

Alpine Presbytery

resourcing the braided river

Newsletter 30th June 2022

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 7th July***

Gold Star Award

Rev Martin Harrison, in Kaikoura, has recently been presented with the Gold Star award from the United Fire Brigades Association for 25 years service as a volunteer Firefighter.

Here, Martin tells us about his time as a Volunteer.

When I became the minister of the Awatere Christian Joint Venture Anglican, Presbyterians and others, I lived and worked in Seddon. Fire brigades struggle often for day time crew. I realised this was a way to the community and to make a difference when it was needed. Serving with Seddon Brigade for 7 years I learnt a lot about creating teams and community. How these could be utilised not just for the fire fighting tasks but also for enriching the wider community and individuals' life.

When we moved to Brightwater, I joined the Wakefield Fire Service and Brightwater Rural, in which I served for 16 years. Often when the pager went off I had to look to see who I was going out with – sometimes together.

For the last 3½ years I have been in the Kaikoura Fire brigade.

Alongside this I have 20 plus years with the Critical incident Stress Management Team. Being a Firefighter comes at a cost. They are humans that choose to expose themselves to abnormal things because of their desire to make a difference for others. This costs in terms of mental health and relationships, and it can at times cause issues and the team's purpose is to help address and minimise the effects.

As a Christian, I take the words of Jesus seriously to be ready to help others. In John 15 it is recorded that Jesus said "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

This is something that I have seen countless fire women and men do for others. Thankfully not in reality—no one has died but they give their time for others.

As a minister I am often asked if being a firefighter effects my job. Would I ever run out of a service? The answer is yes if it is Sunday morning and there were people in need. About a year ago I knew there was a lot of the Brigade away and the siren went just as I was about to preach, I passed my sermon notes to my



Top: Martin at the presentation of his Gold Star award.

Bottom: a clue to who is wearing this helmet!

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wife and left to attend a structure fire. I returned after the service and asked how did it go, she replied I got the congregation to sing another song while I skimmed your notes and just used the good bits. I would, however, never leave a funeral or a wedding.

I could have none of the above without the support of the churches I have served and of course my family, who for the last 25 years have had to put up with me being unreliable—you cant pick when the siren will go off!



Rev Marty Redhead was commissioned as Site Pastor at Hope Hornby on Sunday 26th June

Marty has served on the ministry team at Hope since he was ordained in February 2017, but now is the pastor in the Hornby expression of Hope

Rev Gladys Stiles

Sadly, we advise of the death of Rev Gladys Stiles on 5 June 2022.

Gladys served in Otara and Orakei, Auckland, and retired to Hokitika with her husband, Gordon.

Our sincere sympathies go to Gordon and to all their family at this time.

A private funeral has already been held. Messages may be sent to 10 Airport Drive, Hokitika 7810, or may be left on Gladys' Tribute Page at www.thompsonfd.co.nz.

Brick Club

An initiative of Plains Presbyterian Parish, and started up with funding from the Alpine Presbytery Have-a-Go fund, Brick Club is held at St Johns Church in Methven on Thursdays, 3.15– 5pm.

It is a Christian based group aimed at 7 year olds up to teens with parents encouraged to stay and play with the children or socialise with other caregivers over a coffee.

Each session has a variety of activities, such as individual or team challenges, Lego games, free building, kit-set models, skills tips and hints, product reviews, show and tell, and discussion of a spiritual faith/values aspect.

*Far left: the Brick Club in action;
Left: an awesome Lego arm, built when learning about the armour of God.*



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

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/

Online Worship Options

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

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Culture & Strategic Framework
[Click here](#) to download this document, updated September 2020

KCML Vacancy

Administrator, National Assessment Workgroup (NAW) and Minister Development Plan (MDP)

Hours: Part Time: 0.5-0.7 FTE, Monday – Friday.

Location: Preference is for someone based in Dunedin, but it could possibly be performed remotely.

The Role:

The Administrator (NAW/MDP) is responsible for providing administrative support for the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ) Minister Development Plan project (MDP), and the National Assessment Workgroup (NAW). These tasks include communicating, scheduling, administration, and quality assurance functions.

The successful appointee will be part of the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership (KCML) team. KCML forms ministers and leaders for service in the PCANZ and partner churches.

What you will bring

Key to success in this role will be your ability to be proactive, to effectively facilitate the information/inputs required (for example information for reports), and your ability to deliver in a deadline-driven environment.

As our ideal candidate you will demonstrate:

- Existing experience supporting management and projects. Experience as a PA, EA or project coordinator is highly desirable.
- Organisation skills as one of your great strengths, coupled with the proactivity and strategic nous to prioritise and deliver to tight timeframes.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, and highly-tuned interpersonal skills that will bring you success in relationship-building.
- Being adept in the use of MS Office, online tools such as Google Forms, and monday.com, with experience of handling reporting and project coordination.
- Active commitment to the PCANZ
- Up-to-date and good working knowledge of PCANZ processes and polity

Apply:

To view the position description, apply for this role or if you have any questions, please contact Darryl Tempero: email darryl.tempero@knoxcentre.ac.nz, phone 027 556 0055

Applications close 5pm Friday 15 July 2022.

Start date is as soon as possible after appointment.

News from Partner & Other Organisations



WED
JULY
13

An evening with
WILLIE JENNINGS

IS AN AMERICAN PREACHER AND PASTOR WHO SPEAKS ABOUT JUSTICE AND RACIAL ISSUES

7PM
SOUTH WEST
BAPTIST CHURCH
244 LYTTELTON ST
CHRISTCHURCH

Professor Willie Jennings is being hosted by the University of Otago Theology Programme before he heads to Christchurch to speak.

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Bush Fire

The Winter 2022 Newsletter of the Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand can be downloaded here: [Bush Fire](#)

From the last Newsletter

- **Preparing for Matariki at Malvern**
- **Job Vacancies**
 - **24/7 Youth Worker Vacancy: Rolleston School**
 - **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Geraldine: Ministry Assistant – Church Life Role**
- **PCFM Zoom Connect meeting: 7th July**
- **PCANZ Ethics workshops**
- **Book Launch—'Awhi Mai Awhi Atu: Women in Creation Care'**
- **Presbyterian Church Schools Conference**
- **West Papua Action Canterbury Film evening**

Coming Up

PCFM Zoom Connect meeting:
7 July

Presbytery Retreat:
24-26 July, Hanmer Springs

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

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

Presbytery Directory

All Parish Offices have been given a log-on to Infoodle, so please contact them initially if you need any contact details. 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.