



Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 20th January 2022

'The Gathering': Hoon Hay Presbyterian Church (HHP)

Over the past year, a group of young adults (20-35 year olds) have been meeting for informal food and fellowship at HHP. Called 'The Gathering' we had a special event scheduled for August but the lockdown meant we had to postpone our meeting, which finally occurred on 16th January. The idea with The Gathering is to build connection and be a safe place to ask questions about life and faith. On this occasion the invitation was extended to any who wished to attend.



The event was made possible through a 'Give it a Go' grant from PressGo and this assistance was much appreciated.

Sixteen people attended, mostly from the target age group. Being summer, we began with a BBQ and then moved to a speaker and discussion. Our guest was Rev Dr John Fox of St. Christopher's Anglican parish in Avonhead. John is also a part-time chaplain at the University of Canterbury. He posed several questions concerning identity and meaning and covered topics as diverse as God, sex, and death! The sharing that followed was heartfelt and engaging. Who are we? Why are we here? Where is meaning to be found? How can we know and navigate the difference between reality and real human connection, and the enticing alternative found in social media and virtual reality?

This was a great way to kick-start monthly meetings of The Gathering for 2022.

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.



COMING UP

Oxford District Union 50th Anniversary: 30th January 2022

Children's & Youth WOF Training Day: 19 February (Christchurch)

Pathways Taster Day, South Canterbury: 24th February

Alpine Mission Fund cut off: 25th February 2022

Presbytery Grants applications cut off: 28th February

Presbytery Gathering: 18 & 19 March 2022

Pathways Taster Day, Nelson/Marlborough: 19th May

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

No Newsletter next week, as Gail is on leave.

Items for inclusion in the next Newsletter should be sent in by **Thursday 3rd February**.



[Alpine Presbytery Facebook page](#)

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 Maree Stephens, ph. (03) 312 4223 or Lorna Bowis, ph. (03) 312 4682.

Junior 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 February. 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 **by Friday 4 February**.

Please email crosswaychurch@methodist.org.nz for more information and a job description.

Church Property Trust Newsletter

This newsletter can be viewed by following this link: [CPT Newsletter](#)

Presbyterian Investment Fund Annual report

This report can be downloaded here: [PIF Annual report](#)

Note that the PIF on call fund interest rate has risen to 1.5% from 1 January 2022

Presbytery Grants

The information sheet and application forms for Presbytery Grants have been updated. Download the latest versions from the website: alpinepresbytery.org/presbytery-grants/

Note that the cut off date for Presbytery Grants is 28th February

From the last Newsletter

- **Key Dates for 2022**
- **Alpine Mission Fund and other Presbytery Grants**
- **Ministry Position: St Alban's in Palmerston North**
- **Mission Coach for Kaimai Presbytery**

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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/

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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 Infodile.

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.

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>