



Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 20th May 2021

Rev Irving Rutherford

Irving Rutherford passed away peacefully at Christchurch Hospital on May 14, 2021, aged 85 years.

He attended the Theological Hall from 1960-62 and was ordained and inducted at Otematata, North Otago Presbytery on 5 March 1964. In May 1965 he married Jean.

Irving was called to Edendale, Maitaia Presbytery in April 1967, followed by St Georges, Linwood, Christchurch in December 1977, and then St Stephens, Bryndwr in June 1986. While at St Stephens he undertook a ministry exchange at First Presbyterian Church, Ukiah, California from 1 September 1989 to 30 June 1990.

From July 1996 he was at St James, Spreydon—a shared ministry with Cheviot—and served there until his retirement in December 2000, when he was granted the status of Minister Emeritus.

We give thanks for his life and ministry and pray for Jean and the family.

A memorial Service will be held at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 16 Merivale Lane, on Saturday, May 29, at 2.00pm.

Emails to Barry Ayers

Please note that the presbyteryalpine@gmail.com email address is being discontinued. Any emails to our Moderator should be sent to barry@alpinepresbytery.org.

Emails for the main contacts in the Presbytery Office are given later on in this Newsletter (and included every week).

Vacancies:

Christian Families Coordinator Advert—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.

COMING UP

Elder Abuse Workshop: New Brighton Union Church, 21st May

Alpine Mission Fund Applications closing date 28th May

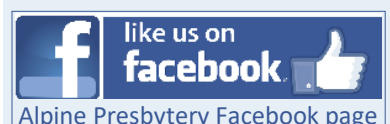
Book Launch: 22nd May at Knox, Christchurch

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

Cut off for items for next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 27th May**



For a Job Description, Application Pack or if you have any further questions, contact Jason:
jason@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz, phone 027 452 7546

Applications Close 9th June 2021

Upper City Ministry Leader—Northern Presbytery

Exciting opportunity for a ministry explorer, a connector of people!!!

Northern Presbytery is launching an, innovative, community ministry in the Upper City (Grafton & surrounds). Supported by an appointed Advisory Group, we are looking for expressions of interest in the new role of “Upper City Ministry Leader”. This will be a fixed term, three-year appointment, with the possibility of extending for a further two years – and hopefully developing into an ongoing community facing ministry. Reporting to the Executive Officer, the purpose of this new role includes:

- Engaging people living and/or working in the Upper city that facilitates them feeling connected as a community.
- Nurturing the experience of faith by providing a range of opportunities for people to engage with one another.
- Attracting sufficient funding over time so that the Upper City Ministry outreach can continue into the future.

We are looking for an exceptional ministry leader—lay leader or ordained minister—who is: committed to the Christian Faith; has leadership experience, preferably including community development; has an inclusive and progressive outlook that fuels courage and compassion; is self-motivated and innovative; an excellent communicator and relationship builder; plus, familiar with working in a multi-cultural environment. We are willing to consider part-time, such as a small team (2-3 people).

To explore this possibility a copy of the role profile is on our website northpres.org.nz/vacancies with expressions of interest and CV to Natalie Stubbs, administrator@northpres.org.nz

For queries about the initiative or the role please contact Rev Timothy Rose, Mission Enabler, mission@northpres.org.nz

In Asia’s Half of the World: Collaboration, History, Reflection & Study

Forum and book launch to prepare for ‘Asia Sunday’ (23rd May)

Venue: Knox Centre, 28 Bealey Ave; **Date:** 22nd May, 2pm

Hear our partners in frontline work in Asia as they work to “rescue, restore, organise & heal”, including panel speakers:

- Christian World Service: Pauline McKay
- Caritas: Amanda Gregan

Book launch for *Cranes Ever Flying*—book by John England which offers a fresh perspective to Asian Christian History and Theology, with panel speakers:

- Dr Kathleen Ruston
- Prof. Michael Grimshaw
- Rev Brian Turner
- Rev Dr Matthew Jack

Download the flyer here: [In Asia’s Half of the World](#)

Notes from Alpine Council Zoom Meetings – March & April

There has been a bit on in Alpine Council including some extra meetings for various reasons.

March

Moderator Barry reflected on a theme from a Brian Zhand book Kiwi Church are using as a Lent devotional exercise, and the figure of Barabbas—a national hero, political insurgent, and freedom fighter—compared to Jesus, a worker for peace and forgiveness hard to understand. There was a recognition that the fighter for freedom enchants us but leads us into a way that does not bring peace.

