kerikeri**

**Christmas Services – Mon 25 Dec
9.00am at Cornerstone, Kerikeri
10.15am at Wesleydale, Kaeo**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Have a safe holiday season with family and friends.**

Saikolone's Reflection

Matthew 25:31-46

The cycle of our Christian year comes to an end with a festival that celebrates and proclaims Christ's lordship over all things. The intention of this celebration is to celebrate that Jesus is the Lord of all, and the hope was that one day Jesus will rule the world. The way of Jesus will be the way of the world.

It seems to me that common longing we have, as humans is the longing to be worthy of the best reward after we die, or a longing to be all right after we die. As Christians, we all want to be very sure that we are worthy of God's eternal reward. It is important to us as Christians that we will be rewarded with the best price of eternal life.

In this parable of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25:31-46, the scene is the final judgment in which the Son of Man sits on his throne and judges the people. The criterion for the disposition of each case is simple: how did the person in question treat the needy? All that matters is the way the defendant treated others. It is especially noteworthy that those who were condemned to eternal punishment are not accused of actively persecuting the poor, the homeless, or the prisoners but the accusation is that those condemned people did nothing explicit to help those in need.

So, for those who are longing to make sure they are going to be eternally rewarded, what we do to others is the base of our reward, according to Matthew's Jesus.

This parable also tells us that these people are Jesus, and what we do to them, we do to him, what we do to the 32,000 children who die from starvation each day in our world, we do to Jesus.

There are always those who don't care about the others and the implication of what they do to others. Sometimes we ignore people's plea for help because we too have our burdens to deal with. But do we make a noise against those policies that contribute to the plight of the poor?

We need to own that not only are we to give ourselves to those in need but also we are to recognize than in many ways the needs which envelop others have been caused by us.

At the end of the old year and as we start the new year - we look back upon our missed opportunities and failures, at the many graces we have experienced in these last 365 days and we celebrate the second chance we now have to find those who are waiting for us.

Lord Jesus Christ, "Send us. Empower us. Give us the joy and the courage to love others as if they were you." Amen

Methodist Conference 2023 Report

By Saikolone Taufa

2023 Methodist Conference was held on Zoom, starting on Monday, 6th of November until Saturday 11th of November. It was attended by 104 ministers, 1 deacon, 9 ministers from Other Churches Serving the Methodist Conference, 81 lay reps and 35 as observers.

Here are some of the decisions that might have some impact for our Parish.

Decade of Climate Justice

Conference 2022 passed a decision that the whole of the Methodist Church of New Zealand will engage in the next ten years on a mission to heal and restore the damage that our human community has contributed to our environment. The theme of the Decade is "Rekindle the Vā of Papatūānuku".

The Climate Justice Working Group (CJWG) has worked hard to progress initiatives in the decade and the CJWG has established a pathway to take the church on this journey for the next ten years. There are two yearly themes to guide the Church: Zero Waste, 2023-2024; Climate Migrants, 2025-2026; Water, 2027-2028; Improving energy efficiency, 2029-2030; Poverty reduction/ food creation and sharing, 2031-2032.

In the next two years the Church will work on ways that would assist us in minimizing waste that would potentially end up in the landfill or in the sea. The synods, parishes and rohe were encouraged to look for ways that would help them to avoid waste by introducing practical ways of reusing, recycling, reducing, and replacing some of our existing materials to prevent waste from being scattered in the community and obviously end up in the sea or rivers.

Property Strategy

Conference 2022 asked Methodist Church Property Committee (MCPC) to establish a skilled National Committee to develop a property strategy for the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

A small group has met this year (2023) to commence the development of a Connexional property strategy to ensure property is an effective resource to continue to fully support ministry, mission, pastoral, and community requirements of the Methodist Church in Aotearoa.

Conference 2023 asked the Working Group to continue their work on the Property Strategy, to seek input from the wider Connexion, and report back to Conference in 2024.

Review of the Disciplinary Regulations

The work of Law Revision since 2022 Conference has focused primarily on the revision of the Disciplinary Procedures in Section 8 of the Law Book. In August of 2023 a wānanga was held to develop a framework for the proposed changes to the procedures. At the wananga, they looked at the conceptual underpinnings of a restorative approach to relationship breakdown.

Conference 2023 notes the draft review of the committee of the disciplinary code of Section 8 of the law book will be sent to Synods and Hui Poari for comment. There will be ongoing work and consultation on the changes for Conference approval in 2024.

Touchstone:

Conference 2023 affirmed that Touchstone be available online in a magazine style format with links sent via a wide email distribution list. In addition to links directing readers to the online version, a reduced version of the publication has been produced as a printable PDF for readers unable to access or use the online option.

