

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 7th July 2022

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 14th July***

Induction of Rev Eric Mattock

On Sunday 3rd July Rev Eric Mattock was inducted for a two year ministry at St Andrews in Ashburton.

Eric is no stranger among the people of St Andrew's as he has been the supply minister for over two years, but it is good to finally provide a period of settled ministry.

The Moderator, Rev Phyllis Harris led the induction at the Sunday morning service with the Executive Officer reading the narrative prepared by Rev Dr Matthew Jack and taking the photo!



Dedication of St Ninians

On Sunday 24th July, 9.30am, the church building at St Ninian's Presbyterian Church, 5 Puriri Street, Riccarton, will be rededicated in a special worship service, and an invitation is extended to anyone who wishes to attend this.



The service will be Officiated by Rev Hugh Perry, assisted by Rev Chris Elliot and Rev Dr Barbara Peddie, and Right Rev Hamish Galloway will deliver the Reflection.



Teaching Sewing in Blenheim

There's a great little after school sewing group happening at St Andrews in Blenheim. The ministry leader, Marion Rowe, coordinates it and has a circle of 5 adult volunteers working with her to enable 8 girls and boys from several schools to learn the basics of sewing. So far they have made Aprons and are working on dolphins for a display depicting (loosely!) Jonah and the big fish.

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Cashmere Conference 2022

Cashmere Presbyterian Church
2 Macmillan Avenue, Cashmere, Christchurch



“Let's Take a Long View!”

Friday 29th July, 7.30pm

What is the new ten year plan of the City Council?

What is Community Board's local vision?

How can we keep spiritually fresh for the long haul?

How do we build a treaty-based but multicultural, multi-faith society?

What is God's long term plan?

These are the topics we will be exploring at this year's **Cashmere Conference**.

Professor Jonathan Boston will give the opening lecture on the Friday evening, and will also be preaching at the 10am Worship Service on the Sunday.

This event is open to all—no need to book.

Koha invited.

Professor Jonathan Boston is Professor of Public Policy in the School of Government at Victoria University of Wellington. He grew up in Christchurch and is an old boy of St Andrew's College.

His research interests include: climate change policy (both mitigation and adaptation); child poverty; governance (especially anticipatory governance); public management; tertiary education funding (especially research funding); and welfare state design.

He has served at various times as Director of the Institute of Policy Studies and the Director of the Institute for Governance and Policy Studies at Victoria University of Wellington. In the early 2000's he was a member of the Tertiary Education Advisory Committee and helped design and implement the Performance-Based Research Fund in New Zealand's tertiary education sector. During 2012-13 he co-chaired the Expert Advisory Group on Solutions to Child Poverty in New Zealand. During 2021 he served as a principal adviser to the Ministry for the Environment in Wellington.

Presbytery Retreat, 24—26 July

Vulnerability & Authenticity: A look at Isaiah 6

A retreat led by Hamish Galloway. The theme builds over 5 sessions, so it is quite important to be there for the whole time—it will not be easy to dip in and out! There will be a good combination of content, invitations for reflection, connection with others and time out to enjoy what Hanmer offers. The programme is on our website: alpinepresbytery.org/presbytery-retreat/

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.

Registration includes dinner on Sunday and lunch on Monday. 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.

Registrations close 20 July. Register at: forms.gle/3MyoHNTqL9wqiF1G9

Coming Up

Presbytery Retreat:
24-26 July, Hanmer Springs

Cashmere Conference:
Friday 29th July

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

Other Newsletters

- [Bush Telegraph](http://bushtelegraph.org.nz) or go to the PCANZ website presbyterian.org.nz/publications
- [Connect](http://connect.psusi.org.nz)—Newsletter from PSUSI: click on the link or go to psuppersouth.org.nz/about-us/publications/

Notes from the June Presbytery Council meeting are attached to the end of this Newsletter

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.

