

Otaki-Waikanae Presbyterian Parish



Parish News
3 August 2025

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

This Week's Service

Sunday 3 August 2025

9.15 am Waikanae Communion

Duty Elder: John Miller

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

Hymns: TIS474, Still, HIOS18, HIOS19, May The
Lord Mighty God

10.50 am Otaki Communion

Next Week's Service

Service Rosters 10 August 2025

9.15 am Waikanae Morning Worship

Duty Elder: Anne Field

Door Steward: Adair Anderson

Reader: Geoff Eyles

Prayers of the People Marion Brash

10.50 am Otaki Morning Worship

Door Steward: TBA

Worship Coordinator TBA

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Join us for our service this Sunday
via Live Stream

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84646497224?
pwd=UdBGKOWwtWEvISfZ9NbbRrWaXxa3dD.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84646497224?pwd=UdBGKOWwtWEvISfZ9NbbRrWaXxa3dD.1)

Meeting ID: 846 4649 7224

Passcode: 964136

PLEASE MUTE YOUR COMPUTER DURING THE SERVICE

Access the same way as Monday Bible Study.

NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL

- * Café Kitchen, held on 3rd Saturday of each month at Otaki church, will increase their prices for food and beverages. They will no longer be 50c each.
- * ACM 26th October 2025 at Otaki
- * New posters reminding people about securing the premises have been printed and will be displayed at both churches.
- * Festival Singers will be returning to Waikanae Church for a concert in November.

Glenda John
Parish Clerk

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MODERATOR'S
MESSAGE 2025
3 AUGUST

**PEACE
SUNDAY**

About 10 years ago I sat in a hotel in Waimate having lunch with my mother who had worked in the town during the war years. She told me that this particular hotel had been at the centre of the street party celebrations when the end of WW2 was announced. She described the day and how they could hardly believe it, and the outpouring of relief and joy that came as that small town at the bottom of the world reacted to the thought of peace, after so many years of war and the devastation and grief that came with it. And we can only try and imagine how the news reverberated the world over, especially in the lands which war and horror were a daily experience.

Peace....

Of course, not long before that, on 6 August, there was the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, with tens of thousands of people killed and then thousands more dying later of radiation poisoning. Horrific. Devastating. Unprecedented. And this Peace Sunday date is intentionally chosen to coincide with this anniversary.

Peace...at what cost...

In essence, Peace Sunday serves as a powerful reminder of the devastating consequences of war and violence, and a call to action for individuals and communities to work towards a more peaceful and just world. We also acknowledge the inter-generational trauma that comes for those who have experienced such horror, and how the effects of it continue to impact families and our societies. At this time in the life of our world, when we look at the carnage, inhumanity and violence all around, how desperately we need peace... a just peace.

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We run with longing to embrace peace - yet maintaining a true and just peace is no soft option.

Today we are no longer reliant on radio and newspapers as my mother was, our many devices and social media bring war zones and sites of conflict before us wherever we are switched on and at any time of the day - we hear and see terrible accounts of death and suffering. It can be overwhelming, yet we do not want to turn our backs on those enduring horrors in the Israel-Hamas war; Russia Ukraine war; Thailand Cambodia conflict; civil wars in Myanmar; Sudan; Ethiopia; Syria; Yemen and many other places across the globe. It is confronting, but we can and do find ways to seek out the truth, to be informed and aware, and help in whatever small way we can to promote peace.

I am reminded of the words of the Trappist monk, Thomas Merton:

*"Peace demands the most heroic labour
and the most difficult sacrifice
It demands greater heroism than war
It demands greater fidelity to the truth and
a much more perfect purity of conscience."
[From *The Nonviolent Alternative*.]*

We speak of Jesus as the 'prince of peace' and also recall his words from John 14: 27:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

As followers of Jesus, we are called to walk in the ways of peace. To be bearers of that peace that Jesus gives. This is necessary, demanding, challenging and ongoing.

