



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/3MyoHNTqL9wqjF1G9

Matariki

Information Evening via Zoom for PCANZ Ministers & Worship Leaders

From 7-8.30pm on Tuesday 7 June, Presbyterian minister Rev Dr Wayne Te Kaawa, Lecturer in Māori Theology at University of Otago/ Te Whare Wānanga o Otākou, invites Presbyterian ministers and worship leaders to a Zoom information evening on Matariki. As well as background to Matariki and Q&A, there will be guest speakers, the biblical grounding of Matariki, experiences of Matariki and Matariki services, and Matariki waiata. There may also be an upcoming daytime session for those unavailable in the evening. Email Wayne (wayne.tekaawa@otago.ac.nz) for more information.

This is a Presbyterian event and Wayne's offering to his Church.

Kiwi Church morning tea

Kiwi Church has leased a site in Hansons Lane and are exploring the way it could be used to participate in Gods mission and serve the wider church and the city. We have lots of ideas but would love to spend some time with others in our Presbytery whanau to hear what you think. Please join us for morning tea, **Tuesday 14th June 10.30am** to see the buildings and gardens, and help us on our journey of discovery, 75 Hansons Lane. Please rsvp to Darryl, d.tempero@xtra.co.nz or 027 5560055

Coming Up

Pathways Programme: Blenheim, 9th June

Kiwi Church Morning Tea: 14 June

Ministers' Coffee Group: 16 June

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

Gail is on leave for two weeks, so the next Newsletter will be on sent in by **Thursday 23rd June**.



Ministers' Coffee Group

Ministers and ministry team leaders are invited to join us for a coffee and a chat about burnout in ministry, what it looks like and the steps we can take to prevent it. Paul and Jo Eden will be facilitating the discussion.

When: Thursday 16th June, 1.30pm

Where: 75 Hansons Lane, Upper Riccarton

Go to <https://alpinepresbytery.org/ministers-coffee-group/> for more information



The second installation in our reflective series on life in Alpine can now be read on our website. You can read it here: <https://alpinepresbytery.org/treasure-in-our-fields/>

Timaru Presbyterian Parish Mission Group Annual Knitting Project

This year's Mission Group Knitting Project has got off to a great start with a wonderful selection of woollies lovingly made for Family Works and Hanan Kindergarten. These include a knitted blanket, beanies, jerseys, slippers and baby singlets.

In front of the photo is a selection of 20 little baby singlets beautifully knitted by one parishioner in home spun merino. Like other years we will have at least another couple of garment deliveries to Family Works/ Hanan Kindergarten as not everyone is a fast knitter, but we will endeavour to get them all to their recipients as early as possible this winter.



EcuAction forums

The 2022 EcuAction forum series is entitled "Tax Justice in search of a fairer tax system".

Dates: Thursdays 9, 16 and 23 June @ Knox Centre Bealey Avenue Christchurch

Time: 5.30 pm for 6 – 7.30 pm

Topics: "Collecting tax more fairly", "Impacts of GST on low income households" and "Environmental impact of income extremes"

A topical issue that is attracting quite a lot of comment in the media from various perspectives at the moment.

Download the flyer here: [EcuAction June 2022](#)

Job Vacancy – St. Mark's Church 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.

St. Andrews, Blenheim, Garden Tour

Advance notice that this year the Garden Tour will be held on Saturday and Sunday the 15th and 16th October, 10am to 4pm both days. Cream teas, filled rolls and delicious cakes will be available plus various stalls—plants, jam and pickles and garden gifts.

Notes from Presbytery Council meeting 26 May, held on Zoom

Present at the meeting were: Rev Phyllis Harris (Moderator), Christine Arnold, Maureen Bishop, Rev Rory Grant, Lyn Heine, Jason King, Ann McMillan, Brent Richardson, and Rev Martin Stewart (Executive Officer). There was an apology from Rev Jon Parkes.

The Moderator, Rev Phyll Harris, opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Devotions: Phyll reflected on John 21 and the post-resurrection story of Jesus meeting the disciples at the beach, and a walk she experienced on New Brighton beach where she noted the way people harnessed the wind to gather speed on boards and with sails and on a land yacht. Two completely different ways of harnessing the same wind that enabled both to move forward. She also noted that it would be very difficult to navigate and catch the wind as they were without any learning. She observed the need for the church to be agile and wind-blown as it harnesses the way God's Spirit is working and it raised the question where might the church need to be learning to recognise where God's Spirit is at work and having the faith to move with God in that.

