



Alpine Presbytery

resourcing the braided river

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Newsletter 3rd June 2021

Overcoming Challenge!

As I write this note I'm looking out at an almost cloudless blue sky and it's hard to believe our region has been hit in these past few days by a 1-in-100 year flood event! It seems a bit surreal. However especially for our rural friends it will still be a very challenging and in cases heart-breaking time as properties are checked and stock are located. The flooding has hit our region hard and it will take many months for everyone to recover.

I must say we are very grateful for the support of regional authorities, civil defence, emergency services, military support, Federated Farmers and all other support agencies in these past few days. At the core have been family, friends and neighbours who have immediately pitched in and helped one another across our region. It's often in those desperate moments that people snap into gear to help. God bless them!

As our region faces ongoing repair and rebuilding work I do want us all to pray for this time ahead especially for people's mental well-being. If there are practical ways to help then please do so. Perhaps a good start would be to contact the Minister/Key Leaders of our affected (especially rural) church communities and ask how they are going and whether they need any support. People reaching out to people is the key. It's what the Gospel is all about - we need each other!

We never want to see these events happening, however we acknowledge that from time to time they will occur. And when they do we need to look out for each other and touch base to share what we have and what may be needed. There is always a **gift** in the darkest of times. God will help us see that.

Take care! Kia kaha
Barry (Moderator)

Parish Statistics to 30 June 2021

Parishes should now have received the forms for parish Statistics to 30 June 2021. If you have not, they can be downloaded here: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7r05f2gr7cyqvei/AAAadhGhqXmyKxoJ8lDeNYfAa?dl=0>

Completed forms should be emailed (katrinag@presbyterian.org.nz) or posted to PCANZ Wellington by 3 August, or advise them if you are unable to do so. Completion of church statistics is a requirement of General Assembly

The Zoom Sessions

In Term 2 and 3 we are hosting online Zoom workshops on a variety of topics. These sessions are open to everyone and we are hosting them in the evenings in the hope that they will be more accessible to volunteers in all areas of ministry. Details and registration information for these sessions can be found at <https://alpinepresbytery.org/the-zoom-sessions/>

COMING UP

Minister's Coffee Groups: 8th, 11th, 17th & 24th June.

The Zoom Sessions: Session One, 10th June

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 10th June**.



Session One: Intergenerational Ministry (7.30pm, 10th June 2021)

Robin Humphreys (Presbyterian Children & Families National Director) will be sharing the new vision and mission of this national ministry. As part of the Zoom session there will be time some time to ask any burning questions you may have.

If you are unable to be there, we will be recording this session: please register in order to get the link for the recording.

Ministers' Coffee Groups

2pm, Tuesday 8th June at Zeroes Cafe with Hamish Galloway

10.30am, Friday 11th June at Esquires Homebase with Glenn Livingstone

2.30pm, Thursday 17th June at Terra Viva Cafe with Anne Stewart

10.30am, Thursday 24th June at Black and White Coffee in Rolleston with Abi Trevathan

Situation Vacant, Parish Office Assistant

St Ninian's Riccarton, is seeking an office assistant to replace the current assistant who is retiring at the end of June. The position is for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday each week, from the beginning of July, 9.30am to 12.30 each day, with some room for negotiation on the hours. A job description is available from the Parish Clerk, stninthians05@gmail.com.

Applications with the names of 2 referees should be sent by e-mail to the Clerk by 5pm on **Tuesday 15 June**.

Children and Families Ministry Advisor

The **Southern Presbytery** is seeking a full time regional ministry advisor to support the Presbyterian churches of Otago and Southland in their ministry to children and families. The successful applicant will provide resources, development and pastoral support for children and families ministry leaders.

To be successful in the role you will need to have:

- a vibrant faith in Jesus Christ
- experience in intergenerational worship and ministry
- skills in communication and pastoral care
- the ability to develop resources
- proficiency with technology

For job description, application form & more information, contact Rev Peter Dunn peterdunn@windsorchurch.co.nz

Applications close 18 June 2021

Chaplaincy Services at Burwood Hospital are desperately looking for volunteers to join our Chapel Helpers team on the second or fourth Wednesday of each month. Our volunteers attend a briefing with the Chaplain at 10.20am before going to the wards to bring patients to the service at 11am. All patients are transported to the Chapel in wheelchairs, so an ability to push a wheelchair some distance is important.

