






KAEO UNION PARISH KERIKERI



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If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

FAREWELLS

HAERE, HAERE, HAERE ATU RĀ

Recently we have farewelled three dear friends and members of our church family.

18.04.2017 Isobel Prisk

11.05.2017 Colleen van der Schiff

18.05.2017 Tarzan Paraone Hori

E ngā mate, moe mai moe mai, takoto rangimārie.
Be at peace.

To the living our love and prayers, especially for close family and friends.

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

4 June begins the season of the church year called Pentecost. 50 days on from Easter, the church celebrates the Holy Spirit, the presence of God around and among and within everyone and everything.

The most pervasive image for the Spirit is the wind, which is also the breath of life. In Hebrew and Greek, the languages of the written text of the Bible, there is just one word, *ruah* or *pneuma*, which we translate into English as either wind of breath. The Māori word *hā* seems to capture it well.

Having journeyed through Advent and Christmas, with all the promise and fragility of new life in the face of this world's dangers (terrorism is far from new), through Lent and Calvary when the adult Jesus shows us how good and how hard God's way of love actually is, to Easter and its hope for the future.

Now with the Spirit finding its place (or her place, or his place) we get a sense that this is for keeps now. God is with us always, therefore Christ-shaped life is possible for all of us.

Lord, Holy Spirit
You blow like the wind in a thousand paddocks
Inside and outside the fences
You blow where you wish to blow

Lord, Holy Spirit
You are the sun who shines on the little plant
You warm him gently, you give him life
You raise him up to become a tree with many leaves

Lord, Holy Spirit
You are the mother eagle with her young
Holding them in peace under your feathers
On the highest mountain you have built your nest
Above the valley, above the storms of the world
Where no hunter ever comes

Lord, Holy Spirit
You are the bright cloud in whom we hide
In whom we know already
that the battle has been won
You bring us to our Brother Jesus
To rest our heads upon his shoulder

Lord, Holy Spirit
You are the kind fire who does not cease to burn
Consuming us with flames of love and peace
Driving us out like sparks to set the world on fire

Lord, Holy Spirit
In the love of friends you are building a new house,
Heaven is with us when you are with us
You are singing your song in the hearts of the poor
Guide us, wound us, heal us. Bring us to the Father

James K. Baxter

Robyn's Ramblings

Grace and peace to you all in the name of Christ.
Kia tau ki a koutou katoa te aroha noa, me te rangimārie, i runga i te ingoa o te Karaiti.

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We farewelled recently someone who, in my heritage, would have been called “a pillar of the kirk”. He was also a legend among his whanau and his community, Māori and Pākehā. A life story that has elements that related to others, but together in the one person entirely unique. Tarzan (Tahana) Paraone Hori.

At one point in the many times of prayer we had, a reading featured – a paraphrase of the Beatitudes – which connects also to the very quiet and gentle person we farewelled at the same time. Colleen van der Schiff, with her life in former Rhodesia and in South Africa, knew I am sure the same kind of strong faith in relation to real life challenges.

Tarzan's life till he was six was happy within the whanau of Matangirau. But when his father died, his English mother took herself and the children back to her family in Whanganui. Tarzan's grandmother tried to scrub him white, but that didn't work and he and one sibling were sent to the Salvation Army orphanage in Eltham. From that time on, as Tarzan said, he was determined to be the best at everything. That included a thirst for knowledge which continued throughout his lifetime.

Years of hard work farming, alongside his beloved Violet, meant a life of discipline and learning also for his many children who became hard workers themselves.

A change came, or rather a new direction, with the Waitangi Tribunal process. He was one to get on with whatever he had to deal with, but there were things in the past that shouldn't have had to be as they were. They needed to be named. Not everyone had coped as well as he had. Future generations needed a stronger foundation than they had been left with. So Tarzan spoke up, attended hui, researched and dug into his people's memory, and, with the help of son Bill, his story was told to the Tribunal in July 2013.

Understandably given the experiences, this was a life that had more than its quota of raruraru – a mixed blessing we might say. But the strength of this family, and of our way of faith, is that what we see now is first and foremost of all the life-giving qualities, especially those that are handed on to

family and, through inspiration, to others who knew him. The fact is that “a mixed blessing” is the reality of being human. It's how we respond that matters. That's the Jesus lesson, as I see it.

Back to the paraphrase of the Beatitudes. For many centuries in its history the Church Institution has interpreted scripture in ways that have maintained good order and kept waywardness under control. Effectively the Church has worked to support the powers that be. Good people do not fight against the system, but accept “God's will” for them, that is, the status quo. Jesus in fact sees it differently. True, he didn't resort to conflict or force, but he did defy the status quo and, as we know, ended up dead as a result. But of course the spirit driving him didn't end up dead.