MCNZ Conference 2023 Statement of Solidarity with Palestine:

Conference 2023 agreed that the Methodist Church of New Zealand make a statement of solidarity with Palestine. The statement was distributed to the wider church.

Cornerstone Office Hours

Monday to Friday
10am to 2pm



We will be closed for the Christmas break from **Saturday 23 December until Sunday 7 January**. During this time bookings emails and the answer phone will be checked.



Bookings for Cornerstone and Wesleydale Buildings can be made through the Website:

www.kkup.org.nz/bookings

Booking form **MUST** be completed.



Car Boot Sale

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month starting at 7.00am to 12.00noon.

Next ones:

2023

9 Dec

23 Dec

2024

13 Jan

27 Jan

10 Feb

24 Feb



Kerikeri Retirement Village Services

3pm every Sunday

The Anglicans and

Catholics take the first two

Sundays of the month, Jan

Gough, the Village

Chaplain, takes the 3rd and

5th Sundays and Saikolone

takes the 4th Sunday. This

is a good chance for us to

get to know the residents.

Parish Update

Everything is running well within the Parish. Bookings of our premises are going well with bookings and not dropping off yet. We are up on what we were expecting.

The Property and Finance Committee, along with the help of Bill Fenton, met with Rowan Smiley from the Northland Synod on Tuesday 14 November to discuss the application for the proposal for Lot 3. This application has now been submitted for approval.

Home Group has been going well with regular attendees. They held their final Home Group Christmas Lunch on 26th November at Cornerstone. Photos from this event are below.

God's Kids - Sunday School. Mary has been doing a wonderful job keeping God's Kids going.

Girls Brigade finished up for the year on Thursday 16 November with a Christmas themed night, a shared meal with the families and the presentation of the badges that the girls had earned during the year. Asenath and Zoe, Jodie and Leanna, have now raised and paid all the money that is required for them to attend Fonomarae in Waikanae in January 2024, which they are really looking forward to.

Carboot Sales are going well. They all enjoyed being up on the grass area on Saturday 14 October as there was more exposure.

Te Patunga Marae held their first service in the church on Sunday 15 October. This was attended by 9 adults and 8 children. Official opening will be next year sometime, possibly April. There are 4 or 5

new wooden window frames that Allen is going to make. The floor needs doing too. They are going to take care of it all themselves. Saikolone will see if he can get funding to help with the improvements of the Little Jolly Church.

The solar panels that have been installed are working really well and the return from them is great. We are looking forward to seeing how much more it will save the church over the summer months.

Thank you to all those who have been helping maintain the gardens at Cornerstone. They are looking really nice. The management committee know that the gardens take quite a bit to maintain so are looking for someone that can come in and help with the gardens on a monthly basis. We are still very grateful to Dawn and Colin Armstrong who come in and mow the lawn for us when it is needed.

The AGM that was held at Cornerstone on 29 October 2023. During this we acknowledged those who have passed in the last 12 months.

1. Lloyd Purdie
2. Joe Ngan
3. Henry Driver

The office holders for Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Parish stayed the same for the next year with the exception of Christina Chong, who has resigned as she and Dave have moved south.



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Booking Forms MUST be completed

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Orama

Aotea, Great Barrier Island



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New Zealand

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We would like to let you know we have paid positions available (these could suit a married couple). If you know of anyone who would suit the below positions we would be extremely grateful if you could pass this on to them

They would be joining our small team living onsite at Great Barrier Island in a stunningly beautiful bay, with a vibrant history of restoring and equipping people for life's journey. Every year more than 2000 visitors come to Orama for:

- [SFS discipleship school](#)
- [Personal retreat](#) (including [Art Retreats](#))
- for a time of recovery, restoration, rest
- or to enjoy a [holiday adventure](#)

Pastoral Care/Operations support 30 hours (flexible) - This is a great opportunity for a multi-skilled, people person. This is a varied position, with a balance between hands-on practical work and providing pastoral care to staff, volunteers, and guests. Helping develop ministry opportunities, and foster/create partnerships with external ministries. More information is found [here](#).

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Receptionist/Admin Support (30 - 40 hours) - A vital, varied, and rewarding role. This would suit a friendly, welcoming person, who has the gift of hospitality, loves providing great first impressions for visitors, with sound administration skills.

You would also support the Guest Services Manager and others on the team, by providing administration support, assisting with inbound communications, and bookings. More information is found [here](#).

If you feel a calling to express an authentic Christianity through community and have a love for people, and a passion to show the love of God through hospitality, and can imagine living onsite in a stunning bay, we would love to discuss this amazing opportunity with you.

