

Otaki-Waikanae Presbyterian Parish



Parish News
26 April 2026

Christ Centred  **Community Serving**
Welcome to our church

This Week's Service

Sunday 26 April 2026

9.15 am Waikanae Morning Worship

Service Leader Owen Dance

Duty Elder: John Miller

Readings: John 10:1-10, Psalm 23, 1Peter 2:19-25

Hymns: TIS145, Saviour Like A Shephard Leed
Us, TIS10, Softly and Tenderly, TIS778

10.50 am Otaki Morning Worship

Next Week's Service

Service Rosters 3 May 2026

9,15 am Waikanae Communion

Duty Elder: Derek Hemming

Door Steward: Dot Le Prou

Reader: Richard Griffith

Prayers of the People: Marion Brash

10.00 am Otaki Communion

Door Steward: Marg Bisdee

Worship Coordinator Quentin Christie

Communion

Coordinator: Janice King

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Ken Oakenfull

A Memorial Service
will be held for
Ken Oakenfull
2.00 pm Saturday 25th April 2026
at
Waikanae Presbyterian Church
43 Ngaio Road
Waikanae



Join us for our service this Sunday
via Live Stream

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87944037693?
pwd=cli1KMrOdOGBoz5g3VnBXXiaXF4sQD.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87944037693?pwd=cli1KMrOdOGBoz5g3VnBXXiaXF4sQD.1)

Meeting ID: 879 4403 7693

Passcode: 309551

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

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On April 23, 2015, at about 10.00 am, my wife Helen and I stepped onto the sands of Anzac Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula. With our Turkish guide, we had driven about three hours from our hotel in Istanbul. We had decided not to go on ANZAC Day because it was the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings right where we were standing, with a day of commemorations planned, starting with a dawn service, evidenced by the temporary seating for the multitudes just up from the beach.

Looking inland, we clearly saw the hills the ANZACS tried to secure, but ultimately failed after 8 months of bloody conflict against the soldiers of the Ottoman Empire. New Zealand lost 2,779 and Australia about 8,700 men killed during that time. Those who were shooting from the hills defending their homeland lost some 87,000 to battle and disease. That is an incredible number. The ANZAC battlefield is steep and rugged. What surprised me was its size. It measures about

2.5 km along the coast, with ANZAC Cove about the centre. The front line, with landmarks named Chunuk Bair, Bauchops Hill, Lone Pine, Quinn's Post, and the ridge known as the Nek, is on average 1km up the steep slopes and gullies from the beach. When we walked through the Lone Pine front line trenches, they were

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Helen stood in one, and I in the other. In that small area, about 10,000 Australians and Turks died over four days. Helen and I just looked at each other. Numbers too big to contemplate. We didn't say much after that as we moved towards Chunuk Bair. The whole battlefield is the area of an average sheep and beef farm in New Zealand, according to Google. I suspect that as you read those figures, the emotional impact will be stunted, even non-existent, no reality, no experience, no connection to what they mean. When you are up on the front-line trenches, looking back down to ANZAC Cove, it moves you with oppressive force.

We were in Türkiye for one reason: to connect with the land and atmosphere of the place. Why? Because my Great Uncle Peter John McKay was killed there. I was named Peter John after him. For me, a personal family pilgrimage. There is no grave for him among the thousands of ANZAC graves in manicured cemeteries with white crosses in perfect rows. He was just "killed in action". Uncle Peter was a farming lad from Otama in Southland. The farm is still in the McKay family. Peter was with the Otago Mounted Rifles, who were part of the push to capture Chunuk Bair, with the Wellington Mounted Rifles taking the lead. He was killed on August 7 during the assault on Bauchops Hill. He was 25 years old. Great Grandmother Jane received a letter from his friend and companion in the attack, James Hargest, indicating that Peter died from a direct hit from a Turkish artillery shell, and that was his life over with no body to bury.

