



# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

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## Newsletter 31st March 2021

### An exciting new possibility...

The Alpine Presbytery has initiated two New Mission Seedling Projects and wishes to begin a third based in the Eastern Suburbs of Christchurch. With support from Presbyterian Support Upper South Island, and St Andrews at Rangi Ruru we wish to appoint a full time explorer whose task is to listen and look, find out what God is doing and determine the best way of joining in. The position is for a fixed term of two years with the hope that new seedling(s) will then be taking root.

The person or persons who might fulfil this role will need

- a lively Christian faith that is open, engaging, and accepting of difference
- an ability to self-manage and a high degree of resilience when times are challenging
- an ability to listen to and relate well with a wide range of people
- experience in working in bicultural/multi-cultural contexts
- a heart for poor and the outworking of God's justice
- a commitment to work with the people and ethos of Alpine Presbytery/PCANZ
- evidence of biblical and theological education and commitment to ongoing formation
- an ability to adapt and experiment

A ministry description is available from Rev Martin Stewart (ph: 021308519, email: [executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org)). Martin would also be available to discuss this position in greater depth.

**Applications close at 5pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

**Rev Hamish Galloway** was knocked off his bike on Tuesday. He has sustained two broken elbows, two broken ribs and some other soft tissue injuries.

We pray for his recovery and send our best wishes to him.

### 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)

**Registrations close tomorrow—1st April.**

More information & Registration at [alpinepresbytery.org/coracle/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/coracle/)  
Download the flyer here: [Coracle](#)

### Families Coordinator Position

John Knox Rangiora is seeking a Christian Families Coordinator to lead our Children and Youth ministries and provide pastoral support for our church families and wider community.

We are looking for someone with a strong Christian faith who knows the challenges and blessings associated with young families in a local Church community.

### 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](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org)

Cut off for items for next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 8th April.**



The Families Coordinator will work with our current Children and Youth ministries and pre-school music group to support and resource those involved. Their primary role will be pastoral care for Children, Youth and Families while providing leadership and guidance where needed.

We are looking for someone who can:

- Dream: discern the heart of God for families at John Knox and wider communities
- Lead: teams of volunteers in the Children and Youth Ministries
- Be Hands-on: in activities and services that bless our current and new families.

The position is for 20 hours per week which can be managed around both set and flexible times.

For a Job Description, Application Pack or if you have further questions, contact Jason: [jason@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz](mailto:jason@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz), ph. 027 452 7546

Applications Close 21st April 2021

## Organ For Sale— Make an Offer

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Rakaia have replaced their Sterling & Co. Pedal Organ with a piano, so the organ is now available to be purchased. It is in good condition and plays well. For more information, or to enquiry, contact [dottsknights@gmail.com](mailto:dottsknights@gmail.com)

## Scam warning

We reiterate our previous warnings about scam email messages, whereby a person purporting to be someone known to you emails saying something like 'I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get this message'. It is best to not even reply to that, but, if you do, it will be followed by a request to purchase some sort of gift cards.

*These messages are always fraudulent.*

Whilst the name of the "from" person might be someone you know, a closer look at the email address will show that it is not correct.

## Presbytery Gathering in Ashburton

The Gathering earlier this month was well attended and gave us a chance to update our Presbytery on activity in the last six months.

Our Moderator, Barry Ayers, led reflections based on two questions - 'How are you?', and 'How are we?', wondering if the old boat of the church is serving us very well, and noting the tension between the faith life and church life.

The PCANZ Moderator, Rt Rev Fakaofo Kaio brought greetings to the Gathering and shared some thoughts.

### Comings & Goings since our last Gathering:

Closing of the Horrellville Church

Rev Dr Don Fergus finished supply at Takaka and took up supply at St Martins

Ordination of Rev Steve Talbot at Hope

Sale of Trinity Church, Nelson

Induction of Rev Edrick Corban-Banks at Akaroa-Banks Peninsula

Retirement of Rev Joshua Choi – Korean Presbyterian Church in Christchurch

Installation of Rev Su Hee (Steve) Bae as Interim Senior Pastor at Korean Presbyterian Church Christchurch

Rev Dr Darryl Tempero seconded to KCML for a year

Ordination of Rev Dr Michael Reid at Hoon Hay

Rev Hamish Galloway formally appointed as the Minister at Cashmere

Resignation of Rev Dennis Flett from Hope

The Very Rev Bruce Hansen was offered a gift as a marking of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Christchurch Earthquakes and in recognition of his work over that period with the coordination, settlement process, and ongoing release of earthquake funds.



