



# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 26th August 2021

### Westport Floods

People or church communities may still wish to contribute to the ongoing relief work in Westport. The Regional Forum (Presbyterian-Methodist) in the area has provided bank details for the local church minister's association. This group are coordinating ongoing pastoral support for affected people.

Westport Ministers Association Westport Relief Fund: 03-1354-0583914-00

### 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 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.

### PLANTS 4 U @ RAKAIA

**Saturday 2 October 9.00am - 1.00pm**, at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church (by the 2 big trees, Main road)

Church hall will be filled with plants of all varieties. Produce stalls with homemade jam & "Heather's Marmalade". Baking. Specials throughout the mornings, bargains after 12pm.

Contact [dottsknights@gmail.com](mailto:dottsknights@gmail.com)

### Part-Time Ministry Position (Ordained or Lay)

**Cashmere Presbyterian Church in Christchurch** are seeking a person to take on a Pastoral role of up to 66%, whilst Rev Hamish Galloway serves his term as Moderator of General Assembly (up to two years), with a starting date of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

### COMING UP

~~St Luke's, Halswell, 60th Birthday service~~ Postponed

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

**The Zoom Sessions: Intercultural Church—1st September**

**Plants 4 U—Rakaia: Saturday 2nd 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 2nd September**



Our expectations of the person appointed are that they:

- Will work out of the offices at the Cashmere Presbyterian Church
- Will lead and preach at two Sunday worship services per month and attend the Worship service on at least one other Sunday.
- Will undertake regular Pastoral visiting of members of the congregation, including taking a special interest in the younger families who are connecting with our church.
- Will work in close partnership with the other staff members of the parish.

To express your interest, please email the Parish Administrator, Gail Weaver, at [cashmere.church@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cashmere.church@xtra.co.nz), including details of your experience and the strengths and talents you think you can bring to this position, by **31<sup>st</sup> August 2021**.

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

### **Community Coordinator—Whareora House of Life**

Whareora Community House is based in Barrington, Christchurch. The House offers a warm, welcoming place for the local community, hosts a range of activities and fosters a sense of community and wellbeing.

We are looking for someone who is highly motivated and passionate about people who is able to foster positive, collaborative relationships with the community and volunteers.

#### **To be successful, you will need the following:**

- Good administrative skills
- An understanding of the principles and practice of volunteering and volunteer coordination is highly desirable
- Strong relationship building capabilities, with proven experience in establishing trust and rapport with a wide range of people
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to communicate clearly and succinctly to a wide range of people. Ability to self-manage.

This is a part-time role with 12 hours per week.

Email Rosemary at [rosemary.whareora@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.whareora@gmail.com) for an information package. **Applications close 24<sup>th</sup> September**

### **“Meditating with Ignatius” - Weekend Silent Retreat**

**181 Barbadoes Street, Christchurch: October 29 – 31**

The retreat is offered by the New Zealand Community for Christian Meditation, Christchurch Meditation Community

St Ignatius of Loyola was a 16th century Catholic priest and founder of the Jesuits. He is perhaps most well known as a spiritual director and creator of the Spiritual Exercises, which remain a staple of Christian spirituality to this day. In this weekend silent retreat, we'll be looking at how Ignatian Spirituality can help us navigate the contemplative journey and complement a Christian Meditation practice.

The Facilitator will be **Eddie O'Connor**, Director of Sister Eveleen Retreat House and regular meditator.

**Expressions of interest:** Please email [diannewills77@gmail.com](mailto:diannewills77@gmail.com) with your name and phone number.

**Cost:** \$230.00 includes accommodation and meals. Places are limited so please book early.

### **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 8) September: Kids**

**Bible verses:** Isaiah 11:6 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid goat, the lion and the calf together, and a little child shall lead them.

Matthew 7:9 Would anyone give your child a stone when he asks for bread?

#### **‘Big Idea’**

We surround our kids with plastic! They eat out of plastic bags in plastic boxes. We buy them more and more brightly coloured plastic things to play with. Imagine a God-centred, creation-based play space for kids. Isaiah's

vision of God's salvation shalom on earth is of a child leading all the animals in harmony – not just plastic toy animals but real living beings – where “nothing will hurt or destroy” (v10).

### **Questions** - for reflection & discussion

Do children really need everything to be brightly coloured and individually wrapped? What values are we teaching them?

What are good ways to engage with young people about environmental issues? How are they leading the church?

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

### **Action Step for September**

Explore with parents, children, youth & ministry leaders how to reduce plastic and rubbish.

- Use natural materials for crafts
- Play outside, no matter what the weather
- Don't laminate
- Choose natural fabrics for clothes and bedding
- Buy non-toxic crayons and chalk instead of felt pens
- Teach children about what happens to waste

### **Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, thank you for our children,  
each one made in your image.

Nourish them as they grow in a damaged world.

May we give them good things instead of junk  
and feed them hope instead of anxiety.

## **New Song book resource from NZHBT**

### **Colin Gibson tells the Stories of our Hymns, Hymn Writers & Composers**

Starting with the New Zealand Supplement to *With One Voice* in 1982, the **New Zealand Hymnbook Trust** has worked faithfully to make the best contemporary, local hymns available to churches and choirs in our country.

In this Companion, world-renowned New Zealand hymn composer, Colin Gibson, tells the stories of how the hymns in these books came to be written and of the tunes to which they have been set, alongside biographies of the hymnwriters and composers.

Ministers, preachers, worship leaders, church musicians and choir members will find a wealth of material in the Companion to entertain and inform them, and to share with their congregations.

### **Book details**

**Print:** \$50.00 + p&p, 466 pages, b/w, 7"x 10" soft cover. Stock due mid-Sept 2021.

**eBooks:** \$40.00. ePub, PDF & Kindle/Mobi Available now

Order your copies

For more information about the book, and to order print or eBooks, go Philip Garside Publishing Ltd: <https://pgpl.co.nz/ebooks/knowning-the-song-ebook/>

## **The Buzz—PYM Newsletter**

Download the September 2021 Newsletter here: [The Buzz](#)

In this month's Buzz:

- Alert Level Changes and Youth Ministry
- Connect Online - 213 Sept - Successfully transitioning into and out of youth group
- Discipleship Pathways - Online Youth Ministry Training
- Key Leaders Retreat in Queenstown

## **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 at [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.**

## From the last Newsletter

- **St. Andrews, Blenheim, Garden Tour**
- **Alpine Mission Fund and other Presbytery Grants—Cut off date 30 August**
- **Rev Dr. John England**
- **~~Redeeming the Screen—The Imam and the Pastor—Postponed~~**
- **Leadership Development Administration Assistant—Scripture Union**

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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.

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>