



Alpine Presbytery

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Coracle - a week-end for explorers

Friday 30 April 7pm – Sunday 2 May midday, at Hanmer Springs Forest Camp

Cost: \$50 pp (Includes meals on Saturday, refreshments and venue)

In the 6th Century, Columba arrived on the Island of Iona on a “coracle.” A coracle is a small boat, and for some Celtic missionaries they would simply go where the tide took them. Pilgrim, voyager, explorer, pioneer – all words that describe a sense of “finding our way” with no fixed idea of what the future may look like.

Maybe these words describe you or someone you know? Maybe you have questions about church, mission, the future – wondering about what could be, and carrying some questions about what is now – if so join us in Hanmer Springs in 2021. Coracle is for people interested in exploring new ways of being church to tell stories, learn together, pray and listen. Some conversations will explore practical steps like getting started in a venture like this.

More information & Registration at alpinepresbytery.org/coracle/

Download the flyer here: [Coracle](#)

Notices & News from other organisations

Ministry Retreat Week at Sister Eveleen

Sister Eveleen Retreat House (SERH) in Christchurch has set aside some time in April specifically to host people working in ministry. If you're involved in church leadership and looking for a chance to reflect and pray after the Easter season then why not come over to Sumner for a night (or even a week!). From Friday April 9 - Sunday April 18 we're offering accommodation, a cooked dinner, and daily spiritual direction for \$135 per night (plus \$10 cleaning fee). During this time we'll be hosting Heather Simpson, who specialises in spiritual direction to people in ministry.

For more information and registration, please call Eddie on 022 563 6879 or email sister.e.retreat@gmail.com. You can also visit our website at www.sistereretreat.com

Zoom seminar on LGBTQ+ strategies for Evangelical Congregations

Date: Wednesday 14 April, 7.00pm.

Title: A case study of an evangelical congregation that has coped in a creative way with the challenge of LGBTQ+ issues by Rev Dr Lynne Baab.

Description: An evangelical congregation in Seattle wanted to welcome LGBTQ+ people as well as make space for members who hold a conservative interpretation of the Bible on that topic. Through a congregational discernment process, God led them to a unique policy. Lynne Baab, a member of that church who has lived more than a decade

COMING UP

Coracle—weekend for explorers:
30 April—2 May

Presbytery Retreat at Hanmer Springs: 2—4 May

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

As Friday next week is a Public Holiday, cut off for items for next week's Newsletter is **Wednesday 31st March**



in New Zealand, explains how this model works. Lynne was senior lecturer in pastoral theology in the Theology Programme from 2007 to 2017. She is the author of many books and Bible study guides. She teaches as an adjunct professor at Hope International University and blogs at lynnebaab.com.

Registration is here (required in order to get a zoom link -- the seminar is free): <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/events/otago825565.html>

From the last Newsletter

- Crossway Community Church Opening & Dedication
- Alpine Presbytery Gathering
- Youth Mental Health Educator—Anglican Diocese of Christchurch
- Christchurch City Mission Social Services Team Vacancies
- New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library

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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



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