Key Decisions of Council

From the Human Resources Team:

- Approved the MSB work for St. Martins and advertising a .7 ministry position.
- Clarified that the Rev. Laurence Ennor has had his .5 call to ministry at Oxford Union extended until February 2022, not extended stated supply as our records showed.
- Agreed that the Rev. Martin Harrison’s stated supply at Kaikoura be extended for another year or until such time as the application for an exemption to his beneficiary fund requirement is resolved.

- Lyn Heine came onto the HR team as an extra.
- Rev Glenn Livingstone is the Interim Moderator at New Brighton Union

From the Property & Finance Team:

- Endorsed the following grants by the St David's Trust:
 - a. \$40 to the Alpine Presbytery as a contribution to the administration of the Fund.
 - b. \$5,056 to the Hoon Hay Parish for noticeboard, flag, printer, security lighting and cameras under Category C.
 - c. \$1,673 to the Cashmere Parish for a replacement data projector under Category C.
- Approved the application from the Hanmer Project to make further alterations and improvements to the house at 1 Jollies Pass Road, to make it workable as the project hub, based on the list of work provided to a cost of \$86,000 (GST inclusive) allowing for donated labour amounting to \$11,925 and existing Stage 1 funding of \$8,500.
- Approved the application from Crossway Community Church to sell their bare land site at 56-58 Petrie Street Christchurch, for an amount not less than the registered market valuation.

From the Putea Misioni - Alpine Mission Fund

- Agreed that \$20,000 is granted to the Wairau Church Toilet Upgrade, Church Hall on the proviso that the grant will only issue the money if the parish achieves sufficient funds from other sources to embark on the upgrade.
- Agreed that a grant of \$220,000 be approved for the equivalent of a full-time ministry position (plus reimbursements), for an up to two years 'exploration and development of a St Andrew's New Mission Seedling presence' alongside the PSUSI services at the Nga Hau E Wha marae site in Aranui.

Other matters:

- Received the application to resign from the Rev Arie Taimataora from Plains Presbyterian Church. The application to resign lies on the table until the procedures set out in Book of Order have been completed and a decision made. A Commission was established and the Plains Church Council and congregation notified
- The Village – Christchurch North Incorporation was approved in principle

April

A Commission was established to visit Knox Waimate because of financial capacity.

Barry reflected on the well-being theme and identifying that he is less assured about all of the package of the church but not the faith. Renovation of the faith journey is important rather than operating on business as usual. He shared some excerpts from Rev Andrew Callander's recent book 'Finding Love' and the methodology of appreciative enquiry which focus on strengths, and invited thoughts and comments from others.

Key Decisions of Council

From the Human Resources Team:

- Mrs Valmai McKenzie (Hakaterere) was approved to officiate communion subject to a refresher course with Rev. Johanna Warren.
- Rev. Brent Richardson was thanked for his work as student candidate convenor.
- Rev. Dr. Andrew Nicol and Rev. Dr. Matthew Jack were thanked for their work for a PCANZ workgroup.
- Approved the MSB at St. Andrew's Blenheim's request to proceed with advertising a .5 NOM position.

From the Property & Finance Team:

- Approved the Alpine Financial Statements for the period ended 31st March 2021.
- Acknowledged that the Korean Parish in Christchurch have agreed to the relocation of the cell-phone tower from their previous Purchas Street site to their 75 Packe Street property and associated matters.
- Approved the application from St Paul's Kaikoura to sell a leasehold section for \$350,000 as agreed with the purchaser following a registered valuation.

From the Executive Officer:

- Agreed to the adjustments to the Boundaries & Conflicts of Interest paper as suggested by Rev Rory Grant.
- Agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding be prepared and signed outlining the details of The Village providing oversight of the Prestons and Hanmer Springs New Mission Seedlings.
- Approved a request from Rev Chris Konings for a provisional Certificate Good Standing.
- Approved the addition of Rev Rose Luxford (Oamaru) to the Commission to Waimate.
- Agreed to accept the offer of a subsidy for referrals to Petersgate Counselling Centre and an MOU being signed.
- Recommended Peter Nelson as the Presbytery Representative for the St Andrews College Board.
- Thanked Jean Brouwer, Rev Murray Talbot and Mr Murray Compton for serving on the St Georges - Iona Commission.
- Agreed to contract Rev Sage Harris in the role of Youth/Young Adult Resourcing for 5 hours a week, with the

option to review the contracted hours after 6 months.

- Heard that Martin *Workplace Support* are making a donation of \$10,000 as part of their 50th anniversary.

