

Otaki-Waikanae Presbyterian Parish



Parish News
30 March 2025

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

This Week's Service

Sunday 30 March 2025

9.15 am Waikanae Morning Worship

Duty Elder: Arnold Hawkins

Readings: Psalm 85, Luke 15:11-32,
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Hymns: TIS584, TIS585, I Then Shall Live, TIS145,
TIS778

10.50 am Otaki Morning Worship

Next Week's Service

Service Rosters 6 April 2025

**10.00 am Waikanae Communion/
Congregational meeting**

Duty Elder: Derek Hemming

Door Steward: Dot Le Prou

Reader: Kos van Lier

Prayers of the People: Marion Brash

Meeting Chair Owen Dance

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Gordon Patching

The Parish wish Shirley
and her family
peace and comfort
as they grieve the loss of Gordon.

Please accept our sincere
condolences.

A service will be help at
11.00 am Friday 28 March 2025
at

Kapiti Coast Funeral Home.



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**PLEASE REMEMBER
TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS BACK AN
HOUR THIS
SATURDAY NIGHT**

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Notice of Congregational Meeting

To be held on 6 April 2025

at Waikanae Church

Chaired by Owen Dance

Attended by Presbytery Representatives

Presbytery have replied to our request for a Change of Terms of Call from full time to half time for our minister, Peter Jackson.

"The Presbytery Leadership Work Group are open to the request to reduce Peter's hours but are concerned that the congregations are not yet fully on board."

Their recommendation is that we have a combined Congregational Meeting to discuss the proposal. This would enable the two congregations to hear from each other.

This will be a combined Congregational Meeting held during a combined church service on 6 April 2025.

The service will start at 10 am.

Notice of Motions:

- 1) That the Otaki -Waikanae Presbyterian Parish can no longer afford a fulltime minister and remain a viable Parish.
- 1) That we accept Peter Jackson's Change of Terms of Call from full time to half time.

Please bring a plate for a shared lunch to follow the service.

Glenda John
Parish Clerk

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As it has become apparent that our Parish can no longer afford a full-time minister, Rev Peter Jackson has offered to change his Terms of Call to half time (50%).

The purpose of the Congregational Meeting is to vote on whether our Parish can afford a full-time minister and depending on the outcome of this vote, to seek the congregation's approval for a change of Terms of Call from full time to half time for our minister.

Members and Associate members who are present at the Congregational Meeting are eligible to vote.

The change in Terms of Call to half time will mean that Peter will work the first week and the last week of each month.

The Worship Team will organise the other 2 weeks.

4 times a year there are 5 weeks in a month, March, June, August and November. The Worship Team will organise the extra service for two of those times and Peter will take the service the other two times. For example, August 2025 has five Sundays, so Peter would take the first and last Sunday, the Worship Team will take two Sundays and either Peter or the Worship Team will take the extra Sunday, depending on who is available.

A calendar will be displayed in the foyer of both churches to make this easy to see.

Peter's annual leave will reduce from four weeks a year to two weeks.

Peter will be available for parish funerals.

Any work for the Parish outside of the two weeks Peter works will be at the discretion of the Parish Council. Any work we ask Peter to do will be charged at his normal hourly rate plus mileage.

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The outcome of the Congregational Meeting will be forwarded to Presbytery for final approval. A decision will be made by Presbytery and will inform the Parish in due course.

If approved by Presbytery, the half time Terms of Call will start from 1st July 2025.

Treasurer's recommendation

Your vote at the Congregational meeting on 6th April next will determine the near future of the Parish

Why?

As indicated in past updates, the financial situation of the Parish continues to decline and has reached the stage where difficult decisions need to be made.

Some facts and figures:

- The shortfall for the year ending 30th June 2024 was \$52,000
- In the six months to 31st December 2024, the cost of Ministry amounted to \$54,000

The truth is that Parish simply can no longer afford a full time Minister. You will note however that the cost of a part-time Minister at 50%, would almost eliminate the 2024 end of year shortfall (all else being equal) and could in fact result in a slight surplus in better years. It would "buy us some time".

What if the Motions before us today are rejected?

In the eight months to 28th February 2025, Cash & Investment balances declined by \$37,000 and General Funds available amounted to just over \$66,000 at that date. Based on the 2024 result (negative \$52,000), it would appear, at first glance, that this \$66,000 would give us just over twelve months to keep going. Unfortunately, the actual time frame will be significantly less than that, as provision will need to be made to meet ongoing expenses such as the photo copier lease, power, rates and insurance once the doors are closed.

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Furthermore, if Peter's Terms of Call remain unchanged (ie he remains full time) at the time of closure, the Book of Order (Section 10.30 (4)) requires that the Minister continues to receive the entitlements he would have received under the Ministry settlement from the congregation for a period of six months (approximately \$54,000).

Are there any quick alternatives?

Unfortunately not. Growing the congregation, fund raising or finding other considerable sources of income, or seeking a significant increase in tithes and offerings from the congregation, would either take time or are simply not feasible.

Treasurer's Recommendation

In order to secure the future of our Parish, at least for the time being, my strong recommendation to the Congregation therefore votes 'YES' to Motion 1, "That the Parish can no longer afford a full time Minister and remain a viable Parish" and votes 'Yes' to Motion 2 "That the Congregation accepts Peter Jackson's Change of Terms of Call from full time to half time".

