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Alpine Mission Fund applications

The next meeting of the Alpine Mission Fund is on **Thursday 17th June**. Closing date for applications is Friday 28th May—more information and application forms can be found on our website: alpinepresbytery.org/alpine-mission-fund-putea-missioni/

Minister's Deaths

We have been advised of the deaths of **Rev Neal Whimp**, and **Rev Maurice Brown**.

Rev Neal Whimp died peacefully at home on 21 April.

Neal attended the Theological Hall from 1963-1965, and was ordained and inducted at Wellsford – Northern Presbytery in February 1966 and resigned in August 1969 as he had applied and been accepted for overseas mission service. He was appointed as District Pastor on Lamenu Island, New Hebrides (now Vanuatu) in 1969, and was later appointed Principal Pastor Training - Aulua, Malekula Island in March 1977.

After returning to New Zealand in 1980, Neal accepted a call to St Stephens, Waikiwi, Invercargill, Southland Presbytery in August 1981, and then was called to St Enochs, Tauranga, Bay of Plenty Presbytery in May 1989.

He was granted the status of Minister Emeritus by the Presbytery in August 2002.

Neal served in a number of roles at Presbytery and national church level, including Acting Executive Secretary, Council For Mission & Ecumenical Co-Operation (COMEC) and Acting Global Mission Secretary.

Rev Maurice Brown died peacefully at home on 2 May.

He was born and raised in Scotland. Despite recommendations from the Presbytery of Dunfermline and Kinross, and a testimonial from his parish minister with the good wishes of the congregation, he was unable to be admitted to the 'modified course' as the Church of Scotland Assembly Committee was unable to relax the requirement that entrants be aged 25 plus.

Maurice immigrated to New Zealand with a view to studying for ministry, attended the Theological Hall 1964-66, and was ordained and inducted as assistant minister at St Andrews New Plymouth on 13 December 1966.

In February 1969, he was called to St Clair, Dunedin, and in November 1978 to St Ninian's, Riccarton, Christchurch. From there, he was called to St John's, Wellington in January 1986. He served here until his retirement, when he was granted the status of Minister Emeritus in January 2000.

We give thanks to God for Maurice's life and ministry and pray for Mary, Kate and Frank, Graeme and Cynthia, Jennie and Simon, and the grandchildren.

Other Newsletters

[Bush Telegraph](#)

["Woven" Presbyterian Children and Families - Term 2, 2021 \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

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 13th May**

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



Notices & News from other organisation

New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library

Here are the contents pages from the most recent issue of:

[Sojourners, Vol 50 No 5, May 2021](#)

[TuiMotu InterIslands, Issue 259, May 2021](#)

Email hewitson@prcknox.org.nz if you would like copies of any of the articles scanned and sent to you.

Mother's Day Resource

Presbyterian Children & Families have partnered with PSUSI to provide a resource to use for Mother's Day, which can be downloaded here: [Mothers' Day Resource 2021](#)

This resource acknowledges that Mother's Day is not always a happy day—for many it can be a day of sadness, loss, grief and pain. But Mother's Day is a day that has the potential to engender empathy toward one another. May we all be reminded of God's love and comforting Spirit.

Engage Conference

A day of strategic motivation & 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 to: Ashburton Christian Ministers Association - 021 063 9204.

Download poster here: [Engage Conference](#)

Please consider attending the conference on the 8th May. It is short notice but the Christchurch conference was cancelled and we are privileged to have it to have it here in Ashburton. 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 which you will be emailed details on how to attend the training

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.

From the last Newsletter

- **Commissioners to General Assembly 2021**
- **Theological Education & Leadership Training Task Group Feedback**
- **Vacancy: Christian Families Coordinator—John Knox Rangiora**
- **Community Fun Day at St Albans Uniting**
- [The Buzz](#) (from PYM)
- **New books in the Hewitson Library**
- **Using Aroha to Dismantle Hate in Aotearoa**
- **Eco Church information evening for the PCANZ**
- **The Rubbish Challenge—10 Steps to Less Waste in 10 Months**

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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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.