In the South American context, people of deep Christian faith have listened to the Bible and heard their own experiences being told in ancient texts, and discovered there insights into how to respond now to injustice, poverty, lack of freedom, lack of hope. Here's how Matthew 5:2-11 can be understood for here and now. This is the Bible for the People, not just the Powers-that-Be.

Blessed are the poor ...
not the penniless
but those whose heart is free.

Blessed are those who mourn ...
not those who whimper
but those who raise their voices.

Blessed are the meek ...
not the soft
but those who are patient and tolerant.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice ...
not those who whine
but those who struggle.

Blessed are the merciful ...
not those who forget
but those who forgive.

Blessed are the pure in heart ...
not those who act like angels
but those whose life is transparent.

Blessed are the peacemakers ...
not those who shun conflict
but those who face it squarely.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice ...
not because they suffer
but because they love.

P. Jacob. Taken from *Compartir*, Santiago, Chile

Rangimarie Peace Shalom, Robyn

Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.

G.K. Chesterton

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Meetings were held on 18 April and 23 May.

In April we surprised ourselves by finishing in good time: a much lighter work load than we'd got accustomed to. The May meeting was a little extra with time taken talking with Paparangi Pirini assessing a healing event that had been held in Cornerstone and which he attended in order to report back.

Health and Safety matters related to some concerns with the new building and the access track and clarifying who is to attend to these. At the May meeting we approved a First Aid policy which is available to view on the notice boards or on the website under Publications.

Home Groups: **Kaeo's** is working through a Tear Fund booklet with themes of Poverty, Giving, and Debt. **Kerikeri's** meeting had prayer as their focus and it was announced that they would hold a mid-winter Christmas dinner on 7 July, to which the whole parish is invited.

God's Kids at Cornerstone (aka Sunday School) was launched with a lively service on Easter Sunday with 13 children present. The first session on 14 May was on Communion, with the children returning to present the "Invitation to Communion" part of the service. Robyn lead this session, with members of the congregation covering the prayers, reading, and reflection part of the service (and doing an excellent job). This will need to happen on occasions until a team of leaders develops.

The **Property Planning Group** report focussed on the Funeral Parlour. The engineer involved in preparing Building Consent documents found that part of the site had unstable material for building directly onto (probably dumped during By-pass construction). Mitigation requires work with an extra cost of \$69,000. On the recommendation of both PPG and the Finance Committee Parish Council resolve to accept this and continue with the project. We were advised that the hold-up with getting the right water connection in place was in the hands of the Council, with the church having done everything required.

At the May meeting we heard that the Building Consent had been delivered to ARCO by Bill Fenton and the Contract Works Insurance took effect on 24 May, enabling construction to begin.

Stored Property: some church property remains in storage – carpet, heaters etc. It was agreed that these items be sold. Included is a **foot-pedal harmonium**

organ which will not be put up for sale immediately. Anyone interested in having this, and perhaps giving a koha for it, should get in touch with Sheryl (0274407963 or sheandray@vodafone.co.nz).

Cornerstone Management reported a variety of matters related to the building. Storage is proving a challenge, so the committee is considering options for more storage in the medium term when funds come available. Paparangi Pirini has been on the job as ambassador and working on ideas for mission projects, exactly as his job describes. He has focussed on making Cornerstone known in the wider community and building up a network of contacts, receiving very positive responses from people.

Garden Group: plans for the garden at Cornerstone include planting two good sized albizias at the north-west end (already funded), and, once the mulching of the bank is done, drawing up a plan for plants in that area along to the Peace Garden. Chris Booth and Richard Parker are formulating ideas for the Peace Garden and around it we will plant kowhai (which Brian has nurtured from seed). There is also a plan to get some seats to locate around the property. More news when the request goes out asking if people would like to donate particular plants.

Parish Vision and Mission: on the advice of the Ministry Leadership Team, Parish Council will start next month reviewing our parish vision and renewing our mission strategy for the coming years, in order to be well prepared for seeking a new minister for 2020.

EXCERPTS FROM THE MODERATOR'S PENTECOST MESSAGE

Where is home for you?

Perhaps I should better ask *what* is home for you, for home may not be a place; it may be people, a period of your life, a role or even a poem...

Home is, so they say, "where the heart is" and if this is the case then just about anywhere can be home. I wonder if you've ever visited a place and found yourself so taken with it, with the beauty, with the peace, with the atmosphere, that it felt, quite literally, like you'd come home? I believe this is something of what Paul comes to in that amazing passage in [2 Corinthians 5:6-9](#).

