

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 1st September***

### Spring Gathering

Registrations for our Gathering in September are now open. This will be on the **16th – 17th September** and held at **Hope Presbyterian in West Melton**.

Joining us for the weekend will be Geoff New from KCML. Geoff will be taking us through a workshop on “The Spirituality of Remembrance” as a part of our Gathering.

Through reading Scripture, reflection, prayer, silence, and talking with each other – we will survey our personal spiritual journey.

Our time together will be more of a retreat than a workshop and, as such, our time will not be content-heavy. Instead, our time will rely on you responding to Scripture and allowing the Spirit to guide your memory as you recall your spiritual journey. Our time will be undergirded with a spirit of thanksgiving. We will recall the people, events, and revelations which have led us to this point in time.

We will recall God.

A full programme for the weekend will be available in the coming weeks—keep an eye on the website for more details: [alpinepresbytery.org/spring-gathering/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/spring-gathering/)

**Costs:** \$15 to cover costs for the weekend, plus the option to add: Friday Dinner for \$35; Saturday Lunch for \$25

Registration at: <https://forms.gle/exNPnL5X4qiSDSBq6>

### Guided Retreat

Registrations are now open for a guided prayer retreat in Hanmer Springs in September. This retreat will incorporate periods of silent reflection as well as times of praying together. Our time together will be led by Rev Heather Simpson and Barbara MacMillan, both of whom are trained Spiritual Directors.

The focus of the retreat will be around the idea of “Hunger and Thirst” with Psalm 107:9 as a key verse.

The retreat will run from Sunday 25th to Tuesday 27th

September, starting at approximately 7pm on the Sunday and finishing at 11am on the Tuesday. It will be held in the Hanmer Springs Manse (1 Jolie’s Pass Road) and will cost \$100. Accommodation and lunch and dinner for Monday and Tuesday will be provided.

Anyone serving in a leadership capacity in a parish is welcome to attend, however please note that we are limited to 12 participants.

You can register at [alpinepresbytery.org/guided-retreat/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/guided-retreat/)

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## A call for some prayer for the Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu from Alpine Presbytery folk

Hey – as you have seen in the news, the amount of rain across the whole of Te Tauihu has been mind-blowing. State highways that might be shut for a day or so after a major weather event could take a month to open. There may be roads never repaired. So – a few prayers in our direction from the kind folk of Alpine Presbytery will not go amiss.

Things are not simple. i.e. in Whakatū Presbyterian key leadership team there is need for prayer. Currently one teaching elder has bad influenza, (the other younger more handsome teaching elder is good as gold.) The parish clerk currently has covid; another key leader has suffered bereavement of two close whanau in the last few weeks; another elder's house was flooded last weekend; another elder had part of the hillside slip into the back of their house last weekend (see photo); another elder nearly died three weeks ago needing an emergency operation; and another key leader's husband currently has covid. I guess – like in all regions – the list could go on. Please send some prayer and aroha in our direction. What has been good is the community coming together helping each other.

God Bless—*Rev Jon Parkes*



*Rev. Sage Harris, friends, and a member of Whakatū Presbyterian last Sunday after church trying to shift mud helping some of our church whanau.*



Following this call to prayer from our church whanau in the top of the South/Te Tau Ihu, it has prompted an idea that was already germinating to have a monthly prayer gathering via zoom. It would be good if we could establish a regular rhythm of prayer to uphold any needs, to cover our new mission seedlings and to listen for what the Spirit might be speaking to the church. To help this happen we will host a half hour prayer time on the last Tuesday of each month 7:30—8:00am and welcome any who can make it.