It was a wet and windy day as we made our way along the front-line positions towards Chunuk Bair. I stood where the ridge Peter was killed on became part of Chunuk Bair hill. It was like looking down on a tragedy. There was no joy there, no sense of my heroic great uncle, just a deep disbelief over what happened along the

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Eventually, I walked to the Chunuk Bair Memorial to the Missing, and there was his name. Inserted at some later date at the bottom of the Wellington Mounted Rifles list of the "killed in action". 2nd Lieutenant Peter McKay, Otago Mounted Rifles. Tears filled my eyes. Over the whole battlefield, there was a blanket of grief. An oppressive presence. It went soul deep. After a while, I reached into my jacket pocket and pulled out a rounded quartz river stone. I had chosen it months before from the Mataura River, not far from the McKay farm near Otama. I pressed the stone into the soil beneath his name at the bottom of the list. Rest in peace, Great Uncle.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

We will remember them.

We will remember them.

This ANZAC Day, we are free to honour the fallen and remember them. We are honouring family members and their comrades who, despite being part of unjust wars, acted with courage in difficult circumstances. But let us be careful to recognise that there is no such thing as "Just War". This is the exact opposite of Jesus' teaching. "Love your neighbour as yourself". "You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. 'But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also" (Matthew 5:38-39). Micah writes "The LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

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with peace in their hearts remain silent in the face of the powerful. War exists when the voice of wrong power proclaims invincibility and the right to wage war. Lord, this ANZAC Day, help us to honour the fallen as we recognise the evil of war and the pain and damage of its aftermath.

Right Rev Peter Dunn

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**Presbyterian Church
of Aotearoa New Zealand**

Friendship Lunch



JOE AND JOY'S

Mahara Place, Waikanae

Monday 11 May 2026 at 12.00 pm

Everyone welcome,
and please feel free to bring a friend.

Names please to Trish Tennant,

Phone 027 241 7910 or

mail trishandrod1@gmail.com

no later than Sunday 10 May

so numbers can be advised.

**Please let Trish know if you need
transport.**

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**Inaugural
concert**

SOUNDWAVES

**The new chamber choir for women
presents**

“Seabird”

Thursday 7 May 2026

7.30pm

Kapiti Uniting Parish

10 Weka Road

Raumati Beach

Tickets \$10

from Choir Members

Door sales

Cash only

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THE GARDEN

Come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses...

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. *Peace of mind*
2. *Peace of heart*
3. *Peace of soul*

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. *Squash gossip*
2. *Squash indifference*
3. *Squash grumbling*
4. *Squash selfishness*

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. *Lettuce be faithful*
2. *Lettuce be kind*
3. *Lettuce be patient*
4. *Lettuce really love one another*

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. *Turnip for meetings*
2. *Turnip for service*
3. *Turnip to help one another*

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME

1. *Thyme for each other*
2. *Thyme for family*
3. *Thyme for friends*

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.



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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,	
	Helen, Lisa	
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 27 April

Acts 11:1-18

Ps 42:1-2,43:1-4

John 10:1-10 or 11- 18

Tuesday 28 April

Acts 11:19-26

Ps 87

John 10:22-30

Wednesday 29 April

Acts 12:24-13:5

Ps 67

John 12:44-end

Thursday 30 April

Acts 13:13-25

Ps 89:1-2,20-26

John 13:16-20

Friday 1 May

Isa 30:18-21

Ps 119:9-16

John 14:6-14

Saturday 2 May

Acts 13:44-end

Ps 98:1-6

John 14:7-14

MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

**My first blessing
of the day is...
I woke up**

Parish Contact Details

Minister: The Rev. Peter Jackson

phone: 06 364 8759 (home) 021 207 9455 (mob)

email: minister@owpresb.nz

Rev. Peter Jackson is available to meet
with you:

Monday in Waikanae from 2.00-3.00pm

Thursday in Otaki

from **11.00-12.00pm**

Please contact the office for an appointment.

Parish Clerk: Glenda John

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

phone: 04 293 6987

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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

