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## Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Day of Prayer

The Moderator, Right Rev Hamish Galloway, invites Presbyterians around the country to pray for our nation on **Sunday 5 December**.

In our churches, in our homes, let us pray:

- For our nation as we move to the ‘traffic light’ Covid-19 Protection Framework
- For those leading the national response to the pandemic
- For people on the front line of the response
- For churches as they work out how to operate in the new situation
- For compassion towards one another
- For those who have been, and will be, most affected
- For those who cannot be with friends and family
- For those who are anxious, sick or suffering at this time
- For courage, empathy, hope and grace

A poster promoting this can be downloaded here: [Day of Prayer](#)

### PCANZ & COVID19 Protection Framework

Assembly Executive Secretary, Rev Wayne Mattheson, has sent out information regarding the PCANZ & COVID19 Protection Framework. The paper and the resources it references is offered to church councils to provide assistance and guidance as we seek to maintain the unity of Spirit under the COVID-19 Protection Framework.

Wayne writes: “This is one of the more difficult conversations we have to have. We need to hold to, and focus on, what defines us as brothers and sisters in Christ, vaccinated or unvaccinated. In many ways it should invite us to greater and deeper prayer, to listening to each other and the Spirit - with abounding grace.

While much attention is being focused on how we will operate – the more important and foundational issue is the ‘why’ question. Why are we thinking and doing the things we are? What does the amazing Good News of the Gospel say to us and invite us to live and share in Aotearoa New Zealand in times such as these?”

The full paper can be accessed here: [COVID19 Protection Framework](#)

### Help with Vaccine Passes

We are all aware that there are some people who may not easily be able to access or organise vaccine passes for themselves. We encourage churches to consider ways of assisting those who may find this difficult. Here are just a couple of suggestions of ways to help: arranging a time with computers and helpers available to help with downloading; offering to print and laminate paper copies.

### Twilight Christmas Market

**Friday 10th December, 5-8pm, at St Martins Presbyterian Church, 43 St Martins Rd**

A relaxed Christmas shopping experience under Level 2 guidelines. Takeaway hot food available. Face painting, candy floss, Christmas baking and gifts and more. All are welcome. A combined fundraiser for St Martins Presbyterian Church & St Mark's

### COMING UP

**Vaccination event at The Village, Christchurch:** 1—6.30pm, Saturday 27th November

**Twilight Christmas Market:** 10th December, St Martins Presbyterian Church, Christchurch

**Andrew Norton Young Leaders Scholarship:** applications close 19 December

**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)

There will be *no Newsletter next week* as Gail is on leave.

The cut off for items for the next Newsletter is **Thursday 9th December**



Anglican Church Opawa. More information from [smartpresch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smartpresch@xtra.co.nz)

## Opening of Kaikoura building

Last Saturday saw the opening of The Upper Room—the new facility built by St Paul’s, Kaikoura.

The Upper Room is in a stunning location on the main street with ocean and mountain views. With a restaurant on the bottom floor and church space above, it is a fantastic example of social enterprise and community connection.

Here are a few photos from the opening.



## Scam Alert

The scammers are at work again! Recently they have been using Rev Dr Andrew Nicol’s name and multiple email address. Typically they ask for “a favor”. Anyone replying is likely to be asked to purchase i-Tunes or other such gift cards and pass on the activation codes for them.

*Please do be wary of any such requests! None of our Presbytery leaders/ministers will be asking for "favours" and no one should attempt to help out anyone via an email request.*

## 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 Anniversary, but have not been contacted by our Anniversary Committee by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021, please contact Maree Stephens, ph. (03) 312 4223 or Lorna Bowis, ph. (03) 312 4682.



## Project Coordinator—KCML

**Part time:** 0.5-0.7 FTE, Monday – Friday.

**Location:** Dunedin preferred, could be performed remotely.

The Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership forms ministers and leaders for service in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ) and partner churches.

We work in partnership with a variety of groups and networks, including PCANZ ministries Te Aka Puaho, and the Pacific Presbytery, presbyteries, the Council of Asian Congregations, United District Councils, and congregations.

In addition to training people for National Ordained Ministry, the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership also provides resources for Local Ordained Ministers, Local Ministry Teams and other recognised ministries in the Church. We support presbyteries and congregations in their leadership development, and help resource continuing ministry formation among the Presbyterian Church's ministers and elders.

### What you will bring

Key to success in this role will be your ability to be proactive, to effectively influence others to facilitate the information/inputs required (for example information for reports), and your ability to deliver in a deadline-driven environment. As our ideal candidate you will demonstrate:

- Existing experience supporting management and projects. Experience as a PA, EA or project coordinator is highly desirable.
- Organisation skills as one of your great strengths, coupled with the proactivity and strategic nous to prioritise and deliver to tight timeframes.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, and highly-tuned interpersonal skills that will bring you success in relationship-building.
- Being adept in the use of MS Office, with experience of handling purchase orders, budgets, reporting and project coordination.
- Working knowledge and understanding of the PCANZ.

**Apply:** To view the position description, apply for this role or if you have any questions, please contact Darryl Tempero: email [darryl.tempero@knoxcentre.ac.nz](mailto:darryl.tempero@knoxcentre.ac.nz), phone 027 556 0055.

**Applications close 5pm Thursday 2 December 2021.** Start date is mid-late January due to the work flow of this role.

We value diversity and are committed to working with each other and our wider Church in an inclusive and respectful way.

## Notices & News from other organisations

### West Papua National Day

Wednesday 1 December, at the Bridge of Remembrance, Cashel St West.

Keynote Speaker: Louisa Wall MP.

An interagency occasion organised by West Papua Action-Canterbury.

Coordinator: Brian Turner- 021-1294305/ bhturner41@gmail.com

### From the last Newsletter

- **Andrew Norton Young Leaders Scholarship**
- **Youth Ministry at St. David's, Ashburton**
- **Vaccination event at The Village Church**
- **PCANZ Vacancies:**

**Director—Presbyterian Research Centre** ([Job Description](#))

**Compliance Director** ([Job Description](#))

Dropbox link for documents mentioned in this newsletter can be accessed via this link (control & click, or copy & paste the link to your browser):

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5k528skz4niqhgq/AABDjLatKU2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>

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## 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.