The church's true home is to be in mission – to be reaching people who are far from God with the amazing power of the Gospel; a power which has healed and held and helped people into the Kingdom of heaven from the beginning.

In Christ, Richard Dawson
Read the entire message <http://www.presbyterian.org.nz>



ACTIVITIES AT CORNERSTONE Whare Karakia O Manako

Robyn asked me to put pen to paper (ah, memories!) to convey my experiences as a hirer of the Cornerstone facilities. As the thoughts (aka panic) have subsided, three words emerged.

LIGHT

The light in Cornerstone is awesome. When I came to live in New Zealand, the casual use of that word quite shocked me. It's a word I have always used respectfully and I am using it respectfully now. In spite of recent discoveries in the deepest oceans, we need light to live and the better the light, the better we live. When I walk into the Cornerstone light to prepare for teaching, my heart beams.

SPACE

One theme of Tai Chi is connecting the inner with the outer. The dimensions of the space at Cornerstone enable inner growth and expansion. Most people coming to Tai Chi classes wonder if they'll ever be able to remember the moves. Maybe, as we open up to the apparent endlessness of the space, we can experience that there is something much more profound happening as we link inner and outer through movement and breath.

BELONGING

The Cornerstone team always make the Tai Chi classes feel that we belong. It started when Robyn first showed me round and continued when Lorraine rang to offer to make tea and coffee the first afternoon. When I arrive, Tai Chi is always listed on the little whiteboard in the reception area. Jenny has been happy to include notices about classes in the weekly Sunday Bulletin. Hosts welcome people turning up the first time, looking lost. Oh, and Tai Chi is recognised by the alarm system!

Jill Freeman

You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

Jane Goodall

PAPARANGI PIRINI – CORNERSTONE AMBASSADOR

Kia Ora, my name is Paparangi Pirini and I have the privilege of being the Cornerstone Ambassador. Born and raised in the north, Kaikohe being the place where I reside, my family have a strong Christian background. Growing up being taken to church every Sunday with my Grandfather and Grandmother both pushed a strict belief in Christianity and made sure it was a seed planted in our lives.

I have strong predominantly Māori heritage but have met and spent time with a number of different ethnicities over the years of moving place to place living with a Samoan family while away at Wesley College boarding school.

I am very involved with my community and also run a fitness based business which is also my passion and strong point. I love to see my community grow in positive ways and will do anything I can to help the possibility of creating a brighter future for the up and coming youth. The work I have done previous to this role is very much in the lines of community development/fitness/ health services which gives me a very strong scope into what community wants and needs should be addressed.

Being at Cornerstone has opened my eyes to a different community than I am normally used to, which is not a bad thing. This helps me to broaden my horizon to the different types of people I am used communicating with, also it helps with my own personal development.

I enjoy seeing members of the Parish and being able to connect with people who I would never have met if not being here. The small talk which is made between us is what really makes my day. Highlights being a part of Cornerstone have been meeting new people, creating new relationships and being able to be part of a much bigger plan on such a small scale.

I look forward to seeing what the future holds for me here and am excited to continue my work within Cornerstone.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou.

IN THE LIBRARY

There are over 200 books in numerical order on the shelves in the foyer for anyone who wishes to borrow and read. I found a book by Joy Cowley called *Navigation* which is a book of her memoirs. It's number 45 if you want to find it - all the books are numbered.

Joy has written many children's books and adult fiction, also spiritual books and poems. I have enjoyed any books by Joy so was really delighted to read *Navigation* and discover the background story of her life.

Another interesting read is *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, number 82, which goes deeply into human stories of illness, ageing, and the ultimate goal ...”a good life - all the way to the very end”.

Atul Gawande is a surgeon who also studied the holistic journey of becoming old and ill so that he understood better how to treat patients in his care.

