



Alpine Presbytery

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Presbytery Retreat—24th—26th July

Vulnerability and Authenticity: A look at Isaiah 6

A retreat led by Hamish Galloway reflecting of Vulnerability and Authenticity in Christian leadership through the lens of Isaiah 6. The theme builds over 5 sessions. Because of this it is quite important to be there for the whole time. It will not be easy to dip in and out!

The retreat will have a good combination of content, invitations for reflection, connection with others and time out to enjoy what Hanmer offers.

There is no charge to attend the Presbytery Retreat, however you will need to organise your own travel and accommodation in Hanmer Springs. Limited accommodation is available in the Manse at Hanmer Springs for a koha. If you are interested in a room in the manse please let us know when you fill out your registration form.

Dinner on Sunday and lunch on Monday will be provided as part of your registration. On Monday night there will be an opportunity to gather for dinner at a local restaurant at your own cost. Please let us know if you will be able to join us for that on your registration form.

Register here: forms.gle/3MyoHNTqL9wqiF1G9

Queen's Birthday Honours

It is a custom that our PCANZ Moderator writes a letter to any Presbyterians who have received a Queen's Birthday honour. Can you please advise Gail (email: gail@alpinepresbytery.org) of the name/s and full contact details of any folk from the Alpine Presbytery region who have received a New Year Honour and any background information about the person and the reason for the honour. We will then pass these onto the Moderator, who will write on the Church's behalf.

Finance Matters:

• Insurance Renewal

Parishes will have received two packs of information recently regarding the 2022 property insurance renewal. Replies/confirmations are due back by 1 July 2022. Please ensure your Parish Council/Session/Management attends to this for your properties in a timely manner.

• Financial Consolidation

Similarly, quite a bit of information has been issued from the Finance Department regarding this recently. It has increased the work required by you all and the financial review requirements. We have already heard some concerns and no doubt more of you have been discussing it. Just letting you know that Alpine

Coming Up

Recycle/Upcycle Market Day:
Timaru, 18th June

Presbytery Retreat: 24-26 July,
Hanmer Springs

St Andrew's, Blenheim, Garden Tour: 15 & 16 October

Online Worship Options

Visit the "Resources" page of our website to view the links from those of our churches offering this.

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 **Wednesday 22nd June.**



Presbytery has sent a letter to PCANZ expressing our thoughts, giving feedback on this and asking them to reconsider some of the requirements.

Please contact Ann McMillan if you any queries regarding these items. Email: galatos.mcmillan@gmail.com; phone 027 325 0397

Alpine Presbytery's latest NOM candidate/Intern

Mark Ambundo, who is currently the pastor at Hope West Melton, has been accepted for National Ordained Ministry (NOM) training next year. At the end of May, Mark and his wife Jennifer travelled with Malcolm Bishop, the Presbytery Candidate Co-Convenor, to Auckland to meet with the National Assessment Workgroup (NAW) for a weekend of detailed assessment following Presbytery selection last September. In 2023 Mark will begin an intensive 22-month period of training co-ordinated and led by KCML (the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership). This will involve a parish-based internship, block courses, and wider formation study leading to the KCML Diploma in Ministry and national ordination. Originally from Kenya and a graduate in Electrical engineering, Mark has been completing theological studies at Otago while at West Melton and he has a passion for evangelism and teaching.

Since the retirement of Rev Murray Talbot, Mark has been ministering at Hope West Melton, a thriving parish within the Hope network of churches (Hornby, Rolleston, West Melton, and Halkett). He will join Josh Olds at KCML who is the other current Alpine NOM candidate.

We congratulate Mark and wish him every blessing in his formation studies and future ministry.

The Crosses

Sometimes you don't know the significance and deep emotional connection to something until it's not there. In the February 2011 quakes, at St Ninian's, Riccarton, two Oamaru stone Celtic crosses fell down from the highest points of the roof—one at each end. The roof looked bereft. Out of the fragments I was able to construct a life-sized template of exactly what was now ruined. My mate, Noel, a talented pattern-maker, reconstructed the two crosses from lightweight materials in time for me to present them to the congregation as I finished my term of ministry there over 5 years ago now. On Monday, 30th May the replacement crosses were reinstated, to the emotional delight of gathered members of St Ninian's congregation. Both Noel and I were there to see them go up. The church has almost finished its earthquake strengthening and refurbishment, and the crosses have returned—such an amazing wee thing, but it turns out so important to the identity of that wonderful, growing congregation in Riccarton. As several said, the building feels complete again.

Rev Rob Ferguson

*Top: (left) the two new crosses; (right) the back cross being installed.
Bottom: both crosses are now in place on the roof of the church.*



PCANZ Ethics workshops

Three new dates have been released for the online Ethics Workshops run by PCANZ. They are:

- Wednesday 10 August, 9am-12.15pm
- Wednesday 26 October, 1pm-4.15pm

- Wednesday 30 November, 9am-12.15pm

To register, email Kate: kate@presbyterian.org.nz

Job Vacancies

24/7 Youth Worker Vacancy: Rolleston School

The Hope Youth Trust is seeking to appoint a 24/7 youth worker based at Rolleston School. This 10 hours per week role reports to the Selwyn Team Leader and will commence on new date. Note that to be able carry out the requirements of the role, applicants must hold a valid vaccination passport in order to comply with the Ministry of Education's directive.

Our expectations of you in this role are, to:

- provide mentoring, manage sports teams, run programmes that impact leadership development,
- establish relationships with and support teachers,
- connect students in with youth programmes outside of school,
- support school staff and cultivate school spirit, and promote teamwork with other 24/7 youth workers in the school.