Let us take up the challenge to work towards peace, not just on Peace Sunday, but always.

Grace and peace - Rose

Right Rev Rose Luxford

Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand
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Waikanae & Otaki Church Pianos

Weinbach - Waikanae

The keyboard and damper action in the piano at Waikanae was taken away by the piano technician on Friday 1 August and will be returned later in the month. This is to carry out necessary repairs and to keep the piano in good concert condition for future performances and services in the church. A heater will also be installed in the piano to regulate the temperature and prevent the piano frequently going out of tune. The cost for repairs to the piano have been met by two very generous donations for which we are grateful.

Knight - Otaki

The piano technician has also been asked to install a heater in the piano at Otaki to combat temperature fluctuations. He will tune the piano a short time after the heater has been installed to allow time for the piano to adjust to the consistency in temperature. This will be done at a date to be advised.

Heather & Sheila

Otaki Biscuit Blessing

Otaki Biscuit Blessing went to P2 Physiotherapy staff in July, and is going to Zero Waste Recycling Otaki in August. Both places are doing a great job in the community. Many thanks to the bakers.

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Otaki Church Stewards

A reminder to the folk who are the weekly stewards on Sunday morning to stay and lock up the church after everyone has departed the building. If you cannot stay to do this, please see Annie or ask someone else to do the job. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY – FUN DAY CLUB

Join us for a tour of Watsons Garden Commercial site followed by lunch at “Carnation” at Watson Garden Centre.

There are 2 different dates to choose from:

1 - Wednesday 13 August

2 - Tuesday 19 August

Tour starts at 10.00 am and lunch at 12.00 pm.
(Lunch to be pre ordered)

There will be car-pooling from both churches leaving at 9.30 am.

Please let us know if you can be a designated driver.

There are forms at both churches, with a menu and maps, please add your names, preferred date etc., and your lunch order.

For more information, please contact
for Otaki Heather Watson 06 364 8301 and
for Waikanae Glenda John 027 329 5440.

You can also contact the office.

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CAFÉ RENDEZVOUS

WAIKANAE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

43 NGAIO RD WAIKANAE

5th AUGUST 2025

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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Season of Creation 2025: Peace with Creation

This September, churches around the world will once again unite to celebrate the *Season of Creation* — a month-long opportunity, from **1 September to 4 October**, to renew our commitment to care for God's creation.

There are many ways to be intentional and active during the Season of Creation — as a church and in your local community. The [international Season of Creation Guide](#) is full of ideas and inspiration, and you'll also find a wide array of resources on the [Eco Church](#) website to equip your church for meaningful involvement.

A Rocha will be hosting a free, online **Eco Church kōrero** on **4th August**, which will explore this year's SOC theme and share practical ideas for how churches can be involved. It's free to attend but please register: <https://www.ecochurch.org.nz/events/eco-church-korero-soc-2025>

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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, Destine	
	Helen, Olive, Lisa	
Garage Sale	Meri Risati-Garratt	021456 562
	Kevin, Heather	
Saturday Morning Café & Sale		
	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		

Daily Bible Readings

Monday 4 August

Num 11:4-15

Ps 81:11-end

Matt 14:13-21

Tuesday 5 August

Num 12:1-13

Ps 51:1-7

Matt 14:22-end

Wednesday 6 August

Exod 24:12-18

Ps 97

Luke 9:28-36

Thursday 7 August

Num 20:1-13

Ps 95:1,8-end

Matt 16:13-23

Friday 8 August

Deut 4:32-40

Ps 77:11-end

Matt 16:24-end

Saturday 9 August

Deut 6:4-13

Ps 18:1-2,49-end

Matt 17:14-20

MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

**Never be afraid to try
something new -
remember amateurs built
the Ark, professionals built
the Titanic**

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

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Offerings: Can be paid by Direct Debit into:

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Church Bank Account—Otaki Waikanae Presbyterian Parish

