



# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 8th 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.

Rev Malcolm Gordon will invite us into a series of reflections on the Biblical practice of lament, rooted in both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Lament is a practice that provides an alternative to fatalism—that whatever *is* happening must be *meant* to happen—and engages our relationship with God in circumstances which would otherwise deny or stifle it. It is a practice that can enrich our own spiritual lives, as well as deepening our pastoral capacity to "walk through the valley of the shadow of death."

Malcolm will draw upon his song-writing and creative worship leading as part of the retreat. He is currently in the final year of his doctoral study on the spirituality of suffering in Early Christianity, and continues to teach in worship and Presbyterianism at KCML.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/JxHmDm2r9wznhaWA7>

(Registrations close 29th April 2021)

### Ministers' Coffee Groups

Our next groups are meeting at the following dates/times:

- Friday 16th April @ 10am, Esquires Homebase in Shirley
- Thursday 22nd April @ 10am @ Black and White Coffee in Rolleston

### Rev Donald Malloch

We have been advised of the death of Rev Donald Malloch, peacefully on March 26, at Charles Upham Retirement Village, Rangiora, aged 90 years. Don had his 90th birthday on 24 March - 2 days before his death. A celebration of Don's life was held on 31 March.

Don attended the Theological Hall from 1971-73. He was ordained at Iona, in the suburb of Aranui, Christchurch Presbytery on 27 February 1975. Don's ministry saw him work with and shared in the devotional life of the Community of the Sisters of Mercy that was working in Aranui at the time. He also worked with George Ehau, a Maori Pentecostal pastor working in Aranui, and together they opened a Drop-In House that provided refuge and a home for homeless young men in the community. Don and George were heavily involved in the Wai Ora Trust which had a market garden in Harewood that provided work and training for mentally and physically disabled

### COMING UP

**Ministers' Coffee Groups:** 16th & 22nd April

**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 15th April**.



people and produced food for the community.

Don later married Ann O'Regan who was a nun in the Aranui Community. Together Don and Ann (who trained and worked as a lawyer after she left the Order) carried on that work. Don was widely respected by those he worked alongside and amongst.

Following his ministry at Iona, Don worked in chaplaincy at Princess Margaret, Burwood and Hillmorton Hospitals. He was granted the status of Minister Emeritus on 31 March 1991.

We give thanks for Don's life and ministry and pray for Ann and the extended family.

Messages may be addressed to the Family of the late Donald Malloch, c/- PO Box 39001, Christchurch 8545

## **Vacancies:**

### **St Martin's Presbyterian Church**

Is God challenging you at the moment?

We at Saint Martin's Presbyterian Church are looking for a nationally ordained minister to lead our congregation, provide support for our church family and the wider community.

- Do you have a strong Christian faith?
- Do you enjoy preaching from the word of God, and building relationships to encourage & pastor people?
- Do you listen and pray, and are you empathetic, humble, kind and loving?
- Can you still have fun and be willing to explore new avenues?

We are looking for someone who can dream and discern the heart of God for the families of St Martin's Presbyterian church, St Martins, Christchurch and the wider community. We are an active church with many outreaches e.g. Crafty Crafters, Meditative Prayer, Exercise Group, Elder Care and Menzshed. We have totally renovated our iconic church after the earthquakes and it is a wonderful modern environment waiting for you to lead our eager congregation into the future. The position is for .7 in the initial stages with the potential to grow as the need arises.

If you would like further information, or have questions, please contact Rev Heather Simpson on 0272433233

### **Temporary Office Assistant Required**

**Knox Church Ōtautahi Christchurch** requires a part-time office assistant for a fixed term of one year. Hours of work are a total of seven hours per week covering Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Email [office@knoxchurch.co.nz](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz) for further details.

### **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 & theological education and commitment to ongoing formation

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- 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.**

### **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.

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**

### **Omokoroa Community Church**

Based in the Bay of Plenty, we are seeking an evangelical, committed, and energetic Children's and Youth Pastor for the Omokoroa Community Church.

This is a vibrant, growing and friendly fellowship of committed believers of various denominations.

Must be able to teach from a sound theological understanding of the Word of God.

#### **Key Areas**

- Love for children and young people
- Passion and vision for evangelism and outreach
- Pastoral leadership
- Inspirational and encouraging leader with skills to build a team

This is a part-time position.

The following skills and attributes are required:

- Godly character with absolute integrity
- Committed to prayer and seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit
- Energetic and visionary; able to lead, encourage and inspire others
- Excellent teaching and communication skills
- Teaching from the Word of God, believing it is the absolute truth inspired by the Holy Spirit
- Servant-hearted leadership; willing to go the extra mile
- Warm, welcoming open personality
- Excellent interpersonal skills to interface with the community
- Caring heart for pastoral needs; able to handle sensitive and confidential situations
- Committed to the Great Commission

### **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

We welcome applications from people who are legally able to work in New Zealand.

**Please post or email your expression of interest and Curriculum Vitae to:**

The Church Administrator, Omokoroa Community Church, 139 Hamurana Road, Omokoroa, Tauranga 3114 or email: [tanya@theocc.org.nz](mailto:tanya@theocc.org.nz). **Applications close: 30 April 2021**

For further information about this position and for the Church profile please call the Office on 07 5482515

## ***Notices & News from other organisation***

### **Enneagram Workshop**

Want to know your personality type or learn about the nine personality types and how each interprets the world and manages emotions? Gabi Daly—a Nelson based counsellor, supervisor & spiritual director—is running an Enneagram workshop in Christchurch in April.

**Dates:** Friday evening, 23 April, 7pm—9.30pm & Saturday 24 April, 9.30am—3.30/4pm [negotiable]

**Venue:** St Martin's Presbyterian Church Lounge, 43 St Martin's Road, Christchurch

**Cost:** \$75 per person

BYO Lunch, & a note-book or journal, pens. Beverages provided.

It is necessary to pre-register—contact Gabi 021 112 6804 or [compassio@xtra.co.nz](mailto:compassio@xtra.co.nz)

Download the poster here: [Enneagram Workshop](#)

### **Bush Fire Newsletter**

The March Newsletter from PWANZ can be downloaded here: [Bush Fire](#).

### **South Island Ministry Conference 2021**

Registrations for Ministry Conference 2021 are now open—early bird registrations close on 16th April.

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>

### **From the last Newsletter**

- **Rev Hamish Galloway**
- **Coracle - a week-end for explorers**
- **Organ For Sale— Make an Offer**
- **Scam warning**
- **Presbytery Gathering in Ashburton**
- **Rubbish Challenge for April: Step 3: Recycling**

### **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.

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>