- Accommodation available
- Commercial Kitchen on site that provides staff/volunteers with lunch and dinner 5 days a week.
- Use of staff fishing boat
- Art Studio onsite for staff to use

Please email Jo - admin@orama.org.nz with your CV

Kind regards, Treena Salthouse (GM)



Bible in School

We have had a successful year at Riverview School, teaching about 180 children every week.

We give a Picture Bible to the 36 yr6 children who are leaving, so would be very appreciative of donations to cover that cost. The Bibles cost \$30 each. Bank account details are:

Bible in Schools, Kerikeri
02-0352-0090142-00

Many thanks to all of you who have donated in the past, please continue to pray for this work. Principal Ken is retiring, and the school staff are very supportive.

We will need new teachers and helpers next year, Fridays from 9.00am to 9.30am. If you are interested in helping then please phone Heather Hackett **09 4077265**, or text **021 266 9666**, to learn more.



Marsden Cross Service

Monday 1 January 2024

There will be a service held at Marsden Cross on Monday 1 January 2024 by St James Anglican Church. Other details are to be confirmed.



Calendar

Weekly / Regular Church Events

Sunday Services	9.30am	Kerikeri Worship – Cornerstone, 144 Kerikeri Road, Kerikeri
	11.15am	Kaeo Worship – Wesleydale Memorial Church, Leigh Street, Kaeo
Car Boot Sale	7.00am	2 nd and 4 th Saturdays of the month.
Girls Brigade	3.30pm	Will restart mid-February 2024
Home Group	Starting up	again in March 2024

Other Events

December 2023

Tue 19	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting at 7pm on Zoom
Fri 22	2.00pm	Cornerstone Office Closes for Christmas Break
Sun 24	9.30pm	Christmas Eve Service at Cornerstone
Mon 25	9.00am	Christmas Service at Cornerstone, Kerikeri
	10.15am	Christmas Service at Wesleydale, Kaeo

January 2024

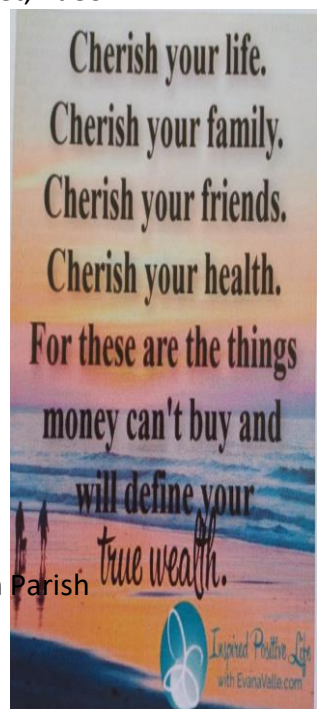
Mon 8	10.00am	Cornerstone Office Opens again
Sun 27	3.00pm	Retirement Village Service hosted by Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Parish

February 2024

Fri 2	6.00pm	Kerikeri Home Group – Contact Michelle for more details
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Material for March / April Newsletter Due

Sun 25	3.00pm	Retirement Village Service hosted by Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Parish
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Kerikeri Sunday Rosters

	Door and Tea Duty	Readers	Communion Prep
10 December	Arlene & Mary	Kay	
17 December	Gage & John	Neil	
24 December	Michelle & Akisi	Akisi	
31 December	Trevor & Neville	Diane	
7 January 2024	Elaine & Ian	Ros	Stella & Arlene
14 January	Helen & Linda	Jan	
21 January	Arlene & Mary	Jean	
28 January	Gage & John	Bob	
4 February	Michelle & Akisi	Michelle	Ros & Jenny
11 February	Trevor & Neville	Arlene	
18 February	Elaine & Ian	Stella	
25 February	Helen & Linda	Neville	

Lectionary Readings

10 December	Isaiah 40:1-11	Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1--8
17 December	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	Psalms 126	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
24 December	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Psalms 89:1-4, 19- 26	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
31 December	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Psalms 148	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40
7 January	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalms 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
14 January	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11- 20)	Psalms 139:1-6, 13- 18	1 Corinthians 3:12- 20	John 1:43-51
21 January	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalms 62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29- 31	Mark 1:14-20
28 January	Deuteronomy 18:15- 20	Psalms 111	1 Corinthians 8:1- 13	Mark 1:21-28
4 February	Isaiah 40: 21-31	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16- 23	Mark 0:29-39
11 February	2 Kings 2:1-12	Psalms 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
18 February	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalms 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
25 February	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalms 22:23-31	Romans 4: 13-25	Mark 8: 31-38 or Mark 9:2-9