



# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 29th July 2021

### Celebrating Leaders in Sunday Worship

We are encouraging our communities to pick a Sunday in August to encourage, acknowledge and give thanks for those who lead services on a Sunday morning who aren't ministers. We have gathered some resources provided by the [Christchurch Lay Preachers Association](http://Christchurch Lay Preachers Association) that you may find helps in crafting a special service, and these can be downloaded from our website: <https://alpinepresbytery.org/celebrating-leaders-in-sunday-worship/>

### St Luke's Union Halswell 60th Birthday

St Luke's Union Church invites you to join them on **Sunday 29th August, 10am**, in a special service celebrating 60 years within the Halswell Community.

RSVP to: [stlukeshalswell@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeshalswell@gmail.com)

### Update on Regional Elders' Days

The planned regional elders' days for this year have been postponed. This is due to the planning for General Assembly having taken precedence. I recognise that this may be frustrating for some who were looking forward to being able to get together. Connecting our elders is still a priority for me, and we are working on some ideas on how we can do this better. *(Abi Trevathan)*

### Notes from Alpine Council Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

*[Please note, not every matter considered by Council is able to be published in these notes because of sensitivity, confidentiality, and some matters still being considered or yet to be actioned]*

In Barry's absence because of a family bereavement, Rev Jon Parkes chaired the meeting.

Jon reflected on aspects of Luke 14:1-6 when Jesus healed on the Sabbath. Jon outlined the suggestion in a commentary that Jesus intervened in a symposium or forum held with a meal for the social elite (Pharisees etc), and the way Jesus usurped their exclusive ways with his question about who might be healed or rescued on the sabbath. They were silent. By way of contrast, the table fellowship of Jesus welcomes the outsiders and the wrong people, and, in fact, all people. Jon quoted two sources, one said, 'don't let your religion harden you against people;' the other said 'don't let the thing become more important than the people.' Love cuts across all divides and barriers.

### Key Decisions of Council

From correspondence items

- Rev Jonathan Barb & Ms Lynmaree Sopoaga be invited to attend the September Te Reo Maori Commissioner event at Ohope on behalf of Alpine Presbytery.
- Rev Sage Harris' terms of call as Associate Minister at Whakatu to be extended for a further two years to January 2024.
- Representatives from Presbytery are to come by to listen and share with the leadership in one of our churches.

### COMING UP

**St Luke's, Halswell, 60th Birthday service:** 29th July

**General Assembly Ministers' Resourcing Day:** Christchurch, 29th September

**General Assembly:** Christchurch, 29th September—3rd October

### 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 5th August**



From the Executive Officer - Martin reported on four matters

- Reflections one year into the role
- A vision for New Mission Seedlings in Alpine Presbytery on behalf of Resourcing and information about the possibility of Forge International becoming a partner in training New Mission Seedlings in conjunction with Alpine Presbytery, the Knox Centre and PressGo.
- A discussion paper - *Future funding for our life & mission*.
- Some initial ideas regarding a possible Social Enterprise in Alpine Presbytery

From the Human Resources Team:

- Various people are being asked to take on Ministry Settlement Board (MSB) roles for Plains (Mid-Canterbury), St Ninians Christchurch, Hurunui, and Hope, with the Executive Officer to brief the teams.
- Shona Bettany is taking on a stated supply agreement at Albury/Pleasant Point .
- An anomaly with the housing allowance component of Josh Old's role in the Prestons New Mission Seedling has been rectified.
- A Local Ordained Ministry position has been identified at Hope Rolleston and supported by Presbytery.
- It was agreed that when an MSB is being formed and a cluster of congregations exists within a church entity, Presbytery offers the church the right to an extra person from each congregation to serve on the MSB.

From the Property & Finance Team:

- Council approved the Alpine Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2021
- Approval given to an application from St Paul's Kaikoura to sell the leasehold
- Section at 3 South Bay, Lot 1 DP7341, Kaikoura at a sale price of \$380,000 as agreed with the Purchaser following a registered valuation dated 1st June 2021.
- Approval of the short form application from Waikari parish to complete three major items of upgrading/repairs on the hall at their 10 Allandale Road, Hawarden property at a cost of up to \$30,000 utilising PIF property capital funds.
- Approval given to the application to the Church Property Trustees from St Ninian's Christchurch to upgrade/strengthen their church building at 5 Puriri Street.

From the Resourcing Team:

- Abi is approaching people to participate in a Zoom-based course in Intercultural Intelligence that has been prepared by Shireen Chua (OMF and Third Culture Solutions) and Rev Christine Harding (Fairfield Presbyterian, Hamilton)

Other matters:

- Presbyterian Support Kaumatua Service. A detailed report was received on the East Christchurch project funded by Presbytery through the closure of St Andrew's at Rangī Ruru. It was agreed to release the next tranche of the funding.

### ***From Presbyterian Support: Bridging the gaps***



The ever-increasing need for social services is a challenge that Presbyterian Support works hard to address, and having identified a gap, we're delighted to have launched a much-needed service in the eastern suburbs of Christchurch with funding provided by St Andrews at Rangī Ruru.

The Enliven East Christchurch Kaumātua service was developed with the aim of supporting the independence, social inclusion, health and wellbeing of our valued kaumātua/older people and their whānau/families who live in the eastern Christchurch suburbs.

