



# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 9th September 2021

### From Sage Harris, the Alpine Youth Enabler

Calling all churches with youth ministry in Alpine Presbytery, or who would love to have youth ministry. I am working to form a community of youth pastors, workers and volunteers. If you have a youth pastor, worker or volunteer serving I would love to hear from you. I have connected with a large group already but I know I will be missing some of those ministries. So if you have a youth ministry in your church please make contact with me at [youth@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:youth@alpinepresbytery.org)

If you don't currently have a youth ministry but would like to explore the possibility of starting something in your community but don't know where to start, I would love to speak to you also. My role as Youth and Young adults enabler is about pastorally caring for our youth ministry, but also equipping our churches and resourcing them in youth ministry. If you require support I am available to support. God Bless.

### Notices & News from other organisation

#### Mission For a Change Enliven Wednesday 15 September

Mission For A Change showcases fresh thinking about mission and the church. Join Rev Dr Steve Taylor from 4:45-5:30 pm (New Zealand time), Wednesday 15th September, as he interviews Dr Ruth Powell about church vitality. Can social science research benefit the church?

Ruth, Director National Church Life Survey, will join us from Sydney to speak about the Enliven Churches Project, a study of 47 of the most vital churches in Australia. We will engage with her excellent paper, "Models of Church Vitality: A literature review" (<https://enlivenchurches.ncls.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/NCLS-Occasional-Paper-39-Models-of-Church-Vitality.pdf>) which explores how to measure church vitality. We will explore the website [enlivenchurches.ncls.org.au](http://enlivenchurches.ncls.org.au) and some of the stories of how vibrant, flourishing churches across a variety of denominations + sizes + contexts (inner city, suburban, regional, rural) are enlivening their ministry.

To subscribe: <https://tinyurl.com/MissionForAChange>

#### The Hope Seminar

An event from A Rocha—**Sunday 19 September**

**Still on!! with Level 2 protocols: limit of 50 people, no food or drink, and masks please. Register now to come in person! Or join in online.**

This year's The Hope Seminar will be held at the Transitional Cathedral in Christchurch and has an inspiring line-up of speakers in the evening.

The theme is 'Shalom: Climate Change and Wellbeing': Anxiety about the future is an epidemic, and the need for the peace of Christ is vital. The Hope Seminar will explore

### COMING UP

**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 16th September**



the human impacts of climate change from a faith perspective.

Please register, to reserve your place, or to join in the live-stream, at the A Rocha NZ website: <https://www.arocha.org.nz/events/hope-seminar-2021>

More info on the Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/251927296713043>

Download the poster here: [Hope Seminar poster](#)

## Sister Eveleen Retreat House

The Sister Eveleen Retreat House is located at Scarborough Head, Sumner, in a stunning location. It offers space to draw closer to God. Retreats are offered on a regular basis with a variety of foci. The following retreats are coming up:-

**Sept 24 - 26:** A Beginner's Guide to Contemplation - 2 Day Silent Retreat

**Oct 1 - 3:** Francis and Clare: Saints of Assisi (Sold Out, sorry.)

**Oct 22 - 24:** Spring Creation - 2 Day Silent Retreat

**Nov 5 - 7:** St Ignatius: The Discernment of Spirits - 2 Day Silent Retreat

**Nov 14 - 20:** 7 Day Guided Retreat with Spiritual Direction

To find out more or to register see [www.sistereretreat.com](http://www.sistereretreat.com)

## 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**

## A Rocha Hui 2021: Eco Church

**When: Saturday 30 Oct 2021- Sunday 31 Oct 2021**

**Where: St Andrew's Church, Plimmerton, Porirua**

We are excited to bring together old friends and new friends for some great conversation, food and company after a tumultuous year. There will be guest speakers, workshops and activities to nourish eco church champions and local group volunteers from around the country. You can expect:

- Good food!
- Outdoor activities
- Children-friendly spaces and activities

## 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.

- Workshops on predator control, wellbeing for eco champions, church carbon calculation and NZ's journey to net zero emissions
- Stories from eco churches and local groups

Go to [www.arochoa.org.nz/events/aranz-hui-2021-eco-church/](http://www.arochoa.org.nz/events/aranz-hui-2021-eco-church/) for the programme outline and registration fees.

[Click HERE](#) to register!

## From the last Newsletter

- **Resignation of Rev. Barry Ayers as Moderator of Alpine Presbytery.**
- **General Assembly 2021 to go online**
- **Biscuits for General Assembly**
- **Parish Annual Reports & Statistics**
- **PLANTS 4 U @ RAKAIA**
- **Bush Telegraph**
- **The Hope Seminar**
- **Laidlaw College Online Open Night: 23 September 2021**
- **“Meditating with Ignatius” - Weekend Silent Retreat**
- **A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand Annual Report 2020/21**

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