Alpine Presbytery

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

News from Partner & Other Organisations

for kaihāpai /
eco church advocates

ECO CHURCH NZ
AN A ROCHA AOTEAROA NZ PROJECT

Free Online Wānanga

Session 1: What is an Eco Church?
Mon 25 Jul 7.30pm
Explore the background, purpose and goals of the network and different ways Eco Churches take action. Real life examples and resources unpacked.

Session 2: How do Eco Churches work in practice?
Mon 1 Aug, 7.30pm
Get to grips with the five aspects of Eco Church and tools including the church self-assessment, Para Kore/zero waste support, carbon calculator, and more.

Session 3: Challenges, opportunities and what YOU can do
Mon 8 Aug, 7.30pm
Dig deeper into how Eco Churches work in different contexts: e.g. leadership and communication, capacity-building, maintaining momentum.

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Conservation and Hope

Register here or use the QR code:
For more info: [ecochurch.org.nz](https://www.ecochurch.org.nz)

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Me Heke Ki Pōneke

The 2022 Special Assembly voted that the PCANZ become a denominational partner of Eco Church NZ. For those who are interested, Eco Church are holding a three part wānanga starting on the 25th July on what it means to be an Eco Church.

More information and registration can be done here: <https://www.ecochurch.org.nz/events>

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 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.

Download the advert for the position can here: [https://www.dropbox.com/s/tfef0nq816itkem/](https://www.dropbox.com/s/tfef0nq816itkem/KCML%20Administrator%20NAW%20MDP%20June%202022.pdf?dl=0)

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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.

From the last Newsletter

- **Gold Star Award—Rev Martin Harrison**
- **Commissioning of Rev Marty Redhead**
- **Rev Gladys Stiles**
- **Brick Club in Methven**
- **[Bush Fire](#)**
- **Prof Willie Jennings speaking at South West Baptist, 18 July**

Would you be interested in a visit from Presbyterian Support Upper South Island ?

A message from Megan Waddington, Community Relations Co-ordinator:

Presbyterian Support Upper South Island is a social services charity that works with vulnerable children, families and elderly people. You have probably heard of our organisation but how much do you know about the work we do? My role as Community Relations Co-ordinator is, amongst other things, to talk to groups and Parishes about our work, share insights and answer questions Parishioners may have.

As a social service, Presbyterian Support is at the coal-face of working with many people who find themselves in difficulty, could be lonely, isolated, suffering from mental health illnesses or have been affected by family harm. Our work is challenging but incredibly rewarding and I would enjoy sharing our stories with your parishioners.

Please accept this as an invitation to contact me and arrange a suitable day and time when you would like me to speak. You can either email me meganw@psusi.org.nz or call me on 03 363 8209

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. Due to our obligations under the Privacy Act, logon access is not openly available; anyone wanting this should send a request to Gail at gail@alpinepresbytery.org, advising of their position in their Parish or the Presbytery.

Notes from Presbytery Council meeting held 23rd June 2022 at Presbyterian Support, Christchurch

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 Matthew 6:33 with a focus on a poem by Ken Untener in memory of the work of Oscar Romero: 'Prophets of a Future Not Our Own.'

*It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent
enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of
saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.
This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an
opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master
builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.*

Phyll constituted the meeting with prayer.

Conflicts of Interest: Brent and Rory identified conflicts of interest in relation to a confidential matter on the agenda and left the meeting at 3.15pm before there was any discussion on it.

The Minutes of the Presbytery Council meeting held on 26th May 2022 were ratified.

The Moderator's Report

Phyll Harris mentioned attending the induction of new elders for the new Korean congregation at the Crossway Community Church. It was exciting to see this new church growing under the umbrella of Crossway and the wonderful work Rev Dr JooHong Kim is leading. She attended the Presbytery workshop with Paul and Jo Eden on burnout that was organised by Abi Trevathan.

Phyll connected pastorally with a few people. In light of the new initiatives going on and the seedlings of new mission sprouting, Phyll wondered where prayer could fit more effectively into the life of the Presbytery work, and is looking to establish a monthly prayer group on Zoom. This idea was met with encouragement from Council.

