



Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 4th November 2021

Presentation to Margaret Moore

On Sunday a presentation was made to Margaret Moore for her 20 years contribution to children's ministry at Christchurch North parish.

Margaret has recently retired from organising and running children's ministry at The Village Redwood (formerly St Lukes).

Sally Thompson (left) makes the presentation to Margaret (right).



Art Exhibition, 'Seasons of Growth'

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th November, 10.30am to 4.30pm at the Village Presbyterian Church, 460 Papanui Road (cnr Frank St).

The Village Church are very pleased to be hosting a joint exhibition of art, writing and craft from 3 groups - the Creative Nest, which offers painting, writing and craft sessions; Sharon's Art Studio, who teach primary school children; and Creative Dance & Art Therapy NZ, who run group therapy sessions, using dance movement and art, for adults with special needs. A koha is welcomed, with all donations going to the Tata School, Vanuatu rebuild project, which is the current fundraising focus for the Village Church.

This event will go ahead at covid level 2 but be cancelled if we move to a higher level.

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
- 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)

COMING UP

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

Art Exhibition: Seasons of Growth: The Village, 6 & 7 November

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

Oxford District Union 50th 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

As Friday next week is a Public Holiday in Canterbury, the cut off for items for next week's Newsletter is **Wednesday 10 November**



Youth Worker

Crossway Community Church (Presbyterian/Methodist) based in Richmond, Christchurch, is looking for a Youth Worker to run a programme for Junior Youth aged 11-15 years, beginning next year. It is a paid position for 20 hours per month. It involves leading a Bible-based programme on Sunday mornings and organising at least one social event a month. There is a small core group of 10 young people in the group. Expressions of interest are invited.

For more information and a job description, please email crosswaychurch@methodist.org.nz

Opening of St Paul's Upper Room, Kaikoura: 20th & 21st November

Saturday 20th November: 1.30pm: Welcome & Introductions; Dignitaries' comments and Official Opening; Afternoon tea; 3pm-4.30pm: Community walk through

Sunday 21st November: 10am: Combined Churches Celebration Service in The Upper Room. Shared morning tea to follow. If you are able, please bring a finger food plate to share

RSVP by 10th November 2021 with Function and number attending, to Parish Clerk Marie Davidson: 03 319 6465; mmdavidson@xtra.co.nz. *The events and numbers will be dependent on Covid Level restrictions*

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 50th Anniversary, but have not been contacted by a member of our Anniversary Committee by 10th December 2021, please contact either Maree Stephens, ph. (03) 312 4223, or Lorna Bowis, ph. (03) 312 4682.



Notices & News from other organisations

PYM Connect Online Training Session: Helping Parents Win (8th November)

We know that the strongest predictor of life-long faith in our young people is if they have faithful parents who are active in teaching and modelling faith to their children. This makes sense, while we only get 1-2 hours max a week with a teen, their parents have the opportunity to do so much more. As youth workers we need to remember that we are not the heroes in a young person's story, our primary job is to help support parents in their God-given role to nurture faith in their children. That being said, supporting parents, especially if you are not one yourself, can be a daunting proposition. In this Connect Online – Helping Parents win we will equip you with great insights and resources that can help you to help parents to win. Register for this online training here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrcOGrqDsoG9fP2BbNblIxKpt64EXEwP5u>

Hospital Chaplain/Lead Chaplain (General)

Full-Time Hospital Chaplain based at Rotorua Hospital, Lakes DHB. Closes 4pm Friday 19th November 2021. More details at <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/54616657>

Other Newsletters:

- [Bush Telegraph November](#)
- [Bushfire Spring 2021](#) (PWANZ Newsletter)

The Rubbish Challenge

10 Steps to Less Waste in 10 Months

A resource for churches and whanau, written by Silvia Purdie. Please copy and share (free copyright).

More material and videos at: www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html

Step 10) November: Measure & Celebrate

Bible verse: Luke 15:8-10 *“And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, ‘Rejoice*

with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

'Big Idea': The angels of God celebrate over each person who turns their life away from sin and towards God. Salvation includes right relationships with God, others and the world. Tackling the challenge of the waste we produce makes us part of the solution instead of part of the problem. So celebrate what you have achieved and give glory to God.

Questions - for reflection & discussion

What place does sustainable living have in God's salvation and Christian discipleship? As you have explored the problem of landfill waste and worked towards solutions, what have you learned? How has this informed your faith?

Watch video at www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html

Action Steps for November

Measure your total waste again. Look back to what you did in Step 2 (March). Use the same time frame and system again to measure the rubbish across all bins. Report to your family or church. What have you achieved?

Celebrate any reduction in landfill (red bin) waste. Did your recycling and organic waste increase?

Find fun ways to share with your church and friends.

Please email me (silvia.purdie@gmail.com) to share stories and feedback.

Prayer

Rejoice with us, O God
as we turn from our sin and turn toward you
in every way, every day
in little things and in big things
that our living may resound with your praise!

Laidlaw College On Campus Open Night - 17 November 2021

Christchurch Campus, 70 Condell Avenue, Papanui, 7pm - 8:30pm, 17th November.

Are you wanting to deepen your faith or prepare for ministry? Or are you sensing a call to inspire young people with a love of learning as a primary or secondary school teacher? Or to serve others through healing hearts, minds and relationships as a counsellor?

You are invited to reflect more on these questions at the Laidlaw College Open Night. FREE & open to the public. **Register at:** <https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/events/open-night-nov-chch-2021/>

Ashburton Methodist church roof appeal

The Ashburton Methodist Parish Baring Square Church was affected by the rain storm which hit the district in May 2021, and subsequently need to replace the original slate roof with long run colour steel. Whilst they had funds in place for post-earthquake strengthening and refurbishment, this is an extra unexpected cost for which they are trying to raise funds.

Full details can be found on their Give-a-Little page: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/ashburton-methodist-baring-square-church-re-roof>, where you can also make a donation if you wish.

From the last Newsletter

- **Rangiora Presbyterian Church Mini-Market: 6 November, 10am-2pm**
- **"Woven" - Presbyterian Children and Families, Term 4, 2021**

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/5k528skz4niqhgg/AABDjLatKUt2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>

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.

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