



# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 22nd April 2021

### Presbytery Retreat

**Sunday 2nd & Monday 3rd May 2021**, with an optional extra day on Tuesday 4th May.

**Venue:** Hanmer Springs Forest Camp, 243 Jollies Pass Road, Hanmer Springs 7334

Sunday evening meal & Monday lunch provided.

**Accommodation:** own arrangements

**Speaker:** Malcolm Gordon

**Theme:** Speech for the Speechless: Exploring Lament as God's Gift in the Midst of Suffering. More details on our website: [alpinepresbytery.org/presbytery-retreat/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/presbytery-retreat/)

Register here: <https://forms.gle/JxHmDm2r9wznhaWA7> Registrations close 29<sup>th</sup> April.

### Hinds Co-Operating Parish

A Special Service will be held on Sunday 16th May at 2pm, at St. Lukes Hinds, to celebrate its Pipe Organ, which was commission in September 1920 as a memorial to the local soldiers that did not return home from WW1. Mr Graham Gunn of Ashburton will be the Organist, and Mrs Jo Wilson, a local Historian will speak.

The Timaru Organ Company have written an article about the organ, and that can be viewed here: [Organ at St Luke's, Hinds](#)

### Have a Go Project update: Seddon's Community Garden

The people of Awatere-Flaxbourne parish applied for a grant from the Have-a-Go fund to assist with their Community Garden in Seddon. The monies received were put towards the purchase of seedlings (at a reduced cost from a friendly nursery in Blenheim), extending their irrigation system, and, most recently, adding a tunnel house to raise seedlings in.

The main garden block was planted in seedlings for winter use, and they are just coming on stream now and looking very healthy. People are learning to take just what they will use today, and also to preserve the growth of the brassica leaves etc.

A generous owner of horses gives a manure/sawdust mix which is ideal for the soil texture as well as its nutrition. Looking ahead, they will rest some beds in readiness for spring planting and are wanting to break in some new areas which had been under the demolished church for 70 years.



### 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 29th April**.



Most recently they purchased a modest tunnel house and are in the process of setting it up for growing seedlings with some irrigation. The 'furniture' in the tunnel house appeared from unknown donors, which is encouraging.

## **Vacancies:**

### **Christian Families Coordinator—John Knox Rangiora**

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.

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) phone 027 452 7546

Applications Close **26<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

### **Presbytery Representative on the St Andrew's College Board of Governors**

#### **Board Composition**

The Board places importance on a balance of skills and experience that matches the strategic direction and needs of the College. The emphasis is on attracting the best qualified person for each position.

The best qualified person will normally mean the candidate whose skills and experience best meet the assessment of the skill profile for the particular vacancy.

#### **Basic competencies that all Board members are required to possess and develop:**

- Experience and knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of a governor and ability to distinguish governance from management.
- Able to communicate clearly, take a critical perspective on issues, possess integrity, a strong sense of ethics, and be able to recognise conflicts of interest.
- Business skills and financial literacy.
- Commitment to the special character of the College.
- Organisational, educational and strategic awareness.
- An ability to add value, and work collegially.

Every effort will be made to fairly recognise gender balance and the demographics of the St Andrew's communities.

The nominated candidates may be required to provide information to the Remuneration and Nominations Committee prior to the election and will be subject to final approval by the Christchurch Presbytery.

This is a voluntary role.

Any expressions of interest to Martin: [executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org) as soon as possible.

### **St Andrew's on the Terrace, Wellington—Ministry Vacancy**

*A vibrant church; A place of welcome; A spiritual, cultural, & intellectual hub in Wellington*

St Andrew's on The Terrace are seeking expressions of interest or applications from ministers in good standing within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ); also from other ordained ministers in New Zealand or overseas who, after due process, are able to become ministers of PCANZ.

To receive the Parish Profile and other supporting material, please contact the Convenor of the Ministry Settlement Board: Rev Reg Weeks OEF, ph: 027 491 5947; email: [third.age@xtra.co.nz](mailto:third.age@xtra.co.nz) Further information about St Andrew's on the Terrace can be found on our website at [www.standrews.org.nz](http://www.standrews.org.nz)

All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence. **Applications close 14th May 2021**

## Notices & News from other organisation

### Wellington Lifewalk CARE Course and Seasons for Growth

**Chaplaincy Training and Pastoral Care for State Schools:** 5 – 7th May 2021, 9am - 5pm daily, at The Anglican Centre, 18 Eccleston Hill, Thorndon in Wellington.

If you have a heart to support, encourage, nurture and connect with state school students, here is an opportunity to attend training to become a Lifewalk chaplain at our upcoming CARE course.

In addition, we will be offering a workshop for the well-known and respected Seasons for Growth education programme which supports young people and adults through times of change, loss and grief.

This is a great opportunity to equip yourself for pastoral care over three days.

<b>CARE Course</b> 5 – 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 (1.5 days) \$175	<b>Seasons for Growth workshop</b> 6 – 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 (1.5 days) \$200	<b>CARE Course &amp; Seasons for Growth</b> 5 – 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 (3 days) \$300
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Download the poster here: [CARE Seasons for Growth Poster](#). Contact to register for the courses: Doreen Hakeagaiki, [Wellington@lifewalk.org.nz](mailto:Wellington@lifewalk.org.nz), Ph. 022 653 5453

For more information on Lifewalk, check out the website: [www.lifewalk.org.nz](http://www.lifewalk.org.nz)

### Calling all aspiring models

Presbyterian Support needs you! We're looking for teenagers in Christchurch to take part in a photo shoot on Monday 3 May (treats will be provided!). Your photo could end up on a brochure, a poster or even on our website. If you're between 15 and 17 we'd love to hear from you! Please call Alena Lynch on 022 35 99 642 or 0800 477 874.

### Eco Church information evening for the PCANZ

**Online on Tuesday 1 June, 7.30pm**

An invitation to the PCANZ and Presbyterian & Union congregations to join Eco Church NZ. A Rocha Aotearoa NZ recently launched Eco Church in NZ. The Village Presbyterian Church in Christchurch was the first to join the network. You can too!

Find out about Eco Church and bring your questions at this national meeting with A Rocha director Kristel vanHoute.

Visit their website here: [www.ecochurch.org.nz](http://www.ecochurch.org.nz)

Please email Silvia Purdie for the zoom link: [silvia.purdie@gmail.com](mailto:silvia.purdie@gmail.com)

### Other Newsletters

- [People Helping People](#) (from PSUSI)

### From the last Newsletter

- **Health Updates**
- **Vacancies:**
  - **St Martin's Presbyterian Church—Minister**
  - **Temporary Office Assistant Required: Knox Church Ōtautahi Christchurch**
  - **Omokoroa Community Church—Children's & Youth Pastor**
- **Ministers' Coffee Groups**
- [PCANZ Council News March 2021](#)
- **In Asia's Half of the World: Collaboration, History, Reflection & Study**
- **New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library**

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>

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### 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.

### 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