The Executive Officer Report

Martin reported on a variety of aspects of his work including Zooms with other EOs, helping at a Hornby elders workshop, conducting a service, meeting with the Mid-Canterbury ministers and Abi, working with the St Ninians/PSUSI workgroup, recording an interview (with Anne) for the Otago University Chaplaincy course, preaching at the Crossway Korean Church ordination of elders & deacons, meetings with various people, meeting with the Port Hills Uniting parish council, attending the Matariki Zoom led by Rev Dr Wayne TeKaawa, participating in the Mission Fund Review, feasibility study conversations, attending the Geraldine cluster, hosting the St Andrew's east side New Mission Seedling 10-month review, attending a Church Property Trustees meeting in Wellington re property

matters (with Ann McMillan), and catch ups in Marlborough with St Andrews Blenheim people and Rev John Phillips of the Awatere Church.

Matters to do with Rev Dr Darryl Tempero's secondment extension to KCML (to 30 March 2023) and the extension of his contract with Alpine (to 30 June 2023) were attended to.

A small team is to be established to review the needs of Presbytery in the 'resource minister' area.

Overview of Alpine Presbytery life

Martin presented a slideshow update of the churches and life in the Presbytery for discussion. Martin also presented reflections on his role after two years in it and wondered whether the 3-year review of the EO role could be brought forward. As happens from time to time, Martin left the meeting to enable Council to discuss any matters to do with his work.

St Andrew's East side New Mission Seedling 10-month review

Martin presented the report of the review team. It was pleasing to note the way the ministry has developed and the number of people participating in its activities based mostly around a midweek hui. The availability of the Iona house site from 1 July is much anticipated.

It was agreed, that Presbytery agree in principle to retain the financial proceeds of the closure of the St Georges-Iona Church for the emerging ministry at Aranui and make the land and buildings available for the project from 1 July 2022. Presbytery is also inviting a church to consider providing support and oversight of the infrastructure and employment elements of the project with a suitable financial arrangement for this support to be negotiated and approved by Presbytery.

Human Resources

Lyn Heine reported on several matters

Property & Finance

Ann McMillan reported and Council approved

- the Alpine Financial Statements for the period ended 31st May 2022
- an increase Gail Weaver's hourly rate by 3% from 1 July 2022 in line with the latest stipend increase information based on the Labour Cost Index.
- the increase in costs to \$778,000 for the St Andrew's Ashburton strengthening project for their church building at 130 Havelock Street, which includes a contingency of \$100,000. This is to be funded by parish funds in hand and fundraising if the contingency is all needed.
- the revised capital ratio for the Greymouth Uniting Parish as per the calculation supplied as being Christian Churches 0.52%, Presbyterian 61.58% and Methodist 37.90%.
- the shortform application from Timaru Presbyterian Parish regarding the replacement of the 22 College Road roofs following hail damage, at a cost of up to \$150,000 being covered by insurance funds.

Some Council decisions need to be finalised by the Church Property Trustees

Correspondence

- Silvia Purdie re Eco Church. It was noted that this correlates with a decision of General Assembly to be attended to in the near future
- A matter that will need follow up from Martin & Rev Kathryn Walters (Methodist Synod Superintendent)
- A letter was received seeking a Presbytery review of Parish Council decision. Martin to seek advice from the AES, Wayne Matheson and email advice to Council members before a response is made.

Other matters

- Barry Helem, Chief Executive PSUSI, joined the meeting to share aspects of his work
- PESC Report: Very Rev Bruce Hansen & Dugald Wilson joined the meeting for lunch and informed Council of several matters re the ongoing earthquake settlement process as it begins to draw to a conclusion.
It was agreed that the remaining allocation money be retained in the earthquake allocation account under the oversight of the Building Advisory Team (BAT) until such time as the Presbytery advises BAT of the way in which that money might be used appropriately.
- Several PCANZ matters were noted
- A discussion was held on how we might publish Rev Phyll Harris' study leave report 'Given a Voice to Speak' to share in our churches
- The scheduled Presbytery Gathering in September was discussed

The next monthly Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 28th July 2022 on Zoom