

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 15th September 2022

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 22nd September***

Thank-you from Whakatū Presbyterian

Hi to the good folks of Alpine Presbytery.

Thanks for the prayers. Here in Nelson it feels like a fog has lifted or lifting. The Whakatū Presbyterian Governance Council were under the pump a few weeks back with sicknesses and deaths and disasters and complexities. But I think we are all breathing a bit better now. So a huge thanks from us to you for your prayers.

God Bless you all—*Jon Parkes*

Village Community Centre 25th anniversary

Mayor Lianne Dalziel and Moderator Phyll Harris cut the cake at the Community Centre 25th anniversary at The Village Church, Christchurch recently.

A highlight of the celebration, apart from the abundance of food, was the contribution from Matt Bateman, the principal of Burnside Primary School, and four young people sharing music and an award winning speech. The link between the school and the Community Centre has been a highlight over the last ten years.

Rev Dan Spragg also acknowledged the service of Lesley Compton (25 years as Chairperson), and Murray Compton (25 years as Treasurer).



Guided Retreat:

Hanmer Springs, 25-27 September

To 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.

More details and registration at alpinepresbytery.org/guided-retreat/

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, 349 WAI-ITI ROAD



PLANT SALE

Flower plants, vegetable plants,
All the usual stalls, and some surprises

9am Saturday, 17 September

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Knox Church Organist

Knox Church, Ōtautahi Christchurch seeks applications from well qualified people to fill the vacancy of Knox Church Organist.

For a job description and advice as to the application process, contact the “Music Search Committee”, Knox Church, 28 Bealey Avenue, Christchurch 8013, or email office@knoxchurch.co.nz.

Applications will require supporting material, and close at 5:00pm on Wednesday 21 September 2022. The appointment shall commence in October 2022.

News from Partner & Other Organisations

John England Memorial Activist Award

This is an annual award for an individual or group that is involved in a significant activist activity of benefit to the community or a particular organisation.

The award commemorates the long standing activism of the Rev Dr John England who died in 2021.

John was a founding member of EcuAction, an interfaith Canterbury based action group, and despite his declining health, John consistently pushed EcuAction into considering and working on cutting edge priorities such as climate change and taxation reform.

This annual award will consist of a framed EcuAction certificate presented at a publicly arranged event at which the award winner will be invited to speak.

Nominations should be sent to EcuAction at ecuactioncanterbury@gmail.com, or ring Brian, by 14 October 2022. Narrative to include information on work done and why you have nominated them plus details of nominee & nominator.

Further information is available from Brian Turner, phone 021 1294305

Annual Mini Market

John Knox Presbyterian Church,
corner King & High Streets, Rangiora

Saturday 1st October, 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Stalls to tempt you: Baking, Jams & Preserves; Plants; Books & Jigsaws. Outside Stalls too.

Enjoy Light Lunch (finger food) inside OR Sausage Sizzle outside. Mini Golf to try out.

SPRINGTIME FUN FOR EVERYONE!!!!

See YOU There.

St. Andrews, Blenheim, Garden Tour

**Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th October
10am to 4pm both days.**

Cream teas, filled rolls and delicious cakes will be available plus various stalls—plants, jam and pickles and garden gifts.

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.

From the last Newsletter

- Spring Gathering
- Parish Annual Reports & Statistics
- Plant Sales
- Bush Telegraph
- PCFM Advent Zoom Connect
- Spirituality: A Conversation with celebrated New Zealand author Joy Cowley
- Living Wage Mayoral Forum

Coming Up

- Presbytery Gathering:** 16th—17th September
- Plant Sale, St Stephen's Timaru:** 17th September
- Guided Retreat:** 25-27 September
- Plants4U@Rakaia:** 1st October
- Annual Mini Market, John Knox, Rangiora:** 1st October
- St Andrew's, Blenheim, Garden Tour:** 15 & 16 October
- Plantarama at Cashmere Presbyterian:** 15th October

Resources

A selection of resources and links to resources to assist you with your work and outreach can be found on our website here:

Online Worship Options

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

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