



Alpine Presbytery

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Alpine Presbytery Gathering

19-21 March, at St David's in Ashburton

Registrations are now open for the Gathering. Please follow this link to access the registration form: <https://forms.gle/4Gi8BtEXCP4W5qrA7>.

Full details of the programme will be available shortly.

Alpine Mission Fund and other Presbytery Grants

A reminder that the cut off dates for applications for Grants is **28th February**.

Information and application forms can be found here:

Alpine Mission Fund

- [Grants information sheet](#)
- [Application—Buildings \\$10k+](#)
- [Application - general \\$10k+](#)
- [Expression Of Interest](#)

Presbytery Grants

- [Information Sheet](#)
- [Grant Application Form](#)
- [St David's Trust Application Form](#)

Expressions of interest invited

The Presbyterian Church has a seat on the **Board of the Prison Chaplaincy Service Aotearoa New Zealand (PSCANZ)** (read their latest annual report <https://pcsanz.org/>)

We are inviting expressions of interest to serve in this role.

Meetings are in Wellington. Ideally the person would live in the greater Wellington area, but expressions are invited from across the country. The Board meets four times a year – on a Tuesday – from 10am to 3pm.

Ideally, we are seeking expressions from people who

- Have a good understanding of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and are a member of a local congregation
- Understanding of budgets and other financial reporting processes
- Have a strong understanding of the Justice system – especially the prison setting
- Will work ecumenically
- Support the changes taking place in the service at PCSANZ – especially the focus on Maori prisoners
- Value volunteers multi faith composition
- And in particular be able to represent Pacifica points of view in the work of the Board

To express an interest in this role, please respond with a covering letter and a CV to the Assembly Executive Secretary – wayne@presbyterian.org.nz – by **3 March**

COMING UP

Next Presbytery Gathering:
19-21 March at St David's in Ashburton

Crossway Community Church Dedication: 21 March

Coracle—weekend for explorers:
30 April—2 May

Presbytery Retreat at Hanmer Springs: 2—4 May



Ministers' Groups

Our next **minister's coffee groups** are as follows:

2pm, Monday 22nd February at Zeroes Cafe with Hamish Galloway

10am, Friday 26th February at Esquires Homebase with Glenn Livingstone

Our next **minister's zoom** is on at the following time:

11am, 24th February with Martin Stewart

Meeting Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84566368810?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84566368810?pwd=Q09jMlYwQ2M1YkU5MExvaDRpWDVSUT09)

[pwd=Q09jMlYwQ2M1YkU5MExvaDRpWDVSUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84566368810?pwd=Q09jMlYwQ2M1YkU5MExvaDRpWDVSUT09)

Meeting ID: 845 6636 8810

Passcode: 369985

Ordination of Rev Dr Michael Reid

Michael Reid's ordination took place on Sunday 14th February, at the Hoon Hay Church. Here are some photos of the evening.



Friendship First Course at Linwood Avenue Union Church

Want to learn more about the tenets of Islam and Muslims as people?

Want to learn how and where Christianity and Islam intersect?

Want to learn how to be a good neighbour to Muslims (particularly those still suffering from the March 15 attacks)?

Want to learn how to build lasting friendships with your Muslim neighbours?

Want to learn how to share your faith respectfully with them?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, it's not too late to join us for Friendship First Course at **Linwood Avenue Union Church (378 Linwood Ave cnr of Tilford St)** **Thursday evenings from 5:30-7pm. The course runs from Feb 18th—April 8th** (with two weeks off on March 11 and April 1) and is free. Supper provided. Koha accepted.

The course has been chosen to run during Lent as it not only corresponds with the anniversary of the Mosque Attacks, but also to intentionally consider who God loves so much that he'd send his only son, Jesus to die for (Jn 3:16), as we lead up to Easter.

Feel free to come along, even if you can't make every week work. It won't matter if you miss a week or two.

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Pulpit supply for Stewart Island

Oban Presbyterian Church on Stewart Island invite enquiries from people interested in taking a service for any date from May onwards and throughout 2021 & 2022 (except June 6th 2021, and Jan 30, Feb 6 and 13 2022, which are already booked).

The Manse is available for accommodation but caters for a maximum of four (note: there is a charge for staying at the Manse). You can stay at the Manse from the Friday prior to the Sunday service until the following Thursday morning (or any days in between).

