

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 4th August 2022

Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 11th August**

50 years of Linwood Avenue Union Church

On Sunday there was a service and lunch commemorating 50 years of the Linwood Avenue Union Church. LAUC is a lively community focused church made up of a people who found their way together from the Presbyterian, Methodist and Church of Christ (Christian Churches).

The Linwood and other adjacent communities have been well-served by this outstanding outward-facing church over the years, and we wish them well for the next 50 years!

In the photo is Rev Jonathan Barb, the current minister at work as MC on Sunday.



Cashmere Conference

Governing for tomorrow, today: the challenges of governing for the long-term in a short-term world.

This was the theme for the opening lecture, given by Professor Jonathan Boston (right), at the Cashmere Conference last Friday.



The participants were given much food for thought, including how we think of the future generations in the way we live, and what are roles as Christians are in how we care for the planet.

The presentation was filmed, and you can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/aO2BG70JkwQ>

Alpine Mission Fund and other Presbytery Grants

A reminder that the cut off dates for applications for Grants for the Alpine Mission Fund is **26th August**, and for Presbytery Grants and St David's Trust it is **31st August**. Information and application forms can be found on our website:

Alpine Mission Fund: alpinepresbytery.org/alpine-mission-fund-putea-mission/

Presbytery Grants & St David's Trust: alpinepresbytery.org/presbytery-grants/

Applications/expressions of interest to be emailed to Martin Stewart executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org or by post c/o 2 Macmillan Avenue, Cashmere, Christchurch 8022

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"The Manse" Accommodation: 3 Jollies Pass Road, Hanmer Springs

The Manse has had some extensive renovations done over the past year and we are excited to now offer it as a place of retreat. It has 4 bedrooms sleeping 8-10 people, open plan living/dining/kitchen with a second separate living area as well and heated by a log burner and 2x heat pumps.

Plenty of room for the whole whanau, small gatherings or perhaps you'd like to come on your own for some time out or know of someone who does. We'd love to hear from you!

Pricing:

- **Referral by Ministry Leader/Parish for the purpose of respite:** Pay what you can / free
- **Affiliated with Alpine Presbytery - One person:** \$70/night
- **Affiliated with Alpine Presbytery - Two or more people:** \$150/night up to 4 people. \$10 pp thereafter. 12yrs & under are free.

Contact Ben and Philippa Necklen for bookings:

email hanmer.springs@alpinepresbytery.org, phone 021 2237 886



Job Vacancies

New Hospital Chaplaincy Vacancy at ICHC
0.5FTE General Health & 0.5FTE Mental Health,
Palmerston North Hospital, Te Whatu Ora – Mid Central
District. More details at www.seek.co.nz/job/57947033

Closes 4pm, Monday 22nd August 2022

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

Parish Enabler Opportunity—Pukaki

The Co-operating Parish of Pukaki is centered in the rural town of Twizel and seeks a Parish Enabler (0.1FTE).

Pukaki's Mission Statement is: "Called to be Christ in our Community." The Parish embraces Every-Member Ministry. There is an opportunity for an experienced minister to give oversight & guidance to this vibrant ecumenical ministry.

Are you a dedicated biblical teacher, a person who will help lead and work with the existing team, a good communicator, and a person able to get on with a variety of others who will help our church continue to serve our community? Do you share a similar passion for Jesus, a heart for people and a desire to preach the

Word? We invite you to consider contacting us and expressing your interest.

We are serious about being an ecumenical church family, wanting to reach families and individuals in our community and to minister effectively to those families already part of the church. We need leadership and encouragement to fulfil our potential in this area.

For enquiries or a Parish Profile, contact Grant Thompson grant.thompson.twizel@gmail.com or the Bishops Executive Assistant, Veronica Cross on bishopsea@anglicanlife.org.nz or 03-348-6701

Principal: Knox Centre for Ministry & Leadership

Applications are invited for the position of principal at the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership in Dunedin, New Zealand.

A brief overview of the work of the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership and a copy of the job description can be found at: www.presbyterian.org.nz/seeking-new-principal-for-knox-centre-of-ministry-leadership

The closing date for applications is **19 August 2022**.

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



Peace Sunday is the closest Sunday to 6 August, Hiroshima Day—this year 7th August.

Where are the peacemakers, these blessed people that Jesus calls the children of God?

Around 5,000 will gather in Karlsruhe, Germany, at the end of the month for the 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC). The rallying call and theme for the Assembly is, *'Christ's love moves the world to reconciliation and unity'*.

It is a miracle of sorts that this is happening in our fractured and discordant world. Our Christian movement has by no means been immune from fracture and discord! And yet through the work of the WCC, people are gathering from around the globe representing a huge diversity of churches. Conversations will take place on a huge array of issues, theological and missional, related to this wonderful theme of reconciliation and unity.

As a representative of our Church, I have been fascinated by preparations for this Assembly which I will attend. It has opened my eyes to the positive influence the WCC has on the world stage. It models a coming together of diverse communities rather than separation into our little homogeneous and comfortable bubbles. It centres on our unity in Christ as a platform for transformation in society.

This is a message so needed in our world right now. A world with increasing polarization. A world where conflicts rage. A world where this is highlighted daily, as shocking images of destruction are beamed into our living rooms from the Ukraine.

Just as this WCC gathering has drawn me in to a real and deeper engagement with issues of reconciliation and unity, may Peace Sunday on 7 August also be a catalyst for real and deeper engagement for we who are called by Christ peacemakers, children of God.

Or, as in the lovely verse from James 3, may we be 'peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness'.

- Download Christian World Service Peace Sunday worship resources [here](#).
- More on the 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC) [here](#).

Right Rev Hamish Galloway

Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

News from Partner & Other Organisations

Other Newsletters:

- [Bush Telegraph, August 2022](#) (or find the link on presbyterian.org.nz/ publications)
- [Presbyterian Children & Families Term 3 'Woven' Enews](#)

Film Festivalette

Laidlaw College, 29 September, 6—8.30pm

The question of how do we live as Christians in multi-religious contexts is of growing importance in Aotearoa NZ. Gather to watch a documentary from Nigeria about an Iman and priest who, through their friendship, grow peace in their communities. With help from people engaged in this area, we'll wrestle together with the questions brought up by the film.

Suggested koha of \$5 student/unwaged, \$10 waged (payable on the night by cash/eftpos).

RSVP at: www.laidlaw.ac.nz/events/redeeming-the-screen-chch/

Coming Up

St Andrew's, Blenheim, Garden Tour:

15 & 16 October

Hope Women's Conference:

9th & 10th September

From the last Newsletter

- **Notes from Presbytery Council meeting held 28 July**
- **Advance Notice: Hope Women Conference 2022**
- **Johnsonville Uniting Church: Full-Time Minister**
- **Alpha Coaches wanted**

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.