



Alpine Presbytery

resourcing the braided river

Executive Officer, Rev Martin Stewart:

email executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org;

phone 021 308 519

Office Support, Gail Weaver:

email gail@alpinepresbytery.org

Office phone (03) 420 1400

Postal Address: Alpine Presbytery, PO Box 42120, Tower Junction Post Shop, Christchurch 8149

Newsletter 17th February 2022

WOF Training

We are looking to move the planned Warrant of Fitness training for youth and children's workers online. Dates are still being finalised but we will look to run three sessions in the evening via Zoom. If you would like to be contacted directly once we have dates please let Sage know via email (youth@alpinepresbytery.org).

March Gathering

Due to the changing situation with Covid, our planned March gathering will be moving online. The date for this will now be Saturday 26th March and will run from 9.30am to approximately 11.30am. Anyone is welcome to come along, however registrations will be required to access the Zoom link.

Registration information will be sent out next week.

Linwood Avenue Union Church 'Year of Jubilee'

On 13th February, Linwood Avenue Union Church launched its 'year of jubilee' celebrations. Fifty years earlier, on the second Sunday in February, the union parish had been formed by the coming together of three congregations: St Peter's Presbyterian Church (corner of Aldwins Rd and Ferry Rd), Woolston Methodist and the Linwood Avenue Church of Christ.

The service on February 13 focussed on owning the idea of a Biblical Year of Jubilee, but without the actual ceasing to work: **Reflect, Reset, be Ready – reflect** on the story that has shaped us to this point, **reset** and allow for new growth and new initiatives to occur, and **be ready** to walk into the unknown of the future with eagerness and faith.



The celebrations continued with delicious ice cream sundaes (manageable under Covid) after the service. Further events and specific Sunday celebrations will continue throughout the year at different times, picking up on this theme, sharing memories, and building new ones.

In 1972, when the union parish was established, five national churches (Anglican, Congregational, Churches of Christ, Methodist and Presbyterian) were fully engaged in moving towards forming one united church, The Church of Christ in New Zealand. Although the national united church did not come to pass, Linwood Avenue moved on hopefully and expectantly. The parish was proudly just 'the church' in the local community, endeavouring to show that Christians are one in Christ. People of any denomination (or none) have always been warmly welcomed.

COMING UP

Pathways Taster Day, South Canterbury: 24th February

Alpine Mission Fund cut off: 25th February 2022

Presbytery Grants applications cut off: 28th February

Presbytery Gathering: 26 March

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

Items for inclusion in next week's Newsletter should be sent in by **Thursday 24th February.**





In 1976 the parish decided to centralise on its Linwood Avenue site. That property has been extended and developed since then. It now has a fully refurbished and fit-for-purpose large main building, two houses (a manse and a house let to the Methodist Mission for its decentralised staff) and five emergency homes owned by the Methodist Mission on land leased by the parish. Across the Church, the Church's Trust (established 1998) and the Methodist Mission, about ten salaried staff serve the local community along with dozens of volunteers.

Knowing that oneness is the will of God, the prayer of Christ and the heart of the gospel, Linwood Avenue will be reflecting this year on our story, and planning to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ in the community in coming years.

- Rev Jonathan Barb

International Women's Day—8 March 2022

On the occasion of International Women's Day, PWANZ wish to remind parishes that the General Assembly 2016 recommended: *That a PWANZ Special Collection be taken on the Sunday nearest to International Women's Day each March to support the ongoing advocacy role of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand locally, regionally, internationally, as well as at the United Nations.*

PWANZ need your support and contributions to enable their administration and activities to continue over the next twelve months.

Download the [full letter](#) and [payment details](#).

Landscaping Working Bee in Hanmer Springs!

The Manse is nearing the end of its major renovation and is looking fantastic! Landscaping is next and we're calling all Jonesy's to "give us a hand with a job on Saturday!"

Date: Saturday March 5th

Some jobs on the list include chipping and mulching, some planting and hedge trimming. Bring a shovel and any other gardening tools.

Call Ben 0212237546 if you're keen. Hope to see you there

Alpine Mission Fund and other Presbyterian Grants

A reminder that the cut off dates for applications for Grants for the Alpine Mission Fund is **25th February**, and for Presbyterian Grants and the St David's Trust it is **28th February**. Information and application forms can be found on our website:

Alpine Mission Fund: alpinepresbytery.org/alpine-mission-fund-putea-missioni/

Presbyterian Grants: alpinepresbytery.org/presbytery-grants/

Notices & News from other organisations

Mission Coach for Kaimai Presbytery

Kaimai Presbytery is a regional body of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ).

The Mission Coach position is to assist the Kaimai Presbytery Council in the implementation of the Presbytery's Strategic Plan, with its priorities of the mission of God and the establishment of new congregations. The Mission Coach position is a

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 Infofile.

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.

full-time, four year fixed term position, home office based and reports to the Executive Officer.

The Mission Coach will liaise with the Executive Officer and Strategic Workgroup of the Presbytery. Essential to the position is experience in missional reflection, discernment and planning in the contemporary context. The successful applicant will have the ability to work strategically, will have proven leadership skills, and the ability to build functional teams. The Mission Coach will engage with many local churches and partner organisations and so must be able to work well with a diverse range of people, including inter-culturally; some travelling is required.

This is a faith-based position.

The Position Description, including the remuneration, objectives and desired qualities for the position, is available on request by emailing the Kaimai Administrator: admin@kaimaipresbytery.org.nz.

For further information contact the Very Rev. Garry Marquand (Strategic Workgroup Convenor): gmarquand@hotmail.com or phone: 07 854 6983 or 027 2345 528 OR the Kaimai Administrator.

Closing date for applications is Friday 31 March 2022.

Te Waiora House – Relief Hosts

Te Waiora House is located near Hororata, approximately 1 hour from Christchurch. It provides a tranquil haven for people who would like to retreat from the hurly-burly of life for a short period.

In order to maximise the use of this 5-bedroom Christian retreat house, we need people who have a heart for ministering to others, and who are able to intermittently come and stay in the house with guests while our regular hosts take time off. This is a voluntary role with accommodation provided while at Te Waiora.

Further information about Te Waiora House can be found at www.tewaiorahouse.org.nz.

Enquiries and/or expressions of interest can be made to hosts Wendy and Neil Wanhill, phone 027 406 0503 or email tewaiorahouse@xtra.co.nz.

West Papua Council of Churches

On the 167th Anniversary of the the Sharing of the Gospel in the Land of Papua, WPCC have sent a Pastoral Letter and prayer, which can be downloaded here: [WPCC Pastoral Letter](#)

From the last Newsletter

- **Landscaping Working Bee in Hanmer Springs!**
- **Alpine Mission Fund and other Presbytery Grants**
- **International Rural Churches Association**

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>

Presbytery Contact Details

Executive Officer

Rev Martin Stewart:

martin@alpinepresbytery.org

Phone: 021 308 519

Resource Team Leader

Abi Trevathan:

abi@alpinepresbytery.org

Phone: 027 339 6006

Youth & Young Adults Enabler

Rev Sage Harris

youth@alpinepresbytery.org

Phone: 027 356 0740

Office Support: Gail Weaver

gail@alpinepresbytery.org