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Newsletter 16th December 2021

The Presbytery staff and office-bearers wish all the people of our churches and community ministries a very Happy Christmas, our best wishes for your summer break, and our encouragement for the year ahead that we hope is a little easier than the last year has been! We are in a challenging season in so many ways, yet we rest and revel in the One who is the Light of the World and find our hope in God.

Grace and peace be with you all!

Presbytery changes

The end of a year sometimes leads to significant changes. This year is particularly so with five of our ministers leaving positions.

Rev Phil Bettany has been serving as minister at Waimate. He is leaving to become a minister at Fairfield (Discovery) Church in Hamilton.

Rev Shona Bettany has been serving at Pleasant Point and in a resourcing role within the Presbytery. Shona has been appointed as Executive Officer in Kaimai Presbytery.

Rev Dr Andrew Nicol has been serving at St Margaret's in Bishopdale and is our current Acting Moderator. Andrew has been appointed chaplain at John McGlashan College in Dunedin.

Rev Charissa Nicol has been serving as chaplain at Rangī Ruru Girls' School. Charissa has now finished in that role.

Rev Gene Lawrence has resigned as Minister at Trinity Church, Temuka. His resignation takes effect early in 2022. Gene remains as part of the Presbytery.

We wish all of these people God's blessing as they embark on what is next for them. Each of them have contributed meaningfully in the life of Alpine Presbytery and made many friends along the way.

Key Dates for 2022

19th February	Children's and Youth WOF Training Day (Christchurch)
24th February	Pathways Taster Day (South Canterbury)
18th March	Youth Workers Morning (Christchurch)
18th – 19th March	Presbytery Gathering
27th – 30th April	Special Assembly (Location TBC)
19th May	Pathways Taster Day (Nelson/Marlborough)
14th – 15th July	PYM Connect (Location TBC)
24th – 26th July	Presbytery Retreat Hanmer Springs
10th September	Pathways Taster Day (West Coast)

Alpine Mission Fund and other Presbytery Grants

A reminder that the cut off dates for applications for Grants is **25th February**. Information and application forms can be found on our website, or by following

COMING UP

Andrew Norton Young Leaders Scholarship: applications close 19 December

Oxford District Union 50th Anniversary: 30th January 2022

Alpine Mission Fund & Presbytery Grants applications cut off: 25th February 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

*This is the last Newsletter for this year. The first Newsletter for 2021 will be **13th January**, with items for inclusion due by that date.*



these links:

[Alpine Mission Fund](#)

[Alpine Mission Fund Information Sheet](#)

[Alpine Mission Fund Expression Of Interest](#)

[Alpine Mission Fund Application – General, \\$10,000+](#)

[Alpine Mission Fund Application – Building, \\$10,000+](#)

[Presbytery Grants](#)

Details of the various funds can be found on the [Alpine Grants Information Sheet](#)

Application forms can be downloaded here:

[Grant form Alpine August 2020](#)

[St David's Trust Grant Application Form August 2020](#)

Rev Keith Weavers

We have been advised of the of death Rev Keith Weavers. He died peacefully in his sleep, aged 91.

Keith attended the Theological Hall 1958 to 1960 and was then ordained and inducted into the parish of Cobden-Runanga on 31 January 1961. It was while there that he married Helen, in 1965. He was next called to Upper Clutha in May 1966, before moving to New Brighton Union.

Keith was called to Hastings East, and he later became an industrial chaplain. He was chaplain at Lindisfarne College for two years.

Keith moved to Australia and served with the Uniting Church in a variety of settings.

We give thanks for Keith's life and ministry and pray for Helen, their sons Andrew, Graham and Timothy, and four grandchildren.

Assistant to the Minister—St Paul's Trinity Pacific Presbyterian Church, Christchurch

- Are you passionate about God and have a heart to serve within the church and in the community?
- Would you like to provide leadership and support within a multi-cultural church in the heart of the city?
- Are you someone that follows Jesus, is led by the Holy Spirit and would like to be involved in growing and shaping our church?
- Do you enjoy working with youth and young adults?
- Are you a New Zealand citizen/ New Zealand Resident?