Other matters:

- Rev Rose Luxford and Dr Deborah Bower were forwarded as the Alpine Presbytery nominations for Moderator Designate General Assembly.
- An Emergency Assembly was called to make provision for a back-up Zoom-based Assembly if the Covid -19 status changes. Commissioners were provided from Council .
- Agreed that the following people be Nominated for roles in Alpine Presbytery (subject to final consents) and sent out for voting by Presbytery members:
 - Council: Rev Jason King,
 - Human Resources: Lyn Heine (convener). Rev Anne Stewart
 - Resource Team: Rev Rory Grant (convener), Rev Esther Sabey,
 - Mission Fund: Rev Jonathan Baab,
 - Student Committee: Rev Dr Michael Reid Co-Convener, Mr Malcolm Bishop Co-convener, Andrea Grant

Report of the St Andrew's New Mission Seedling Appointing Group:

- Dugald Wilson (convener), Phyllis Harris, and Maria Lemalu, with the Executive Officer Martin Stewart in attendance, received five applications and three people were interviewed. The team unanimously recommended Rev Doug McConnell for this role.

Barry acknowledged the contributions of Revs Phyll Harris & Dugald Wilson who are attending their last meeting. Dugald was a founding member of the Council, and Phyll has been HR convener. People acknowledged their appreciation, grief, or relief using emojis. It was an unusual experience!

Another Emergency meeting was held to received the report of the Commission dealing with the resignation of Rev Arii Taimataora from Plains Presbyterian Church. The resignation was agreed to and some follow-up matters approved.

Notices & News from other organisation

Hospital Chaplain: Nelson Marlborough DHB, Wairau Hospital—Part-Time 0.5 FTE

Please send the following three items to admin@ichc.org.nz

- CV
- Cover Letter
- Completed Application form

The **Job Description** can be found here: https://mcusercontent.com/e90c907b9501e0cde3966a24d/files/aeeb9b97-e63b-d78c-0d9c-c0992beee530/2021_Job_Description_Chaplain_Wairau_Hospital.docx ,

The **Application Form** is here: https://mcusercontent.com/e90c907b9501e0cde3966a24d/files/03e2b2f9-c202-3338-722c-598e1485e26e/Application_Wairau.docx

Applications close: 4pm Friday 4th June 2021

May Mental Health First Aid Course

Friday 28th and Saturday 29th May, 9.30am – 4.30pm, 92 Lincoln Road, Addington, Christchurch, NZ

What is Mental Health First Aid?

We all experience life's ups and downs. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a programme that helps you know how to deal with challenging life situations. It also teaches you how to support others who are going through a difficult time. Using real life situations, trained instructors show you how to listen without judgement and support and encourage people to seek professional help if needed.

Please Note: This course is not a therapy or support group. It is mental health literacy, and educational workshop in which you will learn how to give mental health first aid to those in need.

More information, including how to register, can be found at www.stepstone.org.nz/education/mhfirstaid/

Other Newsletters

[Bush Fire](#)—from PWANZ

Drugs Alcohol and Families Seminar

Monday 14th June 2021, at St Barnabas Church Hall, Fendalton Road, Christchurch

Morning session: 9.30am-12noon; Afternoon session 1.30pm-4pm (The same content will be offered in both the morning and afternoon sessions)

Rev Dr Pauline Stewart is presenting a seminar for those involved in local churches to help develop skills and awareness of the impact of alcohol and other drug misuse on the people they care about, and the people they are trying to assist in a pastoral or professional capacity.

Topics covered:

- Impact on family
- Chronic sorrow
- Concealed stigma
- Building coping and resilience in family members.

Pauline is a Registered Psychologist (Counselling and Educational scopes), and Executive Officer and Founder of Family Drug Support Aotearoa New Zealand. Website:

www.fds.org.nz

This is a Free event, but you must email education@anglicanlife.org.nz to secure a place.

Christchurch Camino Group

The Christchurch Camino Group will hold its next meeting on Monday 31 May commencing at 6.45 pm. The venue is The Sydenham Room at the South Learning Centre, (Night Entrance), 66 Colombo Street. This is a meeting for those interested in the Camino experience, discussion, planning, reminiscing, supporting or just talking about all things Camino.

For further information please contact Deb: chchcaminogroup@gmail.com

From the last Newsletter

- **Introducing the St Andrew's New Mission Seedling in East Christchurch**
- **Alpine Mission Fund applications**
- **Coracle**
- **Presbytery Retreat in Hamner**
- **Rev Ian MacGregor**
- **Car Park sign available**
- **Elder Abuse workshop**
- **Book launch for 'Cranes ever Flying' by Rev Dr John C England**



Give-it-a-Go Grants!

50 grants of \$500 are available to help churches and Presbyteries create a missional event, activity or focus.

- Your idea should be community-facing, and intergenerational and cross-cultural projects are even better.
- Try something new!
- How creative can you be?
- Where do you see God at work in your community?
- Take a risk: **give-it-a-go!**

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Contact lisaw@presbyterian.org.nz for more information.

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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.

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

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>