Jenny Phillips

LECTIONARY READINGS

June 4 Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	Pentecost Psalm 104:24-34, 35b John 20:19-23 or 7:37-39
June 11 Genesis 1:1-2: 4a 2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Trinity Psalm 8 Matthew 28:16-20
June 18 Genesis 18: 1-15 (21: 1-7) Romans 5: 1-8	Pentecost 2 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Matthew 9: 35-10: 8 (9-23)
June 25 Genesis 21:8-21 Romans 6:1b-11	Pentecost 3 Psalm 86:1-10,16-17 Matthew 10:24-39
July 2 Genesis 22:1-14 Romans 6:12-23	Pentecost 4 Psalm 13 Matthew 10:40-42
July 9 Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Romans 7:15-25a	Pentecost 5 Matthew 11:16-19,25-30
July 16 Genesis 25:19-34 Romans 8:1-11	Pentecost 6 Psalm 119:105-112 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 23 Genesis 28:10-19a Romans 8:12-25	Pentecost 7 Psalm 139:1-12,23-24 Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
July 30 Genesis 29:15-28 Romans 8:26-39	Pentecost 8 Psalm 105:1-11,45b Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

GRACE CHEATED ME OUT OF MY DISCOUNT

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.
Ephesians 2:8

I got a coupon to my local movie theatre for 50% off the cost of a movie ticket with popcorn too. The trouble is, I don't have much time to go to the movies. So I've been waiting for that rarest of combinations: a movie I want to see and the time to see it.

Finally, there it was, the obvious target for my coupon cutting zeal - a film being shown for only one night and I had the night off. Jackpot! But when I tried to use my coupon at the theater, I got some surprising news. The movie was being sponsored by a community group and therefore my coupon did not apply. Why? Because the movie was going to be free. Free of charge.

And can you guess what my reaction was?

Disappointment. I kid you not, I actually had a pang of disappointment that I was not going to be able to use my coupon, like I was being cheated out of my deal somehow.

Never mind that the movie was free, as in FREE. My coupon-craving creativity was crushed and I was actually disappointed. For about 20 seconds, which is how long it took me to realize that I was insane.

Material plans can be like that. Sometimes the quest for financial freedom just imprisons us. By getting a free ticket, I was being robbed of my chance to be the smartest coupon cutter in the room. Now I would just be on the receiving end of something free, beautiful and inspired — which is the very effect that art is meant to have on us.

It really was a good movie, by the way. And somehow it was created entirely without my help. It reached the screen for me to see without my financial backing. At the theatre, nobody asked to see my crumpled-up, tightly-held little coupon. That movie that night was a gift. It was as simple and as complicated as that.

Dear God thank you for the free gift of grace because I cannot get it for myself. Amen.

Lillian Daniel, *StillSpeaking Devotional*, UCC USA

Replace judgment with curiosity.

Lynn Nottage

CALENDAR

Up to date Events Schedule can be found at www.kkup.org.nz/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 once a month on the second Sunday of the month
Lunch at Kaeo following the Communion Service. Morning Tea following every service at Kerikeri

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, contact Alan 405 0688

Kerikeri Home Group Friday evening, second Friday of June, first Friday of July, contact Michelle 4019644

Bible Study Group Mondays 1.15-3pm, in Cornerstone, except on 5 June, Queen's Birthday Holiday.

Kerikeri Retirement Village Chapel Services: Every Sunday at 4.00pm at the Ted Robinson Chapel. Our parish leads the service on 25 June and 23 July.

JUNE

Thursday 6 10.00am KK Women's Fellowship in the Meeting Room, Cornerstone. Theme: "Hobbies". Devotions: Arlene. Tea: Annette and Gay
Tuesday 20 7.00pm Parish Council meets in the Supper Room, Kaeo
Friday 23 1.00pm Communion Service at Kauri Lodge
Sunday 25 4.00pm Communion Service in Ted Robinson Chapel

JULY

Thursday 4 10.00am KK Women's Fellowship, in the Meeting Room, Cornerstone
Tuesday 18 7.00pm Parish Council meets in the Cornerstone Meeting Room, Kerikeri
Friday 21 **Material for next newsletter due** (August/September newsletter available on 30 July)
Sunday 23 4.00pm Communion Service in Ted Robinson Chapel
Friday 28 11.00am Communion Service at Kauri Lodge

	<i>Kerikeri</i>			<i>Kaeo</i>
	<i>Door and Tea Duty</i>	<i>Communion Prep</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Readers</i>
<i>June 4</i>	Elaine and Ian		Neil Scott	
<i>June 11</i>	Gage and John	Michelle, Kato, Akisi	Jessica Scott	tba
<i>June 18</i>	Michelle and Akisi		Helen Norman	
<i>June 25</i>	Jessica and Neil		Michelle Tupou	week
<i>July 2</i>	Rilla and Jan		Kay Blunkell	
<i>July 9</i>	Bev and Ngaire	Bev and Rilla	Akisi Renner	by
<i>July 16</i>	Trevor and Bob		Arlene Purdie	
<i>July 23</i>	Lorraine and Brian		Lloyd Purdie	week
<i>July 30</i>	Elaine and Ian		Marie Cannon	

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