



# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 29th April 2021

### Commissioners to General Assembly 2021

The Presbyterian Church General Assembly in 2021 being held at St Andrew's College, Christchurch starting on Wednesday 29 September and concluding on Sunday 3rd October 2021.

Alpine Presbytery is eligible to send 48 people.

24 Ministers have been approached (people who were commissioners at the last Assembly are not eligible this time).

24 Church Councils have been approached for them to appoint an Elder Commissioner. There are also positions for two Youth Representatives on a first in first served basis. We have one already.

This is a reminder for the Ministers and Church Councils approached to please get their responses back to me as soon as possible.

Martin Stewart ([executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org))

### Theological Education & Leadership Training Task Group Feedback

The **PCANZ Theological Education and Leadership Training Task Group** has prepared a second TELT report, following on from consultation with Presbyteries.

Once again, Alpine Presbytery has been invited to give our feedback on this report. Brent Richardson & Rory Grant will be hosting a Zoom meeting on Thursday 6 May, 2pm for anyone who is interested to discuss our Presbytery's feedback to the report.

Please find the Zoom details below. The report itself can be downloaded from the PCANZ website <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/about-us/general-assembly/council-of-assembly/theological-education-and-leadership-training-review>

**TELT discussion:** Thursday 6th May, 2:00 – 4:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84175936549?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84175936549?pwd=RHBNQk1Ub3BrZdc3ZWxKK2RlMXZiUT09)

[pwd=RHBNQk1Ub3BrZdc3ZWxKK2RlMXZiUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84175936549?pwd=RHBNQk1Ub3BrZdc3ZWxKK2RlMXZiUT09)

Meeting ID: 841 7593 6549; Passcode: 292547

### Vacancy: 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.

### 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 6th May**



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**

## Community Fun Day at St Albans Uniting

Thanks to a grant from the Christchurch Methodist Mission 'Let the Children Live' fund, St Albans Uniting Parish in Mairehau, Christchurch were able to run a Fun Day during the first week of the school holidays. It was a fine, warm day and our amazing parish volunteers manned various activities ranging from a bouncy castle/fly wall, to arts and crafts, face painting and lots of games. There was also a steady supply of sausages with onion and tomato sauce, popcorn and sno-cones. For those who preferred hot drinks there was tea and coffee with jam and cream scones, lolly cake and other goodies. Thanks to Jennifer Delaney and her hard working team it was a great day of outreach into the Mairehau community.



Opawa St Martins

# TRASH & Treasure

## SALE

Saturday 8 May, 8:30AM - 12noon  
at St Martins Presbyterian Church  
43 St Martins Road

Cash only

Trash & Treasure Sale

A joint fundraiser for St Martins Presbyterian Parish and Opawa-St Martins Anglican Parish.

### Chairs available

Knox Church, Ōtautahi Christchurch, has fifty plastic chairs going free to a good home. Ring the church office, (03) 379 2456.



## Notices & News from other organisation

### Other Newsletters:

[The Buzz](#)—from PYM

## Engage Conference

**A day of strategic motivation and equipping related to Christian outreach in Aotearoa-New Zealand today.**

**9am to 3pm, Saturday 8th May, Ashburton Baptist Church, Cass Street, Ashburton**

Registration opens 8.30am on the day; \$10pp toward costs. Offering to the Shining Lights Trust. Tea/coffee provided. BYO lunch or go out with others.

Enquiries: Ashburton Christian Ministers Association - 021 063 9204.

Download poster here: [Engage Conference](#)

Please consider attending the conference on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. It is short notice but the Christchurch conference was cancelled and we are privileged to have it to have it here in Ashburton. Very timely topics in our secular NZ! The speaker is Dave Mann of Shining Lights Trust who is the instigator of the Hope booklets that have been recently distributed again throughout NZ.

## Connect Online

### Young Adult Ministry Essentials with Paul Humphreys

**7:00pm - 8:30pm Monday 10 May 2021: via Zoom, from anywhere in the country.**

[\[Register Here\]](#) (After registering you will be emailed information on how to attend the training)

It's no surprise to any of us when we hear the data saying there are less and less young adults in our churches. Many of us in ministry are experiencing this first hand. Whilst there is no silver bullet to change this situation, understanding the way young adults think about faith and life and how that might differ to other generations is a key starting point if the church wants to connect with and be relevant to the young adults in our community.

PYM have invited Paul Humphreys to come and share with us and lead us in a conversation around engaging with young adults. Paul has had years of experience working with and journeying alongside young adults as a youth pastor and in camping ministry, both in New Zealand and overseas. Alongside Paul's hands on experience, he has also read widely and thought deeply about the church's engagement with its younger members. Currently Paul serves as the National Leadership Facilitator for Scripture Union New Zealand.

## New books in the Hewitson Library

Here is a link to the most recent and bumper edition(s) of *New books in the Hewitson Library*. It has been divided into two sections - [New books in the Main Collection](#) and [New books in the Rita Mayne England Christianity & Culture in Asia Collection](#).

Email [hewitson@prcknox.org.nz](mailto:hewitson@prcknox.org.nz) if you would like to have any of these books sent to you, or to sign up for library membership which is free.

## Using Aroha to Dismantle Hate in Aotearoa

**Wed 12th May 2021, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

**Location:** A134 Imagitech Theatre, Ara Institute of Canterbury, Madras Street, Christchurch. No cost.

This event is hosted by Ara Institute of Canterbury and presented by Dr. Mazharuddin Syed Ahmed.

<https://events.humanitix.com/using-aroha-to-dismantle-hate-in-aotearoa>

Drawing on what was witnessed following the Terrorist Attacks in March 2019, this seminar will look at the role that the outpouring of love and kindness by the people of Aotearoa, and what lessons there are for us and those around the world.

## 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 van Houte.

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)



## The Rubbish Challenge—10 Steps to Less Waste in 10 Months

A resource for churches and whanau, written by Silvia Purdie. More material and videos at: [www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html](http://www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html)

### Bible verse:

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)*

### 'Big Idea':

Cheap and convenient is not always good! If we take into account the long-term cost of plastic waste, cheap disposable items are actually very costly. They do harm to creation. Doing what we know is wrong is sin, and damages our relationship with God.

### Question - for reflection & discussion:

How do you respond to the challenge that buying cheap throw-away things is wrong, even a sin?

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

### Action Step for May

- Review what single-use items you buy.
- When do disposables seem a good option?
  - for large numbers of people
  - for picnics and outside events
  - for hygiene reasons
- Explore alternatives.
- Choose to stop buying throw-away items such as cups or plastic cutlery.

### Prayer

Lord have mercy – we confess to you:  
we like what is easy and convenient.  
Christ have mercy – we ask of you:  
renew our lives to live your way.  
Lord have mercy – we offer to you  
all we value and choose and buy  
to the praise of your glorious grace.  
Amen.

## From the last Newsletter

- **Presbytery Retreat: Sunday 2nd & Monday 3rd May 2021**
- **Hinds Co-Operating Parish**
- **Have a Go Project update: Seddon's Community Garden**
- **Vacancies:**
  - Presbytery Representative on the St Andrew's College Board of Governors**
  - St Andrew's on the Terrace, Wellington—Ministry Vacancy**
- **Wellington Lifewalk CARE Course and Seasons for Growth**
- **Calling all aspiring models**
- [People Helping People](#) (from PSUSI)
- **New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library**

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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 Infodile.

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