Above: Two Moderators together.



## Alpine Council Reporting

The Executive Officer noted some main activities, the response to the Royal Commission on Abuse in Care, the East Christchurch/PSUSI new mission seedling initiative, the Boundaries and Conflicts of Interest paper and the Nominations process.

The proposal of Resourcing being a team within Alpine Council was approved.

## Property & Finance Report:

The budget for the year ended 2021-22 was approved.

Ann McMillan presented a report (download here: [Property and Finance Team report](#)) outlining three main points (*the report has information relevant to Parish Councils, property and finance personnel in parishes and we encourage you to read and take note of the items mentioned.*)

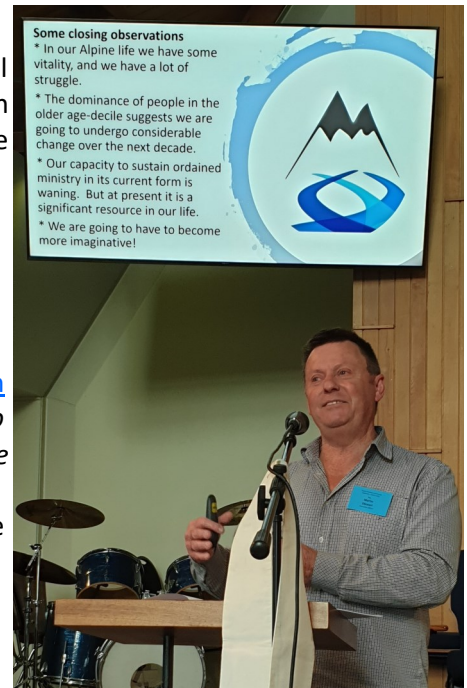
1. Info about the role and function of the Church Architecture Reference Group (CARG)
2. Info about insurance
3. Info about Residential Tenancy requirements

## Sharing:

Philippa & Ben Necklen reported on their experiences at Hanmer Springs; Martin Stewart provided a slide snapshot of the churches and ministries in Alpine; there was a report from the Alpine Mission Fund on the activities of over the last year; Rev Joohong Kim shared his research on 'Developing a mode of transcultural leadership in the English-speaking ministry context in New Zealand'; Josh Olds shared from his experiences in the Prestons New Mission Seedling; updates were given on ways we are forming circles of conversation and support in Alpine; Silvia Purdie shared some of the ideas about Eco Church that some people are wanting to take to General Assembly for approval; Lynmarie Sopoanga shared a story of the Kids Day event at Darfield, funded by the Have-a-Go fund.

## The Andrew Norton Scholarship Recipients 2021

2021 were announced as Jasmin Vanderwerff (Nelson) - help with the costs of supervision training to enable her to offer better support for the young leaders she works with; and Abi Trevathan (Christchurch) - to help with the costs of undergoing part time study towards a Graduate Diploma in Theology at Laidlaw College with a specific focus on Indigenous Theology.



From top: Bruce Hansen & Barry Ayers; Philippa & Ben Necklen talk about the Hanmer Project; Bottom: enjoying each other's company at the Gathering.

From top: Martin's closing observations; Lynmarie talking about a Have-a-Go project; Dan Spragg reflecting on *Discovering the Other*

## Being present in our local communities

Martin coordinated a reflection and storytelling session based on aspiration #11 in the Cultural & Strategic Framework document: 'Be present in our local communities, deeply listening to, and learning from others, and being alongside humbly loving and serving.'

As we worked on crafting a theology of community, Rev Dr Bruce Hamill gave theological input along with contributions from Sage Harris (Whakatu), Philppa & Ben Necklen (Hanmer Springs), Dan Spragg & Anne Stewart (The Village), Josh Olds (Prestons), Rory Grant & Helen Carter (Timaru) and Dan gave a reflection on the book *Discovering the Other*.

Our thanks to our hosts at St David's and St Andrew's in Ashburton for the venue and the good food.

A full copy of the Minutes from the Gathering are here: [Minutes of Alpine Presbytery Gathering](#)

## Notices & News from other organisation

### South Island Ministry Conference 2021

Registrations for Ministry Conference 2021 are now open. There is a wonderful line up of keynote talks based around resilience and wellbeing in uncertain times.

