



# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Andrew Norton Young Leaders Scholarship

*For innovative and creative young leaders*

The Andrew Norton Young Leaders Scholarship was established in 2019 in the loving memory of Very Rev Andrew Norton, past Moderator and a creative and innovative leader in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. This fund supports young people in the Alpine Presbytery in formal leadership formation

#### Eligibility

For leaders under 40 years of age who Alpine Presbytery recognise as being:

- Innovative
- Influencers
- Risk takers
- Theological thinkers
- In, or likely to be in leadership roles in a ministry of Alpine Presbytery

#### Areas of Use

- Study (undergraduate, post graduate) in areas of innovation, leadership, or theology, that have potential to inform church and faith formation
- Research project expenses in areas of innovation in local church life
- Approved conferences, including conference fees and travel expenses exploring innovation in local church life

#### Details

Up to \$3,000 per annum.

Applications to be received by the Presbytery in December and granted in February the following year.

**Applications by Sunday 19 December:** email to Martin Stewart, Executive Officer, at [executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org)

### Children's Ministry Leader: The Village Church

*Our Vision: To be an open, vibrant, multifaceted, God-filled presence in our communities...*

The Village has an opportunity for someone to join our ministry team with the role of leading our ministry to children. The purpose of this role is to enable our vision [above] in the context of our developing Sunday morning children's ministry and in our community facing after school club that operates two afternoons per week during term time. If you can imagine yourself working amongst a community who is and aspires to be an open, vibrant, multifaceted, God-filled presence in our communities then we'd love to have a conversation.

Key details/attributes:

- Paid position = 10 hours per week - days and times outside of contact hours flexible
- Passionate about working with children a must

#### COMING UP

**Opening of The Upper Room in Kaikoura:** 20 & 21 November

**Oxford District Union 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** 30th January 2022

**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](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org)

The cut off for items for next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 18th November**



- A love for God and to pass God's love on to young people a must
- Applicant will need to be a team player who can self manage

To share your interest and start the conversation contact Dan Spragg (email: [dan@villagechurch.nz](mailto:dan@villagechurch.nz))

## Oxford District Union Parish 50th Anniversary

The Oxford District Union Parish will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its inauguration **on Sunday 30th January 2022.**

Anniversary Celebrations will begin with a Service at 10.30am in the Oxford Union Church, followed by time to Meet and Mingle among some Reminders of Yesteryear, and a Celebratory Lunch. There may also be memories to share, stories to tell and photographs to take . . .

If you would like to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but have not been contacted by a member of our Anniversary Committee by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021, please contact either Maree Stephens, ph. (03) 312 4223, or Lorna Bowis, ph. (03) 312 4682.

## Vaccination event at The Village Church

The CDHB will be offering COVID-19 vaccinations at The Village church & Community Centre, corner of Aorangi and Ilam Roads, Bryndwr, on Saturday, 27 November from 1:00 - 6:30pm. Refreshments provided. All Welcome!

## Notes from the October meeting of Presbytery Council

[the meeting was held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October]

**Present:** Rev Dr Andrew Nicol (Moderator), Christine Arnold, Maureen Bishop, Rev Rory Grant, Rev Jason King, Ann McMillan, Rev Jon Parkes, Rev Brent Richardson, and Rev Martin Stewart (Executive Officer). There was an apology from Lyn Heine who was on new grandparent duties!

**Devotions:** Andrew reflected on Jesus' teaching on the Great Commandment, and how the love of God and neighbour are not to be disconnected. The pandemic and public health advice is bringing fracture into the life of families, church congregations, and the community. How do we extend Christian care to those we disagree with? The Good Samaritan parable, associated with Luke's version of the Great Commandment question, reveals that the neighbour is not who you thought it would be. Seeing how much God loves us leads us to loving our neighbour and that is to have specific application.

The Minutes of the Presbytery Council meeting held on Thursday 23rd September 2021 were ratified, as was the approval for Crossway Community Church to look at purchasing a property.

### Moderator

Andrew noted activity including pastoral support of some individuals, meeting with the heads of denominations (including a meeting with the DHB and an MP), a Zoom conversation on the proposed Covid Traffic Light framework; and an 'exit-interview' he and Rev Phyll Harris conducted with Rev Barry Ayers. A discussion was had about the role of the Moderator and ways to strengthen the key relationship between the Moderator and the Executive Officer.

### Executive Officer

- After a very positive Performance Review it was agreed to enter a one-year contract with Abi Trevathan to continue serving as the Resource Team Leader with the intention that it will be extended for a further two years subject to ongoing funding being attained. A salary increase was also agreed to.
- Discussion on the Covid-19 framework changes and implications. A process will initially be led by Council of Assembly.

## 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 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](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org).

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

## Human Resources

- Approval to have Rev Jason King as Convenor of the Hurunui Ministry Settlement Board and Rev Stephanie Wells as mentor alongside him.
- Anne Stewart as Convenor for Hope MSB.
- Approval of the extension of Don Fergus as Stated supply at St Martins, Christchurch to October 2022.
- Endorsement of Rev Dan Spragg's (The Village) proposed study leave in 2022.

## Property & Finance

- Approval of the Alpine Financial Statements to 30th September 2021
- Noting engineering reports at Hope Hornby & Halkett
- Approval to replace a non-compliant ramp at Hakatere Parish, Ashburton
- Approval for Knox Church, Christchurch to lease part of their building (forwarded to Church Property Trustees)

## Resourcing

- Further members are being sought for the team.

## Correspondence

- Responding to a question on decision-making processes in Alpine.
- Support in principle for the ongoing work of the Prestons New Mission Seedling.
- Supporting the constitution changes identified by Presbyterian Support. These changes have been brought about to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Charitable Trusts Act.

## Other

- Further development of the process for electing Moderator-elect of Presbytery

The next scheduled Council meeting is 25th November in Christchurch.

## From the last Newsletter

- **Presentation to Margaret Moore**
- **Art Exhibition, 'Seasons of Growth'**
- **Youth Worker: Crossway Community Church**
- **Opening of St Paul's Upper Room, Kaikoura: 20th & 21st November**
- **PYM Connect Online Training Session: Helping Parents Win (8th November)**
- **Hospital Chaplain/Lead Chaplain (General)**
- **Other Newsletters:**
  - [Bush Telegraph November](#)
  - [Bushfire Spring 2021](#)
- **The Rubbish Challenge**
- **Laidlaw College On Campus Open Night - 17 November 2021**
- **Ashburton Methodist church roof appeal**

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