



# Alpine Presbytery

resourcing the braided river

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## Newsletter 8th July 2021

### Scam Alert

The scammers are at work again! Recently they have been using Barry Ayers' name—although the email address is quite clearly not his—and asking for “a favor”. Anyone replying is likely to be asked to purchase i-Tunes or other such gift cards and pass on the activation codes for them.

*Please do be wary of any such requests!* None of our Presbytery leaders/ministers will be asking for "favours" and no-one should attempt to help out anyone via an email request.

### Around July 23rd to 25th near Christchurch?

Grant Norsworthy, from More than Music Mentor, will be in Christchurch from the 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 25<sup>th</sup> July. He will be running a More than Music Workshop at Rangiora Baptist Church (<https://fb.me/e/2f7E2O9YO>) and also has some free time to help other churches out in this if there is a need.

Grant is available to:

- Run a rehearsal/workshop coaching session for your musos and techs perhaps
- Speak and/or music for a Sunday evening church service, or any other type of gathering
- Help to work together to put on a low-key, Sunday evening “Night of Sung Worship” special event
- Meet face-to-face to discuss future possibilities

If this sounds like something you could be interested in please contact Grant on 021 417-439 or email [me@grantnorsworthy.com](mailto:me@grantnorsworthy.com)

### General Assembly 2021—Ministers' Resourcing Day

A Ministers' Resourcing Day will be held on Wednesday 29th September, in the St Andrews College Centennial Chapel prior to the start of General Assembly.

The theme for the day will be “Refreshing the Ministerial Soul” and the day will run from 9.30am – 4.30pm.

The registration fee for this event has been set at \$10 due to the generous sponsorship grants from PDS and the KMCL Ministers Life-long Learning Fund.

More details, and the link to register for the Resourcing Day, can be found here: <https://ga2021.nz/ministers-resourcing-day/>

### A safe reflective space for Lament

Following on from a retreat they attended recently, a group of locals from Ashburton are providing a two-hour reflective time for the community to give space for the

### COMING UP

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10 July, St David's, Allenton

**Preaching the Parables Workshop with Geoff New:** 24 July

### 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 July**



neglected art of lament. The retreat they attended was led by a student working towards a Doctorate in Theology, focussing on the art of 'lament'. Some of his studies looked at the lament psalms in scripture (Psalms 50-90) and Jesus' laments in the gospels, at the time of his crucifixion.

The practice of lamenting—of a healthy expression of our grief and a wide range of emotions, such as anger, frustration and pain—to God has been considered too sad or negative for the church so this practice has been neglected over many years. At the retreat we looked at songs, scripture and liturgy to find ways we could lament on behalf of the dying church, and in response to events in our lives and in the community, in the past and more recently.

The safe space for reflection will give you an opportunity to come, to grieve, express and engage with events in our lives using a variety of options, such as: writing, drawing, crafts, light a candle, pray, sing, cry, yell, sit quietly, or have tea or coffee.

This opportunity may be of interest to you, in light of recent local events and events you have experienced in the past that have significantly impacted on your life. The invitation is to come to a safe reflective space and practice the art of Lament.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July, at St. David's Church, 48 Allen's Rd, Allenton, from 9.30am to 11.30am**

Morning tea will be available. There is no charge.

Contact Johanna on 03 307 0200 for information.

## Preaching the Parables

**Saturday 24th July, 9am – 3.30pm, at New Brighton Union Church, 24 Union Street, New Brighton. Cost:** \$10 per person (includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea)  
A one day workshop for emerging and experienced preachers with Rev Dr Geoff New (Dean of Studies at the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership).

Explore the power of Jesus's parables, how they work and how to understand them. The focus will be how to preach so people engage with the parables as if hearing them for the first time. This workshop involves practical exercises and a comprehensive handbook is included.

[Register here](#) or via the Presbytery website: [alpinepresbytery.org/preaching-the-parables/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/preaching-the-parables/)

## Notices & News from other organisation

### Understanding and responding to suicide

**Friday 23 & Friday 30 July, 9.30am – 3pm each Friday**  
**Location:** All Souls Church, 30 Church Lane, Merivale

A two day workshop to strengthen knowledge, understanding, skills and ministry practice, with **Tricia Hendry**.

Food provided.

Download Poster here: [Understanding Suicide](#)

Register here: [eventbrite.co.nz/e/understanding-and-responding-to-suicide-tickets-151575086163](https://eventbrite.co.nz/e/understanding-and-responding-to-suicide-tickets-151575086163)

### New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library

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

[Refresh : Journal of Contemplative Spirituality, Vol 23 No 1, Winter 2021](#)  
[Sojourners, Vol 50 No 7, July 2021](#)

## 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.

Email [hewitson@prcknox.org.nz](mailto:hewitson@prcknox.org.nz) if you would like copies of any of the articles scanned and sent to you

## From the last Newsletter

- **General Assembly**
- [July Bush Telegraph](#)
- **Vacancies:**
  - Hanmer Springs New Mission Seedling: team member for the oversight team
  - Christian Families Coordinator: John Knox Rangiora
  - Ministry Opportunity (Lay or Ordained) - St David's Marchwiell Union Church
  - Associate Children & Families Director: PCANZ
- **Notes from Alpine Council Zoom Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021**
- **The Rubbish Challenge: 10 Steps to Less Waste in 10 Months**

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