The conference is a little bit shorter this year, to make it more accessible for those who are even busier than usual in ministry, in these Covid times.

If you are intending on coming to conference, please don't hesitate to register—they need to have an accurate idea of numbers as early as possible for planning and catering purposes. In the case of sudden alert level changes, they will be providing the keynote talks and the forum online and refunding 70% of your registration fee.

All the details that you need to know are in the [brochure](#) and on the East Taieri Church website. You can book online at the following link: <http://www.etchurch.co.nz/conference/registrations>

### Rubbish Challenge for April: Step 3: Recycling

**The Rubbish Challenge: 10 Steps to Less Waste in 10 Months.** A resource for churches and whanau. More material and videos at [www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html](http://www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html)

#### Step 3) April: Recycling

**Bible verse:** 1 Corinthians 15:50. *What I am saying is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.*

#### 'Big Idea'

God designed all of Creation to be perishable, but modern manufacturing has created millions of objects that are effectively imperishable. Plastic is designed to degrade so slowly to be almost immortal. True immortality is found only in God. All else is idolatry. Objects that do not decompose harm the environment. Recycling reduces this harm.

#### Question - for reflection & discussion

What do we do with objects whose life span is much longer than ours?

**Watch video** at [www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html](http://www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html)

#### Action Steps for April

Help your City Council recycle as much as possible:

- know what can go into the yellow recycling bins (find out from your City Council)
- don't put anything else in the recycling bins

### 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](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org).

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



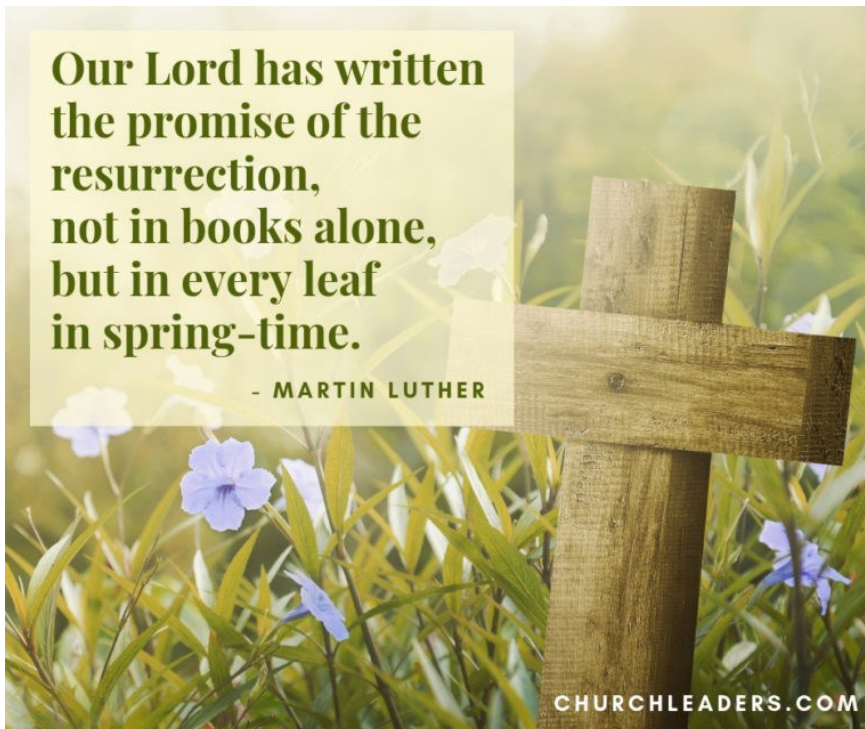
- don't wrap recycling in plastic bags
- clean recycling first.
- Buy less stuff in plastic bottles – refill and re-use.
- Ask for no plastic packaging when you buy products (such as polystyrene).
- Get creative. What ideas do you have for re-using stuff?

#### Prayer

Risen Christ, all glory to you.  
In you is everlasting life!  
Conquer the idols in our world.  
Give us wisdom, courage and creativity  
as we recycle.

#### From the last Newsletter

- Ministry Retreat Week at Sister Eveleen
- Zoom seminar on LGBTQ+ strategies for Evangelical Congregations



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#### 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/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/resources/)

#### Alpine Presbytery Culture & Strategic Framework

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

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>