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kos van Lier

27 March 2025

Phone: 021 237 0644 / Email: treasurer@owpresb.nz

Rest Home Services

Winara House

11.00 am Wednesday 2 April 2025

Leader: Margie Upson

Annie Christie, Arnold Watson

Piano: Sheila Harkess

All helpers and supporters very welcome

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Join us for our service this Sunday
via Live Stream

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82645360098?
pwd=XqDYulSBSEX3lwqL2fWj7L3tfR6xMX.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82645360098?pwd=XqDYulSBSEX3lwqL2fWj7L3tfR6xMX.1)

Meeting ID: 826 4536 0098

Passcode: 552473

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



Otaki Waikanae Parish is inviting you to a
scheduled Zoom meeting Monday at 7pm

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87645026965?
pwd=4lcQqfMf5mjllLKyLxLsb1VdadAxH5.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87645026965?pwd=4lcQqfMf5mjllLKyLxLsb1VdadAxH5.1)

Meeting ID: 876 4502 6965

Passcode: 691368

All welcome to attend!

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**GARAGE SALE AT
OTAKI CHURCH
249 MILL ROAD, OTAKI
29 MARCH 2024 — 8AM START**



Lots of bargains
We would love to see you there!

**Also any donations for the sale are always
gratefully received**

For the next couple of weeks there will be a selection of books for sale in Otaki, on the back table by local author Pam Williamson; a beautifully illustrated devotional and two young adult novels, one of which was selected as one of twelve books required reading for those entered into the nationwide competition, Battle of the Bibliophiles.

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Festival Singers of Wellington present

SCHUBERT AND THE ROMANTICS

3pm Sunday 4 May 2025

at Otaki Waikanae Presbyterian Church,
Ngaio Road, Waikanae

Have you booked this date in your dairy

Festival Singers of Wellington and acclaimed pianist Ingrid Schoenfeld present *Schubert & the Romantics*, a programme of 19th-century choral and piano repertoire.

Ingrid Schoenfeld, a distinguished Wellington soloist and the musical director of Festival Singers, will perform Franz Schubert's *Four Impromptus*, Op. 90 interspersed with Romantic choral works including

- * *Cantique de Jean Racine* - Gabriel Faure
- * *Lobgesang* Op. 52 (The Night is Departing) – Felix Mendelssohn
- * *Geistliches Lied* – Johannes Brahms

This is an opportunity to hear the Festival Singers in Waikanae in what promises to be a captivating programme with its soaring melodies and lush harmonies.

- * **Tickets** - (currently being printed) will be available from the church office and two other outlets.
- * **Adult** – single **\$25** – (+ *booking fee if booked through Humanitix*)
- * **Adult** – 2 or more people **\$20 each** - (+ *booking fee applies*)
- * Children 18 and under free when accompanied by a paying adult

A **limited number** of door sales will be available – cash only

Contact Heather Cameron - 021 2094 255 Or Sheila Harkis - 022 505 3710 with any questions

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CAFÉ RENDEZVOUS

WAIKANAE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

43 NGAIO RD WAIKANAE

TUESDAYS

11:30 FREE COFFEE AND TEA

12:00 FREE MEAL OF THE DAY

ALL WELCOME

Gluten Free catered for

Voluntary Koha

Thanks to Kaibosh & Waikanae Butchery



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Festival Singers

SCHUBERT & THE ROMANTICS

Featuring:

Ingrid Schoenfeld • Piano
Schubert Op. 90 Impromptus

7:30pm Fri. 11 Apr. 2025

St Andrew's on The Terrace
30 The Terrace, Wellington
&

3:00pm Sun 4 May 2025

Otaki Waikanae
Presbyterian Church
43 Ngaio Road, Waikanae

Choral works by:

Fauré, Brahms, Mendelssohn,
Schumann, Borodin &
Rimsky-Korsakov

Book at Humantix

(booking fee applies)

& Tickets from
Choir Members



\$25 single

\$20 for 2+ tickets

www.festivalsingersnz.org

Children 18 and under free

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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	021297 9144
Christian World Service	Marion Brash	04 293 1932
Bible Society	Marion Brash	04 293 1932
Café Rendezvous	Peter Jackson	021207 9455
	Dot, Penny,	
	Helen, Olive, Lisa	
Garage Sale	Meri Risati-Garratt	021456 562
	Kevin, Heather	
Saturday Morning Café & Sale	Jan Ballantyne	06 364 6449
	Lois Gemmell, Annie Christie	
	Heather Craig	
Sausage Sizzle	Roger Upson	022 397 4782
	Margaret B, Sue, John	
Skills Sharing	Lois Gemmell	06 364 0993
Te Awhi Rito	Peter Jackson	021207 9455
	Lois, Quentin, Roger, Margie,	
	Margaret S, Sheree	
Messy Church	Adair Anderson, Katie Lewis	027 774 1041
Christian Broadcasting Service	Janet Todd	04 293 5928
Café Church	Jan Ballantyne	06 364 6449

Daily Bible Readings

Monday 31 March

Isa 65:17-21
Ps 30:1-5,8,12-end
John 4:43-end

Tuesday 1 April

Ezek 47:1-9,12
Ps 46:1-8
John 5:1-3,5-16

Wednesday 2 April

Isa 49:8-15
Ps 145:8-17
John 5:17-30

Thursday 3 April

Exod 32:7-14
Ps 106:19-23
John 5:31-end

Friday 4 April

Jer 26:8-11
Ps 34:15-end
John 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday 5 April

Jer 11:18-20
Ps 7:1-2,8-10
John 7:40-52

MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

**Accept what is,
let go of what was,
have faith in what
will be.**

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

email: office@owpresb.nz

website: www.otakiwaikanaechurch.nz

43 Ngaio Road, Waikanae

Offerings: Can be paid by Direct Debit into:

06 0592 0094011 00

Church Bank Account—Otaki Waikanae Presbyterian Parish