The importance of this service cannot be underestimated, and we are working with our professional colleagues across the sector to help fill the gaps that might be preventing older adults from thriving in this part of the city. There is a lack of services for older adults in the eastern suburbs, many of whom struggle with social isolation and a lack of community connection, resulting in poor mental health.

We have a small but incredibly talented and hard-working team of social workers and a psychologist who take a whānau-centric approach to providing free wrap-around support services to those in need, including:

- Advocacy
- Psychology
- Whānau/family support
- Counselling

Since launching in early 2021, the service has worked with 26 kaumātua/older adults and their whānau/families.

As a result of the community needs identified so far, a social isolation support group commences in Aranui in July and a sexual assault survivors peer support group for women is also being launched in the near future.

### **Meet the team**



**Luis Arevalo** (Team Leader) is a registered social worker with a Master of Philosophy. Luis is also the International Federation of Social Work (IFSW) Asia Pacific Human Rights representative, advocating for social justice and human rights.



**Anna Morgan** is a child and family psychologist. Anna's role includes individual assessment and therapy, mental health support and intergenerational work within whānau that support healthy relationships.



**Helen Ross** is a registered social worker who has worked with older people, their whānau and young mothers. Helen has worked in the mental health field and her approach is holistic and developmental, promoting health and well-being.



**Imogen (Immy) Clark** is a registered social worker who has previously worked with children and families, including grandparents and extended whānau. Immy's goal is to help people reach their full potential by empowering and encouraging them.

**Tyler Davies** (Ngāi Tahu) is a registered social worker who joins the team in July 2021. In addition to working with clients, part of Tyler's responsibility is to conduct evaluative research on our new service.



### **A new collaboration**

Presbyterian Support Upper South Island is delighted to be partnering with Alpine Presbytery and hosting Rev Doug McConnell to work alongside us. Doug shares an office at our Linwood Enliven site in Gloucester Street and also has access to a workstation at The Loft in Eastgate Mall.

*The next Presbytery Council meeting is 26<sup>th</sup> August in Christchurch.*

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

### **Hauraki Plains Co-Operating Parish**

*"Flat Out and Loving It!"*

Our Co-Operating Parish is excited to be seeking a positive and outgoing person to lead us into God's mission in our community. We seek a Nationally Ordained Minister for a full time appointment of 3 years with the possibility of an extension. We have a rich history in the Methodist, Anglican and Presbyterian denominations.

For expressions of interest and to view the Parish Profile, please contact the convener of the Ministry Settlement Board, the Rev. Sandra Warner, prior to August 31st, 2021, at [minister@knoxmorrinsville.org.nz](mailto:minister@knoxmorrinsville.org.nz)

### **Hospital Chaplain Vacancy: Full-time (1 x FTE) at Middlemore Hospital, Counties Manukau DHB.**

Please apply on Seek using the link: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/53171031>. The job vacancy closes on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021. To be considered, please submit the following:

- CV
- Cover letter
- Application form

**The Christchurch Camino Group** will hold its next meeting on Monday 9 August commencing at 7pm. (Registration at 6.45pm) 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: discussing, planning, reminiscing, supporting or just talking about all things Camino.

For further information please contact Deb: [chchcaminogroup@gmail.com](mailto:chchcaminogroup@gmail.com)

## 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](http://www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html)

### Step 7) August: Batteries

**Bible verse:** James 3: 8-10: *The tongue is a restless evil, full of deadly poison! With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth comes both blessing and cursing. E te whanau, this should not be so!*

**'Big Idea':** Every cordless device we use has a battery in it. They are great while they work, but then what? If batteries are tossed out with your kerbside rubbish or recycling, the hazardous substances they contain could cause a fire in the rubbish truck or recycling plant. If they end up in landfill, the poisons inside batteries may leak out into soil and ground water.

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

### Questions - for reflection & discussion

When we buy a battery, do we know what's inside it? Do we know what will happen to it when it dies?

How come we use toxic substances every day, without a thought?

Discuss James's challenge about the words that we speak. When can words be poisonous?

What toxic attitudes and behaviours do we take for granted as 'normal'?

We often feel drained. How does God 'recharge your batteries'?!

### Action Step for August

Set up a Batteries Box at your church. Get an artist (or the kids!) to design it so it looks cool. Every couple of months empty it at your Council recycling depot.

At home and at church, stop buying things that need throw-away batteries.

Switch to recyclable rechargeable batteries.

### Prayer

Lord of all, we confess that the words we speak can hurt.

Guard our tongues, that we may not wound one another.

We confess that the things we use every day hurt our environment.

Inspire our choices, that what we use, including batteries, may not wound your creation.

Guard our living that we might be people of faith in the small things and in the big things,

through Christ our friend and the Holy Spirit our Energiser,

Amen.

## Job Vacancy

Canterbury Seafoods are looking for full time staff to hire now! We are looking to hire a labourer with the ability to promote them into a fish filleting role down the track. Hours are Mon-Fri from 6.00am-3.30pm. The business is located in Bromley, just off Maces Road, in Christchurch. Must be physically fit as there is heavy lifting involved.

If you or someone you know is interested please give Isaac a call on 021 585 535

## From the last Newsletter

- **Hanmer Project Working Bees**
- **Financial Consolidation 30 June 2021**
- [The Buzz Newsletter](#)
- **Sister Eveleen Retreat House**

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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## 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

## 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 have a 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.