Attending the services is a highlight of the day for many patients. At the end of the service patients are returned to their wards. Volunteers are generally finished by 11.45am.

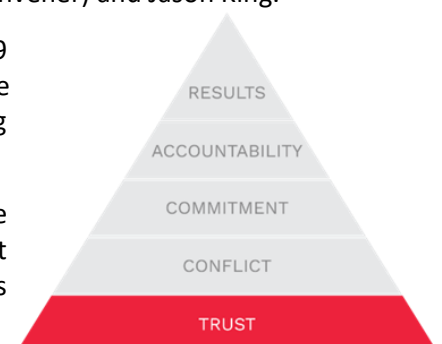
We would love you to join our team. For further information please contact Stephen.Necklen@cdhb.health.nz.

Notes from the May Alpine Council meeting 27-28 May

Moderator Barry welcomed the new members – Revs Rory Grant (Resourcing Convener) and Jason King.

Barry reflected on the dynamics of a well-functioning team. He referred to the 59 New Testament references to 'one another' in the teachings of Jesus and the life of the early church, that suggest that at the essence of being church is working with one another – a relational element at the heart of things.

He outlined Patrick Lencioni's *5 Dysfunctions of a Team* that highlight the importance of a pyramid built on trust, then handling conflict well, commitment to one-another, accountability and results/output. The group reflected on things in a range of ways.



Council had a general conversation on its role, responsibility, and good practice.

From the Moderator:

- Attended Coracle & Presbytery Retreat – April 30th through May 4th.
- Hamish Galloway’s Induction at Cashmere Church on Sunday May 2nd
- Acknowledging the death of Rev Irving Rutherford who served this Presbytery in St Georges (Linwood), St Stephens (Bryndwr) and St James (Spreydon) with a link to Cheviot

From the Human Resources Team:

- Rev Dennis Flett is taking up a three-month stated supply position at Wairau, Blenheim
- Rev Matthew Jack’s (Knox Christchurch) study leave request has been endorsed

From the Property & Finance Team:

- Approval of the Alpine Financial Statements for the period ended 30th April 2021.
- Agreement that the capital ratio for St David’s Ashburton be documented as Presbyterian 75% and Methodist 25% and the appropriate paper be signed once agreed by the partners.

From the Executive Officer:

- Resource Team Leader position: this is up for review and a small team has been established to work on this and the Mission Fund has been asked to anticipate an application for future funding
- Rev Dugald Wilson has been asked to be the Coordinator of the Alpine Presbytery Pastoral Resolution Panel
- Maria Lemalie (St Pauls Trinity Pacific) and Elaine Henry (Whakatu) have agreed to allow their names to go forward to take up the vacant position on the Nominating Committee for General Assembly 2021
- The Commissioners list for the General Assembly 2021 has been forwarded to Wayne Matheson. 18 Ministers, 19 Elders and 3 Youth Reps.
- Martin provided the Council with a list of the 60 church communities in Alpine with commentary and some observations:
 - Church communities with ministers/paid ministry - 41
 - Church communities who are seeking ministers – 5
 - Ordained Ministers - 48
 - Full-time: 35 (recognising some are equivalent to FT)
 - Part-time: 8 (recognising that some are close to full-time)
 - Part-time supply: 5
 - Local Ordained Minister trainees - 2
 - Contract ministries - 2
 - New Mission Seedlings (NMS) – 4
 - Churches with more than one minister - 4
 - People serving in their first formal ‘charge’ – 18 ministers + 7 others
 - Churches that are union or cooperating – 28
 - Churches not seeking ministry settlement (excluding Local Ministry Team) - 7

GA21 Proposals

- Proposal 1: **Lay Ministry regulations.**

This proposal was developed in response to situations where people are serving in ministry roles other than ordained ministry that suit the church and the people being employed but are not supported to any significant extent in our regulations. It includes removing the word ‘lay’ when referring to elders.
- Proposal 2: **Alteration to the Resignation of a Minister regulations.**

This proposal was developed in response to the situation of a Minister resigning from a charge that included other ministers in the ministry team, but the Book of Order regulations did not allow any engagement between the Presbytery Commission and the other members of a ministry team.

