

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September***

### Spring Gathering 16—17 September at Hope Presbyterian, West Melton

Registrations for the Gathering are now open—go to: <https://forms.gle/exNPnL5X4qiSDSBq6>

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.

More details are available at: [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

### 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.

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

More details and registration at [alpinepresbytery.org/guided-retreat/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/guided-retreat/)

### Pulpit Supply

A reminder that we keep a list of Ministers available for Pulpit Supply, so please get in touch if you want those details.

If you would like your name to be added to this list, please advise Gail ([gail@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org)), including areas where you are available and any date restrictions.

### Notes from Presbytery Council meeting, 25 August 2022 on Zoom

Present at the meeting were: Rev Phyllis Harris (Moderator), Christine Arnold, Maureen Bishop, Rev Rory Grant, Lyn Heine, Jason King, