

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 25th August***



### South Canterbury Pathways Day

The South Canterbury Pathways Day on 13th August was held at the Lindisfarne Camp. Facilitated by Presbytery Pathways Director Dr Anne Shave, the day was led by Rev Brent Richardson, with a small team from Timaru. People from Temuka and Waimate were also included. It was a real blessing to have such glorious weather.



### PRESBYTERY GATHERING

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>—Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
**at Hope Presbyterian Church, West Melton**  
Starting from 3pm on Friday with a Cuppa.

The Gathering will include stories and updates from around our Presbytery, as well as the chance to meet up and connect with people from other parishes.

Registration is now open. Go to:  
<https://forms.gle/exNPnL5X4qiSDSBq6>

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Trinity Presbyterian Parish received a grant from the Presbytery's "Have-a-Go" fund for a Community Garden and Community Gathering projects.

The Community Garden is underway, and Sunday 7th August was set as the date for the "Blessing of the Sod" and turning the soil.

Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate but, in spite of it raining heavily along with the cold wind, the sense and warmth of God's spirit was surely amongst those who gathered together on the Sunday afternoon. Conversations, laughter and delicious food, were enjoyed, and the community are looking forward to creating the garden and connecting with the surrounding communities.



Rory Grant "Blessing the Sod"



We want to invite you to a fantastic opportunity for **ALL leaders in our church around the country** to re-connect, to be inspired by creative and innovative ideas and encounter the Spirit of the living God together.

The inaugural **One Conference** will be on the **17-19 November in Wellington, at St John's in the City Presbyterian Church.**

There is nothing like talking about Jesus with good friends, there is nothing like that moment when a new insight rekindles your enthusiasm for ministry, or when an encounter with the Holy Spirit brings you new freedom and hope for the future.

After such a challenging season we are excited to invite you to the One Conference. **We welcome all leaders** from across the PCANZ and cooperating parishes to join us for inspirational stories, great worship, practical breakout sessions, fantastic kai, the opportunity to connect and laugh together with no business items to debate!

As a church we haven't been able to gather in person nationally since 2018 and when we did gather the primary focus has been business. It be fantastic to come together nationally with a focus of reconnecting with friends and colleagues from across the country sharing stories, being inspired and learning together

The early bird pricing (\$99) registration deadline is 10th September, after that the pricing goes up to \$129

More details and registration at [www.oneconference.org.nz](http://www.oneconference.org.nz)

#### 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/](http://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



## Plant Sales

Spring must be looming on the horizon, because there are several parishes with plant sales coming up. Note these in your diaries, and plan to take the opportunity to stock up for your gardens!



### Timaru:

Plant Sale at St Stephen's Church, 349 Wai-iti Road,  
Saturday 17th September.



### Rakaia:

Plants4U@Rakaia,  
Saturday 1st October, 9am-1pm



### Christchurch:

Plantarama at Cashmere Presbyterian Church,  
Saturday 15th October, 9am– 12noon

## From the last Newsletter

- **Plains Presbyterian visit to Burnham**
- **Alpine Mission Fund:** cut off 26 August
- **Other Presbytery Grants:** cut off 31 August
- **Way2Go Christchurch:** 17 September
- **South Island Christian Book Authors Meeting**

## Coming Up

### Hope Women's Conference:

9th & 10th September

### Presbytery Gathering:

16th—17th September

### Plant Sale, St Stephen's Timaru

17th September

### Plants4U@Rakaia

1st October

### St Andrew's, Blenheim, Garden Tour:

15 & 16 October

### Plantarama at Cashmere Presbyterian

15th October

## News from Partner & Other Organisations



## The Hope Seminar on Creation Care

Sunday 11 September,  
3-5.30pm, Papanui Baptist Church, Christchurch.

A warm welcome to anyone interested in faith and the environment. A Rocha Christchurch is inviting Christians from all churches to an afternoon of fun and inspiration. The theme is "We are connected". Input, conversation, worship, and practical stuff you can do to care for God's creation. Children welcome.

### Hope Seminar Speakers:

- Silvia Purdie (A Rocha Christchurch): "Connected: up, down, in, out and around - Christian spirituality for creation care"
- James Beck (Cashmere New Life): "Te Ringatini - A story of hope"
- Jolyon White (Anglican Advocacy): "Climate action for churches"
- Diana Johnston (South West Baptist): "Connecting with God's world": an all-age activity
- Lerk Shih Poh (St Augustines Anglican): "Next level recycling"

Register at <https://www.ecochurch.org.nz/events>

Cost is \$15 for waged. Free for unwaged, seniors, youth & children. Includes afternoon tea.

More information about A Rocha at <https://arocha.org.nz>

## 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](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org)

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