Saltbush

Barry outlined the work of the Saltbush collective in the Uniting Church of Australia that unites and resources scattered church communities irrespective of size and location.

Nominations

The voting for the Nominations for people to serve on teams in the Alpine Presbytery was held online and ratified by Council.

Council: Rev Jason King

- Human Resources:** Lyn Heine (Convener)
Rev Anne Stewart
- Resource Team:** Rev Rory Grant (Convener, also on Council))
Rev Esther Sabey
- Mission Fund:** Rev Jonathan Barb
- Student Committee:** Rev Dr Michael Reid Co-Convener
Malcolm Bishop Co-convener
Andrea Grant

On Friday morning Council took part in a workshop on good governance.

Next meeting: by Zoom on Thursday 24th June

Notices & News from other organisation

St David's, David's Khyber Pass, commemorative service

A service of thanksgiving for the life of St David's Church, led by the Rt Revd Fakaofu Kaio, Moderator of PCANZ and Revd Craig Millar, Moderator of Northern Presbytery. To be held in the Worship Hall, 68 Khyber Pass Road, Grafton, Auckland on **Sunday 25th July, 2.30 – 3.30pm.**

Afternoon tea will follow the service.

RSVP to Pamela Day admin@saintdavids.org.nz by Wednesday 21st July

The Rubbish Challenge

10 Steps to Less Waste in 10 Months:

A resource for churches and whanau. Please copy and share (free copyright). More material and videos at: www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html. Written by Silvia Purdie

Step 5) June: Food

Bible verse: John 6: 12 *When they had all had enough to eat, Jesus said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over so that nothing is wasted."*

'Big Idea'

God created wonderful processes for all things to break down and be remade into new things, 'so that nothing is wasted'. Rot and decay get a 'bad rep' in the Bible, in fact Paul describes all of creation as "in bondage to decay" (Romans 8:21). But in our day we have a new appreciation for the importance of decomposition, as God's 'circle' way of sustaining life through returning nutrients to the soil.

Question - for reflection & discussion

How do you feel about composting and decomposing food?

Can you see God at work in rot and decay?

How can ensure that your food scraps get composted, and able to feed new life?

Action Step for June

Set up a system so that all food waste goes into organic collection or the compost.

If you have a City Council organic waste collection, this is the green bin, and every home, church or office should be using this as much as possible.

You need a food scraps container on (or under) your kitchen bench (e.g. a metal pot with lid). It needs to be:
easy to use and easy to clean
with no plastic bag liner
clearly labelled

Who will empty it and clean it?

If you can, set up a composting system or worm farm. You can even hire one!

Have less land-fill rubbish bins; not every room needs a bin!

Prayer

Lord Jesus, as you gathered the scraps after feeding the people inspire us to gather our left-overs to feed the soil that death may transform into new life and nothing may go to waste. Amen.

Other Newsletters

[Bush Telegraph](#)

[A Rocha Aotearoa NZ E-News - May 2021](#)

New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library

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

[Sojourners, Vol 50 No 6, June 2021](#)

[Tui Motu Interislands, Issue 260, June 2021](#)

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

From the last Newsletter

- **Reminder to parishes in the Christchurch City Council (CCC) rateable area:**
- **Vacancies:**
 - Christian Families Coordinator Advert—John Knox Rangiora
 - Upper City Ministry Leader—Northern Presbytery
 - Hospital Chaplain: Nelson Marlborough DHB, Wairau Hospital—Part-Time 0.5 FTE
- **Studying Theology at the University of Otago**
- **Eco Church information evening for the PCANZ**
- **Drugs Alcohol and Families Seminar**

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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/5k528skz4nighgg/AABDjLatKU2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>