



# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 19th August 2021

Well here we are in lockdown again! Hopefully it is not for too long!

I'm aware that there will be a lot of disruption, not least ahead of Sunday because of the relatively late notice the Friday briefing will provide in terms of whether the Level 4 status is continued or decreased. In case you cannot remember, Level 3 only allows for gathering of up to 10 people, and Level 2 for gatherings of up to 100, but social distancing measures need to be in place. Already St David's Union in Ashburton have postponed their planned jubilee celebrations—we feel for them as their planning was well in place.

For me, I was due to travel back today from an enjoyable two and a half weeks on the West Coast where I helped out with services, looked and listened, and did my day job from a warm motel room.

However, I did a hurried pack-up and set off from Greymouth after the lockdown announcement and safely drove through a snow blizzard to get home. It was an act of faith (I prefer to call it that than an act of madness!) I had to trust the witness of those who had travelled before me. That they were just in front of me on a road covered with snow was kind of scary. I'm very grateful for their carefulness and the wonderful work by the road maintenance crew who kept Porters Pass open for us for as long as they did!

Maybe that is a message for our people at this time - to trust the witness of those who go before us - whether they be government and health officials operating to attend to this latest Covid-19 breakout, or the great cloud of witnesses who have found that their faith prospered in adversity. May this be so for us as well!

My best wishes as you make your way in this short or longer lockdown season!

*Martin Stewart*

### 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 here.

#### **Session Two: Intercultural Church (Wednesday 1st September, 7.30pm – 8.30pm)**

As a Presbytery we are committed to being “a multi-ethnic Church with a bi-cultural commitment”. This requires us to discover how we are culturally wired and how we can understand the behaviours of each other. In today's increasingly diverse world, we need to develop our understanding and capability to interact in culturally diverse settings. Come along for a zoom session on explore how we can collectively begin to raise our intercultural intelligence and create spaces where we celebrate the diversity of our communities.

This Zoom session will be facilitated by Rev. Christine Harding and Shireen Chua. Information on the presenters, as well as the link to register, are on our website

### COMING UP

**St David's Ashburton 50th Anniversary:** postponed

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

**Cut-off for applications for Presbytery Grants:** 31st August.

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

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

**St Andrew's Blenheim, Garden Tour:** 16 & 17 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 26th August**



here: <https://alpinepresbytery.org/the-zoom-sessions/>

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

## **St. Andrews, Blenheim, Garden Tour**

St. Andrew's Church, Blenheim, Marlborough are holding their Annual Garden Tour again this year on Saturday and Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October. The Tour is a self conducted tour of a group of very different large and small town gardens this year, open from 10am to 4pm on both days. Tea, Coffee, filled rolls and cakes will be available, plus various stalls, e.g. plants, jams and pickles.

Tickets and programmes can be purchased from St.Andrews Church Office (9am to midday) from the beginning of October (please phone 03 5787119) or from Cresswells and any of the Garden Centres round Blenheim

## **Alpine Mission Fund and other Presbytery Grants—Cut off date 30 August**

Information and application forms can be found on our website, or by following these links:

[Alpine Mission Fund](#)

[Alpine Mission Fund Information Sheet](#)

[Alpine Mission Fund Expression Of Interest](#)

[Alpine Mission Fund Application – General, \\$10,000+](#)

[Alpine Mission Fund Application – Building, \\$10,000+](#)

Presbytery Grants: Details of the various funds can be found on the [Alpine Grants Information Sheet](#)

Application forms can be downloaded here:

[Grant form Alpine August 2020](#)

[St David's Trust Grant Application Form August 2020](#)

## **Rev Dr. John England**

The memorial minute for John last week neglected to mention that he also served at St Kentigern's or Burwood United (the parishes have now combined) from 1961-64. Details of the rest of John's service for the church are in last week's Newsletter.

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

### **Executive Officer for Kaimai Presbytery—Part-Time**

Kaimai Presbytery is a regional body of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ). The Executive Officer (EO) position is one of two part-time positions to facilitate the strategy and mission of Kaimai Presbytery. The EO position is a 20 hour per week part-time permanent position alongside an Administrator who is employed for 16 hours per week and reports to the EO. The two positions complement each other to ensure the operations of the Presbytery are carried out in a collaborative manner.

