



# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 7th October 2021

### Jenny Flett

Jenny, the wife of Rev Dennis Flett, is undergoing surgery today (Thursday) to remove a brain tumour. We ask that people will pray for Jenny, Dennis and their daughters Teresa, Hannah & Kelly and their wider family as we all seek a full recovery for Jen.

### Executive Officer on leave

Please note that Martin Stewart will be on leave for the week 12-18 October. Both the Acting Moderator, Andrew Nicol, and Resource Team Leader, Abi Trevathan, are available from 13th October.

### Introducing Anne Shave

At the last Alpine Presbytery Council meeting the Council approved the Resourcing application to the Mission Fund for the second year of the Pathways Project. The Pathways Project has been running at Cashmere Presbyterian this year under Anne Shave and Hamish Galloway. Anne has a doctorate in Theology from the University of Otago, with a focus on Spirituality in Midlife. She will be contracted by Resourcing to provide access to the Pathways program for the Presbytery.

More information on the first “taste and see” opportunity for clergy will be available next week.

### 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/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/preaching-the-parables/)  
Register now at <https://alpine.infoodle.com/f/PreachingWorkshopOctober2021>.  
Registrations close 12th October

### Christian Families Coordinator—John Knox, Rangiora

John Knox Rangiora is seeking a Christian Families Coordinator to lead our Children and Youth ministries and provide pastoral support for our church families and wider community.

We are looking for someone with a strong Christian faith who knows the challenges and blessings associated with young families in a local Church community.

The Families Coordinator will work with our current Children and Youth ministries and pre-school music group to support and resource those involved. Their primary role will be pastoral care for Children, Youth and Families while providing leadership and guidance where needed.

### COMING UP

**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, 60<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org)

Cut off for items for next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 14 October**



We are looking for someone who can:

**Dream:** discern the heart of God for families at John Knox and wider communities

**Lead:** teams of volunteers in the Children and Youth Ministries

**Be Hands-on:** in activities and services that bless our current and new families.

The position is for 20 hours per week which can be managed around both set and flexible times. *It could also be run in relationship with the Associate Children & Families Director for PCFM making it up to a full time role for the right candidate (see advert later in his newsletter)*

For a Job Description, Application Pack or if you have any further questions, contact Jason— phone 027 452 7546 or email: [jason@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz](mailto:jason@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz),

**Applications Close 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

## **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.

### **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](mailto:robin@presbyterian.org.nz).

Applications close: 26 October 2021.

**Looking for more hours and located in Christchurch or willing to move to Christchurch for this role?** *There is an opportunity for the right person to combine this national role with a local church role. John Knox Rangiora is currently seeking a Families Coordinator (20 hrs/wk). Please contact Jason King for more info: [jason@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz](mailto:jason@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz)*

## Notes from Presbytery Council meetings

### July

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev Jon Parkes was asked to lead the meeting as Acting Chair.

#### **Executive Officer:**

Martin reported on Timaru Presbyterian's new kitchen opening, Rev Doug McConnell beginning in the St Andrew's NMS role, a report from Barry Helem of PSUSI on the East Christchurch Kaumatua Service, setting up the St Ninian's and PSUSI conversation about a possible collaboration plus presented several discussion papers:

- One year on reflection
- A vision for New Mission Seedlings in Alpine Presbytery on behalf of Resourcing and information about the possibility of Forge International becoming a partner in training New Mission Seedlings in conjunction with Alpine Presbytery, the Knox Centre and PressGo
- Future funding for our life & mission
- Some initial ideas regarding a possible Social Enterprise in Alpine Presbytery

#### **Human Resources:**

- Ministry Settlement Boards (MSBs) established at Plains St Ninians St Andrew's Ashburton, Hurunui and Hope
- Stated Supply agreement for Shona Bettany at Albury/Pleasant Point
- Hope Church application for a LOM position at Rolleston be approved

#### **Property & Finance:**

- Waikari parish to complete three major items of upgrading/repairs on the hall at their 10 Allandale Road, Hawarden

#### **Other matters:**

- Mission Fund grants \$5,960 to the St Martins - South Elder Care Day Programme
- Follow up started with St Martins re MSB matters
- Rev Sage Harris as Associate Minister at Whakatu be extended for a further two years to January 2024

### August (via Zoom)

Rev Dr Andrew Nicol was asked to be the Acting Chair

#### **Executive Officer:**

Martin reported on his time in Greymouth, lockdown vibes, and the Canterbury Joint Regional Forum being disbanded.

- It was agreed that a Home Tidy Feasibility Study contract with GLG Consultants be approved in principle and an application for the costs of the study be made to the Alpine Mission Fund
- It is time to conduct the performance appraisal of the Resource Team Leader
- It was agreed that Alpine Presbytery confirm its agreement with the closure of the Reefton Union Church at 31 October 2020, the incorporation of the assets into the Greymouth Union Church, and the relevant church parties being informed

#### **Human Resources:**

- Jess Dreadon and Mark Ambundo authorised to conduct Baptisms in Hope Church.
- MSB in place for Cashmere Presbyterian Church to be disbanded as other options are looked at

#### **Property & Finance:**

- Kowai Parish application to sell their manse property at 3 Pound Street Amberley
- Kowai Parish application to purchase a replacement manse property (both applications approved in principle subject to Church Property Trustees sign-off)
- The formation documentation for Crossway Community Church was finalised

#### **Resourcing:**

- It was agreed that \$10,000 from the Resourcing Budget be committed to establishing Forge Aotearoa as an expression of Presbytery's investment in resourcing people operating in or interested in new mission seedling work in our life
- It was agreed that Presbytery Council apply for funding of \$30,000 from the Mission Fund for the stage 2 roll-out of the Pathways Programme

The resignation from Barry Ayers as Moderator was received and accepted with regret.