Here at St Paul's we know our strength comes from our Father in Heaven, working together as one team to build a solid foundation on His Word and Truth. When you join us, you'll be getting involved first hand to contribute and support the leadership of our Church. We are a diverse and multi-cultural church and love creating opportunities for our people to get involved within different communities.

This position will report to the Church Council and work closely together with our Senior Minister, Rev Makesi Alatumu. It also involves working across other areas of the church, such as supporting our Senior Minister with his role and leading and assisting ministry teams with their ongoing work, purpose and plans.

You will have strong leadership, service and communication skills to assist our Senior Minister and ministry teams across the Church. Your previous experience in church leadership roles will help ensure you have a down-to-earth approach to connect with members of the church, community and especially our youth. You will use your skills and understanding to help develop a positive, collaborative culture across all ages, ethnicities and cultures within our church. We know to succeed in this role you will an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and be led by the Holy Spirit. A knowledge of Presbyterian church ministry would also be advantageous.

In return for your leadership and support as well as your motivation to make things happen, we offer you the opportunity to get first-hand experience helping to shape the future of our church!

If you believe that this position is for you then please view the position description (click here: [Assistant to the Minister](#)) and we look forward to hearing from you. God Bless!

Salary: Will be discussed with the successful applicant; **Hours of work:** Permanent, full time/part time.

Email Cover letter and CV to pana.togiaso@outlook.com

Notices & News from other organisations

Ministry Conference 2022

Planning for this is in the early stages. The dates will be 17th and 18th May – Andrew and Christine Harrex will be the keynote speakers, sharing about growing together as faithful generations. The keynotes could include:

- How our worship engages all generations.
- Importance of families talking and growing in faith together.
- Dealing with resistance to change and pushback. How to journey together.
- Dealing with disappointments.

More details will be available in March/April.

Vacancy for Part-time Ordained Minister

Te Aroha Cooperating Parish (Presbyterian/Methodist), Kaimai Presbytery, is seeking an ordained minister to become part of the ministry leadership team on a half time basis. Responsibilities would include preaching, visiting, taking communion to shut ins and generally providing leadership for the parish; involvement with an active Ministers' Association (The Minister's Association organises combined services five times a year including an annual Good Friday March and an Advent Service in the Domain); and taking an interest in the activities of the Community Trust which operates from St David's.

There are two worship centres, Te Aroha and Waitoa. A Deacon focuses on ministry in the Waitoa area and is involved in the activities of the Ministers' Association.

We are mainly an older congregation who are active, welcoming and community focussed, always looking for new ways to serve Jesus Christ. Mission Statement: *We worship God, follow Jesus and serve our community.* Trust activities are supported by church members and include a weekly Music and Movement group, a weekly Care & Craft group, a weekly Community Lunch, a fortnightly shopping bus service, and an annual Day camp during the October school holidays. A Toy Library also operates from our premises under the umbrella of the Trust.

The parish has a team of competent and experienced lay preachers who lead worship services, including taking a turn on the rosters at the two rest homes. There is also a team of experienced and faithful people who manage the parish and contribute to spiritual and practical activities. An office administrator is employed for 8 hours a week.

Remuneration, hours and tenure for this position will be by negotiation. The way in which the 50% time is worked is negotiable to suit the applicant. A church house is available (could be partly furnished) and is up to standard. The position is available at the end of March 2022.

Expressions of interest are to be sent by email to Parish Council member, Tom Luxton, tomraewynluxton@gmail.com

From the last Newsletter

- **Twilight Christmas Market**
- **Ethics Workshops via Zoom—pre Easter 2022**
- **Commissioning of Jess Dreadon as Local Ordained Probationer**
- **Tuesday Night Psalms at Crossway Community Church**
- **Financial Consolidation—Thank you**
- **Other Newsletters:**

[Bush Telegraph](#)

[Bushfire December 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/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/

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.