The EO works closely with the Moderator of Presbytery and the Presbytery Council. While a working knowledge of the PCANZ is required, this can be developed over time. Essential to the position is experience in leadership of a church, not for profit organisation or business along with highly developed communication, written, oral and technical skills covering finance, legislation and technology. The successful applicant will engage with many local churches and partner organizations and so must be able to work well with a diverse range of people; some travelling is required.

This is a faith-based position. The position begins mid-November 2021. The Position Description, including the remuneration, objectives and desired qualities for the position, is available on request by emailing the Kaimai Administrator: [admin@kaimaipresbytery.org.nz](mailto:admin@kaimaipresbytery.org.nz). For further information contact Eoin Crosbie (Presbytery Council Member): [ecrosbie55@gmail.com](mailto:ecrosbie55@gmail.com) or mobile: 021 741 607

**Closing date for applications is 20 September 2021 at 1pm.**

### **Expressions of Interest sought: A new Community Initiative**

**Are you a minister interested in planting a new worshiping community in Mt Roskill whilst working in partnership with Presbyterian Support Northern in its community outreach programme?**

Northern Presbytery is working with Presbyterian Support Northern to develop a detailed proposal to embark upon a significant new joint venture to create a Community Hub at what is now St Giles Mt Roskill. St Giles is being dissolved, with its last service on 5 September. The Presbytery Council has approved a concept proposal, and if it approves the detailed proposal at its meeting late September, the following will be implemented as the beginnings of establishing the Mt Roskill Community Hub:

- There will be some refurbishment of current buildings and landscaping
- PSN will relocate its foodbank from St David's Khyber Pass; reshape and extend its capacity
- PSN will establish spaces for community to gather, as well as establishing wrap around social support services

**Northern Presbytery will appoint a full time minister, fixed term for 3 years**, to plant a new congregation as well as working alongside the community outreach team of PSN. We are seeking expressions of interest for the new role of Mt Roskill Ministry Outreach. The draft role profile is on our website. The purpose of this new role is to establish a mission focused worshipping community and to minister alongside the community outreach team employed by PSN.

For enquires, please contact Rod Watts (0275208601). **Expressions of interest to be submitted to the Northern Presbytery Office ([administrator@northpres.org.nz](mailto:administrator@northpres.org.nz)) by 4pm, 26 August.**

## Redeeming the Screen—The Imam and the Pastor

**Wednesday 1 September, 6-8.30pm, at Laidlaw College, Christchurch Campus, 70 Condell Avenue, Papanui.** *Join us for an evening of food, film and frank discussion.*

The question of how do we live as Christians in multi-religious contexts is of growing importance in Aotearoa NZ. We will gather to watch a documentary from Nigeria about an imam and priest who, through their friendship, grow peace in their communities. With help from people engaged in this area, we'll wrestle together with the questions brought up by the film.

Bring along your mates and sign up now! Suggested koha of \$5 student/unwaged, \$10 waged (payable on the night by cash/eftpos)

RSVP here: <https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/events/film-night/>

## Leadership Development Administration Assistant

**This role reports to the Leadership Development Facilitator of Scripture Union NZ** and is an FTE 40% role. Its overall purpose is to support the Leadership Development Facilitator with administrative support along with providing a working relationship with parents/participants, pastors/youth workers, camp leaders/directors and SUNZ staff and volunteers. Ideally this person will be based in Ōtautahi/Christchurch.

More details on the SUNZ website, at: [www.sunz.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Leadership-DevelopmentAdministration-Position-Description-2021.pdf](http://www.sunz.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Leadership-DevelopmentAdministration-Position-Description-2021.pdf)

## From the last Newsletter

- **Barry Ayers on leave**
- **Ministers' Deaths:**
  - Rev Noel Butler
  - Rev Dr John England
- **Part-Time Ministry Position (Ordained or Lay):** Cashmere Presbyterian Church.
- **Praying for Children week: 22nd- 28th of August**
- **New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library**

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/5k528skz4niqhgq/AABDjLatKUt2-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.