## **September – Papanui**

Rev Barry Ayers (Moderator) conducted his last meeting in the role.

Barry expressed his appreciation for the support he has had in the role as he ponders retirement in a fuller sense. He noted that these are certainly 'interesting' days! Who would have thought that the wider world would have faced such a challenge? However, in the midst of the current challenge that faces us I do believe that there is a 'gift' of God as we see opportunities to re-shape and pivot our expression of *church* in our times. Surely, for Alpine especially, post-EQ days gave the church the opportunity to ponder and action changes to the way we *be church*. Did we take up that opportunity? Perhaps we have another window *now* to consider the same possibility once again. Will we seize that opportunity? Who will be courageous enough to grasp it?

### **Executive Officer:**

Martin noted the following...

- General Anxiety in the community around issues that divide us, in particular some of the attitudes and conspiracies around Covid-19 vaccination, and some of that impact in the church community
- Linking in with Forge International in collaboration with PressGo, KCML & Central Presbytery
- A successful review of Presbytery Minutes (this is something that happens ahead of each General Assembly)

### **Human Resources:**

- It was agreed that Rev David Coster be appointed Stated Supply Minister for 2 years at Cashmere Presbyterian Church on a half-time basis
- Council commended Rev Phyllis Harris on her Study Leave report *Given A Voice to Speak - Breaking the Silence of Childhood Sexual Abuse*

### **Property & Finance:**

- It was agreed that Alpine Council accept the Alpine Presbytery Annual Performance Report for the year ended 30th June 2021 and refer it to the full Presbytery for approval.
- Council recorded a vote of thanks to Christine Arnold for her excellent work as the Treasurer.

### **Putea Misioni Fund Report:** Council approved the

- Feasibility Home Tidy Proposal application for \$24,260 plus GST
- Pathways Programme Yr 2 application for \$39,000
- The Mackenzie Cooperating Parish - St Columba Community Hub Feasibility Study application for \$13,890 plus GST

### **Other matters:**

- Council accepted the invitation to host the Special General Assembly meeting in April 2022.
- It was agreed that Rev Dr Andrew Nicol be appointed as Acting Moderator of Alpine Presbytery and the Presbytery members be notified and invited to endorse the appointment. The process for the election of a new Moderator who would commence in the role at the Autumn 2022 Gathering will take place in Nov/Dec 2021.
- Messages of thanks were conveyed to Barry Ayers for his leadership as Moderator. Comments included: his pivotal role in the formation of the culture of Alpine Presbytery; appreciation for the way he modelled taking time for people, listening, and offering wise advice; his personal qualities; the support of Clare; his challenging and interesting reflections; and his links with the Mid-Sth Canterbury cluster.

Next meeting: Thursday 28th October via Zoom

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

### **Karakia for our Climate**

Karakia for our Climate is a youth led inter-church initiative calling the church in Aotearoa to pray about climate change. You are invited to join prayer vigils during COP26 (31st Oct - 12th Nov) both on-line and in person around Aotearoa New Zealand to pray for our global leaders and for God's creation.

The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, known as COP26, is a meeting of approximately 200 world leaders and 30,000 delegates to drive ambition and action towards climate change. This meeting is crucial because the window to limit the impacts of global warming is rapidly closing. Some impacts such as sea level rise are already locked in for decades to come. The impacts of climate change will affect us all, but it will most directly impact low lying island nations, the most vulnerable in our communities and future generations.

This is a call for Christians across Aotearoa New Zealand to pray for climate action. Karakia for our Climate is holding

prayer vigils to pray for our global leaders to increase their ambition and commitment towards securing global net zero emissions by 2050 and keeping to 1.5°C degrees of warming. Join us as we pray for our global leaders, for climate justice, for humanity; for God's creation.

#### Events:

- Nationwide Karakia Service (via Zoom): 8pm Sunday 31st October (1 hour, including Rod Oram reporting in live from COP in Scotland)
- Daily short online prayer (via FB live): 8pm each evening 1-11 November (20 minutes each. Visit the Facebook page at 8pm, no need to register)

Links for the online services: <https://linktr.ee/karakiaforourclimate>

#### Resource:

You are also invited to include prayer about climate change in your own service of worship. A pdf with worship and prayer resources is attached here, and is available for download from: <https://www.ecochurch.org.nz/karakia-for-our-climate>

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### From the last Newsletter

- Thank you! From Barry Ayers
- Acting Moderator
- St. Andrews, Blenheim, Garden Tour
- Plantarama—Cashmere Presbyterian
- The Rubbish Challenge: 10 Steps to Less Waste in 10 Months
- Hospital Chaplain (General) Part time (0.5 FTE)
- Minister, Full Time, St Peters in the City, Tauranga

### 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

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If you do have a need for your own logon access, send your request to Gail at [gail@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org).

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