



Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 30th September 2021

Thank you!

As I conclude my role as Presbytery Moderator of Alpine this week I want to especially thank you all for your support over this past year. I have enjoyed catching up with many of you and have enjoyed hearing how God is at work in your lives and the faith communities you are involved with around our Presbytery. My prayer is that you will continue to see and sense the Spirit at work in your midst and find ways of developing your walk with God and with each other. And look after yourselves! These are challenging days and we need to bring a *non-anxious presence* to our anxious society. Jesus calls us to be peace-makers and to point people to the expansive love of God.

I commend to you Rev Dr Andrew Nicol (Minister at St Margaret's Bishopdale, Christchurch) who will be Acting Moderator as the Presbytery Council works to put in place a process for the wider Presbytery to elect a new Moderator. Andrew has served our Presbytery in many ways and is well-suited to overseeing the Moderator role in the interim.

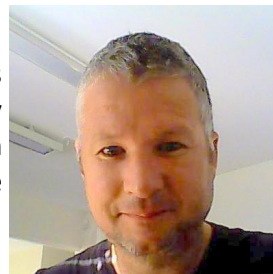
I look forward to catching up with you as opportunity allows in the future. It's good to hear how God is at work so feel free to keep in touch and share a coffee down the track!

God bless,
Barry Ayers

Acting Moderator

Presbytery Council received the resignation of Rev Barry Ayers as Moderator and took the opportunity at its recent meeting to acknowledge the tremendous contribution of Barry's leadership in the Presbytery since its earliest days and through the year of his serving as Moderator. Council members wished him well in his next endeavours.

Rev Dr Andrew Nicol was appointed as Acting Moderator. His appointment has since been endorsed unanimously by Presbytery members. Andrew will serve until the Autumn Gathering of 2022. The nomination/election process for the Moderator-elect will begin in late October.



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.

More information on our website: alpinepresbytery.org/preaching-the-parables/
Register now at <https://alpine.infoodle.com/f/PreachingWorkshopOctober2021>.
Registrations close 12th October

COMING UP

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

St Luke's, Halswell, 60th Anniversary: 31st 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 7 October**



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

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 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

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.

Notices & News from other organisation

Associate Children & Families Director for PCFM

The Presbyterian Children and Families Ministry exists to see communities of faith inspired to share God's big story by engaging authentically with children and families. We are currently advertising for an Associate Children and Families Director (0.5FTE) who will join the team in:

- Leading the PCANZ into authentic engagement with children and families.
- Advocating for children and families so that they are woven into the fabric/DNA of the church and have authentic participation.
- Encouraging, equipping and supporting church leaders and those who work with children and families.

Role Responsibilities

- Lead, develop and maintain the ministry that reaches children and families in the PCANZ.
- Collaborate and help lead relevant national special projects as determined by the PCANZ.
- Support regional children and families enablers.
- Advocate for churches to be engaging and discipling children and families.
- Encourage, equip and support children of the PCANZ in their faith and to use their gifts to minister to others.
- Encourage, equip and support parents and caregivers of the PCANZ to role model faith, to teach faith at home, engage in faith forming activities and take responsibility for the discipleship of their children.
- Ensure there is adequate training and resourcing for families as well as church members to support the discipleship of children and young people.
- Provide advice to children's and family leaders, parishes, presbyteries and PCANZ team members on children's and families' ministry.

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

The Candidate:

The successful candidate will have

- Work history preferably within a religious context
- Membership in a Christian Church and would naturally be supportive and identify with the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church.
- A demonstrable work history in children and families ministry, preferably including experience in ministry resourcing and leadership development.
- Experience working across cultural diversity.
- Professional credibility to inspire confidence, together with a proven ability to provide high quality work within deadlines and timeframes; a strong calibre of leadership, a focus on collaboration, support and communication.

Location: Be based in a major city in New Zealand; *preferably based* in either Christchurch or Wellington.

Click here for a complete [job description](#). For further information and to apply, contact Robin Humphreys: robin@presbyterian.org.nz.

Applications close: 26 October 2021.

The Rubbish Challenge: 10 Steps to Less Waste in 10 Months

A resource for churches and whanau, written by Silvia Purdie. More material & videos at: www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html

Step 9) October: Cleaning

Bible verse: 1 Corinthians 8:9 *Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak.*

'Big Idea': As Christians we try not to get caught up in lots of rules. Following Jesus is not about being 'good'. We are free to eat and to buy what we choose. However, as Paul warns us, not everything is good for us or good for those around us. Could our freedom damage the environment around us? The chemicals we use can have a destructive effect 'down-stream'. They are a 'stumbling block to the weak', not just people but fragile ecosystems and creatures.

Question - for reflection & discussion

In a global pandemic, of course we need good hygiene. But how does our human need for cleanliness impact on God's creation?

Watch video at www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html

Action Steps for October

What chemicals are used at your home, work or church? Look on the labels. Find out what is in the stuff you handle.

Buy 'eco friendly' cleaning products, or make your own from safe ingredients.

At church or work talk to your Cleaners about what they use, and work towards more environmentally safe alternatives.

Prayer

The Lord has set us free! We are free indeed!

Dear God, thank you for our freedom and for our responsibility.

Thank you for ethics that guide our choices

May our actions not become a stumbling block for others

May our choices protect the vulnerable,

both people and environments. Amen.

Hospital Chaplain (General) Part time (0.5 FTE)

Hospital Chaplain (General Health) based at Dunedin Hospital, Southern DHB

- Job description here: <https://mcusercontent.com/e90c907b9501e0cde3966a24d/>

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.

Please do bear in mind, though, that we need to be aware of our obligations under the Privacy Act.

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- Application form here: https://mcusercontent.com/e90c907b9501e0cde3966a24d/files/969aebd7-1d0a-d0c0-18ba-4edfcb40a62/Application_Form_Chaplain_Dunedin_Southern_DHB.01.docx
- Seek job advertisement here: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/54059631>

If applying for this position please submit a CV, Cover letter and Application form. Applications close on Wednesday 20 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 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.

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.

Further information available from Eoin Crosbie, Secretary of the MSB (email: ecrosbie55@gmail.com or mobile: 021741607)

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

From the last Newsletter

- **Prestons project update**
- **St Luke's Halswell 60th Anniversary**
- **Executive Officer for Kaimai Presbytery—Part-Time**
- **Minister, Full Time, St Peters in the City, Tauranga**
- **[People Helping People](#)—PSUSI Magazine**

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