The Oban Presbyterian Church will pay for the travel from Invercargill or Bluff (either plane or boat) for the preacher, but you must charge this fare to the Oban Presbyterian Church when you make your travel booking. For details on this, or to offer your services, contact Zona on 03 214 9414 zonap@xtra.co.nz

Rubbish Challenge Step One

10 Steps to Less Waste in 10 Months

A resource for churches and whanau. Please copy & share (no copyright). More material & videos at: www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html. Written by Silvia Purdie

Step 1) February: Consider

Bible verse: Ephesians 1:22 *And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything.*

'Big Idea': Mission is Gospel in Context

Christ is Lord of everything and the Gospel of Christ is good news for everywhere. Mission happens at the points of connection between the eternal truth of salvation and the messy specifics of human life. In our time we face huge environmental issues. Following Jesus takes us where ever he leads, even into the rubbish dumps of the world.

Questions - for reflection & discussion

Whose problem is our rubbish? Is it a problem for God?

It's great to throw things in the bin and someone else takes it away ... but where does it go? What impact does it have on the environment? Is it our responsibility? Is this something our church/group/home would like to address this year?

Action Steps for February

1. Download the 'Waste' study guide from A Rocha's 'Rich Living' series: www.arocha.org.nz/resources/rich-living-series
2. Read and talk about with others
3. Watch Silvia's short video at: www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html
4. Decide to do the Rubbish Challenge 10 Steps this year. For a church this could involve taking a formal proposal to the leadership/Council.

Prayer

Almighty Creator, all things come from you. You call us to be responsible stewards.

Jesus Christ, you are in all the world. You call us into mission to all the world.

Life-giving Spirit, give us strength to follow Christ, in the little things and in the big things. Amen.

UCANZ Forum

16-18 April 2021: Hear what the CVs are saying to the Churches

The venue for the earlier-than-usual **Biennial Forum** is El Rancho near Waikanae Beach on the Kapiti coast and the conference runs from Friday dinnertime, 5.30pm, on 16th April, to just before lunchtime on Sunday 18th April.

This is a shorter Forum than previously but with a full programme featuring workshops,

Presbytery Directory

If you need to obtain information from the Presbytery Directory, please initially ask your Parish Office, as most of these have been given a log-on to Infoodle.

If you do need for your own logon access, send your request to Gail at gail@alpinepresbytery.org.

Please do bear in mind, though, that we need to be aware of our obligations under the Privacy Act.

Resources

A selection of resources and links to resources to assist you with your work and outreach can be found on our website here: alpinepresbytery.org/resources/

Alpine Presbytery Culture & Strategic Framework

[Click here](#) to download this document, updated September 2020

games, drama, and speed-dating! The theme of the Forum is the future of Cooperative Ventures: **Where are we going?** We want the Partner Churches to hear the concerns of CVs about their future status and relationships with the Partners.

Publicity material is on the website at

www.ucanz.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2021-UCANZ-Forum-flyer.pdf

The cost is \$240 which covers all food and accommodation as well as registration.

Invitation to book launch

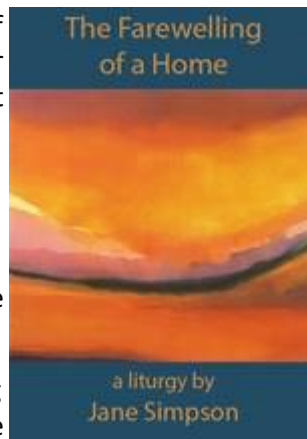
You are invited to the launch of a book which came out of the earthquakes but can be used by anyone leaving their home for the last time, for example moving into a retirement village.

The Farewelling of a Home: a liturgy by Jane Simpson

2pm, Saturday 20 February at the Christchurch Transitional Cathedral.

The book will be launched by Canterbury poet, Bernadette Hall. All are welcome.

Jane Simpson is an Anglican, an historian and award-winning poet. The language is accessible and it can be used by people who have no experience of formal worship. Further details are on the publisher's website: www.poiema.co.nz



For those not able to attend, the event will be live-streamed from the cathedral's website: www.cardboardcathedral.org.nz/

From the last Newsletter

- Pastoral Prayer request from the Moderator
- Ordination—Michael Reid
- Prayer Retreat—14th—16th February
- A big thank you to Rangi Ruru Girls School & Rangi Ruru Preschool
- Ministers' Coffee Groups
- Bush Telegraph
- An 'Enviro' network for the PCANZ?
- New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library
- The Rubbish Challenge—introduction
- Meditation in the Christian Tradition

Newsletter Items

Please share this Newsletter around your Parish, especially with members of Session/Parish Council and all office bearers.

Details of events, or requests to be added to the distribution list, should be emailed to gail@alpinepresbytery.org

Cut off for items for next week's Newsletter: **Thursday 25 February**

Dropbox link for documents mentioned in this newsletter can be accessed via this link: control & click, or copy & paste the link to your browser:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5k528skz4niqhg/AABDjLatKU2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>