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Prestons project update

Sometimes questions are better than answers. This has been an underlying posture for those of us involved with the Prestons project as we've continued to explore what it means to be church in our context. We're learning to make peace with the feeling of uncertainty—not quite being sure of what to do, or how to do it. Ultimately what we've ended up with has mostly come about by prayer and conversation, listening to hunches, giving something a go and seeing how it went – in other words guess and check...

Currently about five families get together once a month in the local Plunket rooms for Prayer and Pancakes – a mostly social gathering where we share a pancake breakfast and space of prayer together. Some of these families connect more regularly, and are currently exploring the idea of forming some sort of a homegroup for those interested. A subgroup from within these five families also oversee and facilitate a weekly community preschool music group for local kids and parents; this has been valuable connection with the wider community. We're also just in the 'listening to a hunch' stage of finding a regular space of worship together. This feels like the next natural step for the project.

Having more questions than answers seems to be part of deal with exploring!

Josh Olds

Preaching the Parables

Saturday 16th October, 9am—3pm, at 34 Champion Road, Richmond

No charge, but bring your own food for lunch, or you are welcome to head to one of the many cafes near Champion Road. We will provide Morning tea.

Registration will be available from next week, and will close 12th October.

St Luke's Halswell 60th Anniversary

Everyone is welcome to the rescheduled 60th Anniversary service which will now take place at St Luke's Halswell on **Sunday 31st October 2021 at 10am**, with morning tea to follow.

PLANTS 4 U @ RAKAIA

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



A gathering of mums and kids at the park after our weekly music group one week.

COMING UP

Ministers' Coffee Groups

Wednesday 29th Sept, 2.30pm at Terra Viva Cafe

Plants 4 U—Rakaia: Saturday 2nd October

St Andrew's Blenheim, Garden Tour: 16 & 17 October

Plantarama at Cashmere Presbyterian: 16 October

Preaching the Parables: Nelson, 16th 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

Cut off for items for next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 30th September**



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

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 16th and 17th 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. both days. Tea, Coffee, filled rolls and cakes will be available, plus various stalls eg. 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

Plantarama

Saturday 16th October, 9am-12noon, at Cashmere Presbyterian Church, 2 Macmillan Ave, Christchurch.

Vegetable & flower plants; herbs; annuals; shrubs; natives, and more.

Sausage sizzle and Cream Teas available to purchase.

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 organization 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 organisations 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.

For further information contact Eoin Crosbie (Presbytery Council Member): ecrosbie55@gmail.com or mobile: 021 741 607

Closing date for applications is 19 October 2021.

Minister, Full Time, St Peters in the City, Tauranga

St Peters in the City is calling a full time nationally ordained Minister to serve and lead in its Tauranga central-city congregation. The parish has a strong history in ministry and has been blessed with many talented and gifted people of faith over

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

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 Infodile.

If you do have a 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.

many years. Our desire, at this time, is to rebuild a flourishing all-aged congregation with an intentional particular focus on young families. This position is one of leading a ministry team as well as the Elders and many others who serve as volunteers in ministry. The terms of call and more specific details about the role are set out in the position description.

While a working knowledge of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ) is required, this can be developed over time. Essential to the position is an evangelical vision, a strong Biblical theology, experience in leadership of a church, with highly developed communication, written, oral and technical skills. The incumbent has to be able to work well with and lead a diverse range of people.

Further details including a parish profile, a strategic plan and a position description are available in the [application pack](#). The Ministry Settlement Board welcomes expressions of interest and will follow these up in confidence. If you feel any sense of God calling you to this ministry opportunity please be encouraged to take a 'next step'.

Further information available from Eoin Crosbie, Secretary of the MSB (email: ec-rosbie55@gmail.com or mobile: 021741607)

The MSB is aiming to shortlist by the end of November, 2021.

People Helping People—PSUSI Magazine

Download the magazine from: psuppersouth.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/PS0167.PHPSummerSpringInside16821_FV2_ALL_LR.pdf

From the last Newsletter

- Revised CPT Earthquake Prone Buildings Policy
- Ministers' Coffee Groups
- Attendance Bookings for Level 2 Gatherings
- St Oran's College Chaplain
- 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/5k528skz4niqhgg/AABDjLatKUt2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>

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