We will provide you with support, flexibility and training.

The 10 hours can be somewhat flexible to fit with your other commitments and the school's needs for coaching sports teams or supporting school trips. So, whether you are studying, parenting or exploring career pathways, we want to hear from you if you believe you have what it takes to build hope in young people by journeying alongside them.

Please request a Job Description before submitting your letter of application and current *curriculum vitae* to: david.dally@hopechurch.net.nz.

Applications close on Friday 8 July 2022

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Geraldine: Ministry Assistant – Church Life Role

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Geraldine is a vibrant, all-age congregation with a passionate belief in the authority of scripture, a living faith in Jesus Christ and a desire to encourage people to seek and know the love of Jesus in their lives.

St Andrew's Church is looking for a 50% ministerial support and church life role for a two year term. Please contact the church office (office@standrewsgld.org.nz) for further job description and application details.

Applications close 1pm, 8 July.

St. Mark's Church, Avonhead: Office Administrator

St Mark's Presbyterian Church and Community Centre, Avonhead, Christchurch, is looking for a Church Administrator to work 15 hours a week, preferably Monday to Friday, 9am - 12 noon. We will be paying a Living Wage.

This administrative role requires working with the Minister, the Parish Clerk, and other key leaders, and includes

- Familiarity with Microsoft Office and One Drive, and general computer skills
- Familiarity with Infoodle Church Management Software and Xero Accounting Software, or willingness to learn
- General office tasks, such as photocopying, ordering supplies, compiling reports, answering phone enquiries, maintaining building warrant of fitness.

The ideal applicant will have a friendly and welcoming attitude and be self-motivated to undertake tasks, often without supervision. We would welcome a person who can see what needs to be done and do it, but who is also not afraid to ask for guidance or assistance as necessary.

If you would like to apply or would like more information please email: jillswHITE19@gmail.com

Application closes Thursday 23 June, 2022.

Pastoral Care role at New Brighton Union Parish

New Brighton Union Parish is seeking a lay or ordained person for 10 hours a week to offer pastoral care and spiritual

leadership to its members and community group attendees, lead or coordinate a regular Bible Study, attend monthly management meetings, and assist in preparing a preaching plan.

The successful applicant will have a teachable spirit, excellent listening skills, be compassionate and spiritually mature. Experience in relating to older people is an advantage. Driver's license and vehicle is a must.

Office space, administrative support and phone is provided at the Parish complex in New Brighton.

The term is initially for 2 years. Remuneration will be by way of a minimum hourly rate of the living wage negotiated depending on experience and skill base.

Applications close on Wednesday 22nd June

Applicants need to email their CV and covering letter to the Parish Administrator at:

nbunionparish@methodist.org.nz

Director, Presbyterian Research Centre

The Presbyterian Research Centre (PRC) is part of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ) and comprises the Hewitson Library and the national Presbyterian Archives. It is located in Knox College in Dunedin.

Our archives tell the story of PCANZ from the early days to the present time. The Hewitson Library holds several special theological collections, available to be borrowed by registered members. Both provide educational, research and information for the benefit of the Church and also the wider community.

The PRC Director is a member of the Presbyterian Church National Service Team that includes staff at the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership in Dunedin, and the Finance and Operations Team and the Mission Resourcing Team in Wellington.

The Director will oversee the management of the archives and records of Presbyterian parishes, presbyteries, synods and the national church and affiliated organisations, and also manage the Hewitson Library.

We are looking for a Director who can provide organisational and team leadership, and be a key contributor to the strategic research plan. The position is also responsible for the areas of finance, administration and marketing. The successful applicant will have relevant tertiary and professional qualifications, proven leadership and management experience, and have knowledge and experience in research requirements, and an understanding of the role of e-media.

This is a permanent position.

Download the document with more details about the role here: [Presbyterian Research Director](#)

A letter of application and CV should be sent to the Assembly Executive Secretary, PCANZ Assembly Office, aes@presbyterian.org.nz, by 8 July 2022.

Postal Address

Please note that, as it gets very little use, Presbytery will be discontinuing rental of our PO Box.

In future, please send any snail mail items for Presbytery c/o the Cashmere Presbyterian Church, 2 Macmillan Ave, Cashmere, Christchurch, 8022.

News from Partner and Other Organisations

Reflective Practice for Ministry

If you are active in ministry, in any context, and want to deepen your practice then Laidlaw College's new postgraduate course, Reflective Practice for Ministry, may be worth considering.

Learn to critically reflect on your self, your experience, and your context, and develop practices and habits of mind that will allow you to flourish over the long-term.

Apply now or find out more www.laidlaw.ac.nz/postgradu.../postgraduate-courses/

From the last Newsletter

- Matariki Information Evening
- Kiwi Church morning tea
- Ministers' Coffee Group
- Reflections on life in Alpine Presbytery
- Timaru Presbyterian Parish Mission Group Annual Knitting Project
- EcuAction forums
- St. Andrews, Blenheim, Garden Tour
- Notes from Presbytery Council meeting 26 May, held on Zoom
- Hospital Chaplaincy vacancy—Canterbury CDHB
- [Bush Telegraph June 2022](#)



You're Invited

Presbyterian Children & Families Ministry

ZOOM CONNECT

For Children & Families Ministry workers across Aotearoa.

Thursday 7th July, 7:30pm-9:00pm

Join us for a time of sharing, networking & praying together.

Register at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqc-yhrzliG9aUVY4s7nP0kP0dA0jsqPN1>

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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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.

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