

Otaki-Waikanae Presbyterian Parish



Parish News 15 February 2026

Christ Centred  Community Serving
Welcome to our church

This Week's Service

Sunday 15 February 2026

10.00 am Waikanae Morning Worship

Duty Elder: Pat Smyth

Mision: Stuart McCann

Readings: Psalm 67, Micah 6:6-8,
2 Corinthians 5:14-21, Luke 4:16-21

Hymns: TIS726. TIS217, TIS210, TIS154, FFS29

Next Week's Service

Service Rosters 22 February 2026

9.15 am Waikanae Morning Worship/ CM

Duty Elder: Arnold Hawkins

Door Steward: Adair Anderson

Reader: Marion Brash

Prayers of the People: Peter Jackson

10.50 am Otaki Morning Worship/CM

Door Steward: Heather Craig

Worship Coordinator Heather Watson

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Sunday Service 10.00 am 15 February 2026

This is a joint service to be held at
Waikanae Presbyterian Church
43 Ngaio Road, Waikanae.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting of the
Otaki-Waikanae Presbyterian Parish
will be held after the morning services on
Sunday, 22 February 2026
at both Waikanae and Otaki.

The purpose of the Congregational Meeting is
to formally vote for the sale of the
Otaki Church buildings.

Members and Associate Members only
are eligible to vote

The results of the Congregational Meeting
will be submitted to Presbytery for its decision
and then forwarded to the Presbytery
Property Trustees for their decision.

Glenda John
Parish Clerk

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Join us for our service this Sunday
via Live Stream

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85340579729?
pwd=uE4GCpPIkO0FWaMjlwzaWBr1gaCeeX.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85340579729?pwd=uE4GCpPIkO0FWaMjlwzaWBr1gaCeeX.1)

Meeting ID: 853 4057 9729

Passcode: 539261

PLEASE MUTE YOUR COMPUTER DURING THE SERVICE
Access the same way as Monday Bible Study.

Ash Wednesday Service

5.30 pm 18 February 2026

at Rangiatea Church

13 Te Rauparaha Street, Otaki

Reverend Marie Collin



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WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER

Members of our Waikanae Church Family will be saddened to learn of the death earlier this week of Beverly McConnel, a longstanding member of our congregation. She was 96. Beverly and her husband Henry were loyal supporters of our church and regular attenders at worship, a tradition Beverly continued after Henry's death until failing health made it no longer possible. Beverly was also well known and respected in the community as for many years she ran the Save the Children Fund shop in Mahara Place. She was devastated when the decision was made to close the shops.

In recent years Beverly has been a resident of Parkwood Lodge where she continued to take an interest in the church and was regularly visited by her Pastoral Elder and others.

Our sympathy has been extended to Beverly's son and daughter, and her extended family.



Bible Study returns next Monday

23 February at 7pm

All welcome to attend!

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Moderator's Lent message 2026: 40 Days & 40 Nights

For the first third of my 36 years in parish ministry 'I didn't do Lent'. I had my preaching plan; I didn't use the lectionary either. I always took into account that Easter was a significant weekend with Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday. But looking back, Easter stood on its own as it were from the flow and context of the Scriptural narrative in my preaching plans.

When you read the articles and commentaries on the origin of Lent, two things stand out. The first is the 40-day period of Lent. Moses and Elijah went onto the mountains to fast and pray for 40 days, both receiving "the word of the Lord". Then there was Jesus, who was led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit for 40 days and nights to be tempted by Satan. He fasted and prayed. The climax of that account is Satan receiving "the word of the Lord". In my spiritual journey, without any claim of receiving a revelation that changed history, I spent 40 days and 40 nights in the wilds of Fiordland on a solo retreat. Yes, it was life-changing, and the experiences of the Lord are in my soul until this day.

The second aspect that catches my attention is the fasting aspect, not as an act of repentance or anything like that, but an expression of devotion to no one else or anything else like church tradition, but to be centred on Jesus, his devotion to humankind through his crucifixion for the sins of the world on the cross, and his uplifting of those who believe in him through his resurrection.

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What to fast with is an interesting question. Have you noticed how Protestants tend to be rather shallow or flippant on this topic? Give up coffee. Give up McDonalds. Good for the health maybe but do those things actually draw you closer to a deeper spiritual understanding of the person of Jesus as he set his path towards the cross. Now that I am much more experienced in ministry, Lent is now a deliberate journey with the faith community I am in looking for inner transformation of mind and soul. Past the intellectual, past academic answers, into the trials and pain of life to find The Healer.

One of the things I discovered in my Fiordland 40-day retreat was that I stepped away from the distractions of life where the static of the world stopped in my mind, and I found the thin place where heaven and earth meet. It actually exists. It is difficult to take a group of people to a place like this, but worth trying through creative interaction in Lenten activities.

Lent is a journey of returning to God. We are prodigals. Prayer, solitude and acts of compassion are the cobblestones of the path we take at Lent. You can discover who you are in Christ and your own humanity as a result. *"Dear Lord, be with me today. I don't always know the way. I don't know the words at times. Show me the way."*

Peter

Right Rev Peter Dunn

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Mission	Main Contact People	Contact Numbers
Kapiti Hidden Books	Yvonne and John Miller	04 2389663
Biscuit blessing	Annie Christie - Otaki	027 480 4803
	Dot Le Prou - Waikanae	021 297 9144
Christian World Service	Marion Brash	04 293 1932
Bible Society	Marion Brash	04 293 1932
Café Rendezvous	Peter Jackson	021 207 9455
	Dot, Penny, Destine	
	Helen, Lisa	
Garage Sale	Meri Risati-Garratt	
	Kevin, Heather	
Saturday Morning Café & Sale	Lois Gemmell, Annie Christie	
	Heather Craig	
Wednesday Fun Club	Heather Watson	06 364 8391
Skills Sharing	Lois Gemmell	06 364 0993
Te Awhi Rito	Peter Jackson	021 207 9455
	Lois, Quentin,	
	Margaret S, Sheree	
Messy Church	Adair Anderson, Katie Lewis	027 774 1041
Christian Broadcasting Service		

Daily Bible Readings

Monday 16 February

James 1:1-11

Ps 119:65-72

Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday 17 February

1 Kgs 10:1-10

Ps 37:3-6,30-32

Mark 7:14-23

Wednesday 18 February

Isa 58:1-12

Ps 51:1-17

Matt 6:1-6,16-21

Thursday 19 February

Deut 30:15-end

Ps 1

Luke 9:22-25

Friday 20 February

Isa 58:1-9a

Ps 51:1-4,16-17

Matt 9:14-15

Saturday 21 February

Isa 58:9b-end

Ps 86:1-7

Luke 5:27-32

MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

**Arguing with a
fool proves there
are two.**

Parish Contact Details

Minister: The Rev. Peter Jackson

phone: 021 207 9455

email: minister@owpresb.nz

Rev. Peter Jackson is available to meet with you:

1st and 4th Monday each month in Waikanae
from 2.00-3.00pm

1st and 4th Thursday each month in Otaki
from 11.00-12.00pm

Please contact the office for an appointment.

Parish Clerk: Glenda John

Phone: 027 329 5440

email: parishclerk@owpresb.nz

Parish Office: Jacqui Hurley

Hours: Waikanae 9:00am to 12:00pm Monday,
Wednesday, Thursday

Otaki 9:00am to 12:00pm Tuesday

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43 Ngaio Road, Waikanae

Offerings: Can be paid by Direct Debit into:

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Church Bank Account—Otaki Waikanae Presbyterian Parish