You will find a link for our initial prayer gathering below. If you can't be present but would like a prayer included please feel free to email me at [moderator@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:moderator@alpinepresbytery.org)

Rev Phyll Harris,  
Moderator, Alpine Presbytery

Join Zoom Prayer Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81059905318?pwd=cWgxRDN0aFQ4bU1lRWptRW8vTDdzZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 5990 5318

Passcode: 869854

### 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.

## Pathways

During the past week two further parishes have offered the Pathways programme to members of their congregations. Linwood Avenue Union Church and Halswell Union Church held separate days at ACTS School, the former Greenpark Primary School. The combination of time to connect with God and with others was appreciated by all.



Any churches within the Alpine Presbytery who are still considering being involved in the Pathways programme are invited to contact Dr Anne Shave to register interest—email [shavea6@gmail.com](mailto:shavea6@gmail.com).

The programme is fully funded by Alpine Presbytery and is offered free of charge to participants.



## One Conference: PCANZ National Leaders' Conference

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)

## CPT August 2022 Newsletter

The latest newsletter from the Church Property Trustees can be downloaded from Dropbox here: [www.dropbox.com/s/xj6ljrevy56xeih/CPT%20Aug%202022.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/xj6ljrevy56xeih/CPT%20Aug%202022.pdf?dl=0)

It includes information on a further increase to the PIF interest rate from 1 August 2022 and a report on the |progress of the St Margaret's Bishopdale rebuild.

## Supporting Rainbow Rangitahi

Presbytery Central have put together a new resources for supporting rainbow rangitahi. This is not a theological resource, but rather, one that is meant to help those in ministry to relate to members of the rainbow community they may be walking alongside.

The resource can be found on the Presbytery Central website. (<https://tinyurl.com/58fj6xby>)

## 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](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org), advising of their position in their Parish or the Presbytery.

## Alpine Presbytery

### Culture & Strategic Framework

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

## News from Partner & Other Organisations

### Global Mission—Opportunity to Teach in Vanuatu in 2023

Talua Theological Training Institute (TTTI) is the main ministry training college of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu. TTTI trains students for pastoral ministry in many of the protestant denominations in Vanuatu. The purpose of TTTI is to train and prepare the next generation of Church leaders in Vanuatu. TTTI is looking for an English teacher for 2023 with the following minimum requirements:

- Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CELTA) or an equivalent internationally recognised TESOL qualification  
OR
- Degree or higher qualification that includes teaching English (preferably with experience in teaching English as a second/foreign language).

The position does not come with a salary but accommodation is provided and travel costs and living expenses will be covered. The job description can be viewed at [www.presbyterian.org.nz/national-ministries/global-mission-office/#ETTTT](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/national-ministries/global-mission-office/#ETTTT)

Contact Global Mission Director Phil King for further information—email [phil@presbyterian.org.nz](mailto:phil@presbyterian.org.nz); phone 0212506467

**Divorce Recovery** is a non denominational 6 week course offered to all members of the public who have suffered the breakdown of a significant relationship, married or not. The course helps you understand what you're going through. The course is held in a private home. For further information email [gayewoodlock@gmail.com](mailto:gayewoodlock@gmail.com). Register at [hopechurch.net.nz](http://hopechurch.net.nz). We hope and trust that this course will help with the journey of healing and restoration in this season of life.

### New Hospital Chaplaincy Vacancy at ICHC

**Hospital Chaplain (Part time 0.6 FTE) Hastings Hospital, Te Whatu Ora – Hawkes Bay**

Closes 4pm, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/58171043>

To be considered, please submit CV, Cover letter and Application form

### 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>

### From the last Newsletter

- South Canterbury Pathways Day
- Trinity Community Gardens
- Plant Sales Coming Up (details below)

### Coming Up

**Hope Women’s Conference:**

9th & 10th September

**Presbytery Gathering:**

16th—17th September

**Plant Sale, St Stephen’s Timaru**

17th September

**Guided Retreat**

25-27 September

**Plants4U@Rakaia**

1st October

**St Andrew’s, Blenheim, Garden Tour:**

15 & 16 October

**Plantarama at Cashmere Presbyterian**

15th 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](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org)