



Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 21st October 2021

A Pastoral Encouragement from Andrew, Acting Moderator

Tēnā koutou katoa. Greetings to you Presbytery whānau. I pray that you know God's wisdom and peace as you continue to navigate these times.

We face a massive relational challenge. As so many of you have identified, many of our discussions at work, in church, and in our extended families pivot around questions of trust. For some trust in institutional guidance has been eroded. For others it is hard to trust in science we do not fully understand—especially when the internet spreads a vast array of sometimes contradictory ideas. Many people are telling stories of tension within workplaces and families with regard to vaccinations. The church's posture and faithfulness through this time is once again of huge importance. There will be ongoing discussion about things like 'vaccine passports' and freedom. Perhaps the biggest challenge ahead of us is preparing our communities to hear and be the gospel in the way we talk to and treat one another. Tertullian, the ancient Christian leader, saw the world looking at the Christian community and remarking, 'See how they love one another'. This is how people will know we are Jesus' disciples (John 13:35). We face a massive relational challenge as the church, following Jesus, is reminded of its calling to love without partiality.

We have to exercise discernment and loving service in a regularly changing landscape. I'll not rehearse all the accumulating data you will be repeatedly encountering, but suffice to say that, according to the best information we have, vaccination is an appropriate act of both self-care and selflessness for the vast majority of people. Having said this much I want to acknowledge that a variety of opinions exist, and honest discussion of questions and concerns is crucial. It is also important that those with intelligent objections are respected and not sidelined by being stereotyped or ridiculed.

We are to pray for and act for the life of our world. Let us stand against the rhetoric of mere self-interest where it emerges and let us listen well, even to those we disagree with. Let us also remember those within our own communities and within the global context who require just access to care: what does it mean for us as Christian family to be the least and the last, to resist the will to power in lowliness?

Forge Aotearoa

Alpine Presbytery have recently received seed funding to run the first **Forge Aotearoa Pioneer Training Course**. Forge is a global network dedicated to training pioneers and fostering and supporting new missional expressions of church. We have entered into a memorandum of understanding with Forge and are partnering with PressGo, KCML and Presbytery Central to deliver the course beginning February 2022. Forge is for anyone who is interested in exploring different expressions of church. We are now taking applications for 2022. More information can be found on

COMING UP

Merging Traditions: exhibition at Knox Centre Hall, Christchurch, 16-25 October

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

Mini Market at Rangiora Church: 6 November, 10am-2pm

Presbytery Gathering: 18 & 19 March 2022

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 28 October**



the Forge website: <http://forgeaotearoa.nz> or you can talk to Abi, Martin or Darryl about it.

Next Presbytery Gathering

The next Gathering will be held on Friday 18 & Saturday 19 March 2022, at West Melton. More information nearer to the time, but put this in your diaries now!

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.

Rangiora Presbyterian Church Mini-Market

Saturday 6 November, corner High & King Streets, Rangiora.

Selling from 10am to 2pm. Stock up on Baking, Preserves, Garden Plants, Books & Jigsaws—oh and Pinecones too! As well as other stalls and fun activities.

Also, our *new Pop-Up Mini Golf Course* is now open so why not come have a go at that!!!!!!

Please wear your facemask and remember to safe distance from others. Let's help keep each other safe.

Pulpit Supply

We are currently compiling a list of Ministers available for Pulpit Supply, which will be available upon request. If you would like your name to be added to this list, please advise Gail (gail@alpinepresbtyery.org), including areas where you are available and any date restrictions.

Rev Stephanie Wells has asked us to advise of her availability for Pulpit Supply from the beginning of 2022.

Merging Traditions

Art exhibition in the Knox Centre Hall, 28 Bealey Avenue, Christchurch.

11am-3pm each day from 16—25 October

Delight your eyes, your heart, your spirit with a visit to a wonderfully colourful and stimulating art exhibition created by Sue Spigel (fabric artist) and Galina Kim (painter). The two artists have combined their talents to produce a stunning series of panels on the theme of Merging Traditions.

First displayed in the Christchurch Cathedral several years before the earthquakes this fascinating exhibition is now coming to the Knox Centre Hall for just one week.

Free entry.

Notices & News from other organisation

Hospital Chaplain (Part-Time 0.375FTE)

Nelson Marlborough DHB, Wairau Hospital

Details available at <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/54456598>

Closes 4pm Friday 5 November 2021

To be considered, please submit the following:

- CV
- Cover letter
- Application form

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 they 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.

Scots College Assistant Chaplain

Scots College in Wellington is seeking to appoint a new Assistant Chaplain to assist the College Chaplain with day-to-day requirements and the promotion of the College's special character at all year levels of the College, with particular emphasis from Year 7 up. This is a part-time, permanent position commencing in January 2022. College has a preference for a youth worker experienced in encouraging youth participation.

Those interested in up to full time equivalent work may also consider a potential harmonious position working with young people to be advertised by St John's in the City.

Full details available at <https://www.scotscollege.school.nz/scots-college-assistant-chaplain/>

Applications are to include a covering letter which states all teaching subjects, C.V. and the names of at least two referees, and are to be submitted by e-mail to: hintonc@scotscollege.school.nz by Friday 19 November 2021

Other Newsletters

- [Grassroots Spring Newsletter](#)—Newsletter from the ICHC
- [The Buzz October 2021](#)—Newsletter from PYM

From the last Newsletter

- **The Pathways Programme: November 4th 2021**
- **Christian Families Coordinator,—John Knox, Rangiora** (closes 26 October)
- **Associate Children & Families Director for PCFM** (closes 26 October)
- **St. Andrews, Blenheim, Garden Tour**
- **Plantarama**
- **Volunteers Needed for PSUSI Senior Day Programmes**
- **Chaplain/Year 7-13 Teacher, Iona College, Havelock North**

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