In reflecting on this alongside the gospel reading, there was a still a boat needed in this agility, and the characters on it were still fishermen, but it was when they put their nets to the other side as Jesus called, that the change began. To capture the Spirit and hear where Jesus might be calling us to fish churches are needing this kind of agility as they look to opportunities ahead of them. Small churches, in particular, are in a unique place to be agile but for this to happen the systems around them need to be more flexible. What might it look like to cast our nets out the other side?

Brent and Rory identified conflicts of interest in relation to a confidential matter on the agenda and did not participate in the discussion on it.

The Minutes of the Presbytery Council meeting held on 26 April 2022 were ratified, along with endorsement of two email decisions.

The Moderator's Report

Phyll Harris mentioned

- the Covid challenges in her household and the missed opportunity to be at the West Melton opening (the EO was asked to participate in the function)
- the delight of preaching at the Korean Presbyterian Church when they inducted their new elders. This was a significant time for them as they inducted their first woman elder
- her conversations with several people and sending condolence letters to the families of two ministers who had recently died, as well as sending a birthday card to Margaret Coghill of New Brighton Parish as she celebrated her 100th birthday

The Executive Officer Report

Martin Stewart reported on

- a variety of aspects of his work including meetings with various ministers, staff, and church partners, attending General Assembly, and fruitful conversations in the Nelson area and Pleasant Point
- the regulations and opportunities around the 'other recognised ministry' options as listed in Book of Order Chapter 9:45-9.48. A conversation followed

Human Resources

Lyn Heine reported and Council approved

- the membership of the St Margaret's Christchurch MSB of Revs Murray Talbot, Convenor, Jonathon Barb and Judith Souness
- appointing Rev Kathryn Walters (Methodist) as Convenor to the existing MSB at St David's Union Parish, Timaru
- ongoing work on an alternative MSB process in the Presbytery
- approving in principle a study leave request from Rev Brent Richardson for 2023

Property & Finance

Ann McMillan reported and Council approved

- the Alpine Financial Statements for the period ended 30th April 2022
- supporting the Kaiapoi Cooperating Parish request to release remaining Methodist EQ funds of \$10,000 for general use
- seeking an exemption from Church Property Trustees from having an engineering assessment done for the house in one of our churches
- supporting an application from one of our churches for an exemption from upgrading their hall building to 67% NBS
- the building project at Hope Rolleston costing \$6.73 million

Correspondence

- a letter re Eco Church was deferred to the June meeting
- the closure of the Oxford Union Women's Fellowship was noted
- the appointments of Dr Brendan Anstiss and Philip Newton to the Rangī Ruru Board of Governors were approved, and the completion of service of Richard King and Sarah Clarke was noted

The next monthly Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 23 June 2022 at Presbyterian Support, in Christchurch



RECYCLE OR SUPPORT
MARKET DAY
Saturday 18 June: STARTING AT 9AM AT
Trinity Community Centre, 22 College Rd Timaru
Available: Stall for \$20 Car boot for \$10
Too Much stuff? each stall responsible for own table, stock, float and removal of leftovers.
ph Dawn 686 0595, Bev 686 1207 or Helen 684 6403 / 021 768 973

News from Partner and Other Organisations

Hospital Chaplaincy vacancy

Hospital Chaplain General Health (Full Time), Canterbury DHB, Christchurch Hospital

Closes: 4pm, Monday 20th June 2022.

For more details, go to: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/57157759>

Other Newsletters:

[Bush Telegraph June 2022](#)

From the last Newsletter

- Hope West Melton Opening
- Easter Sunday Sunrise Service on the Beach
- Lead Pastor Ministry Vacancy—Hope Presbyterian
- Sister Eveleen Retreat House
- Hospital Chaplain General Health (Full Time): Southern DHB, Dunedin Hospital
- Situations Vacant - EfM Board Members
- Study Theology at the University of Otago

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/5k528skz4niqhg/AABDjLatKUt2-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/

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Culture & Strategic Framework

[Click here](#) to download this document, updated September 2020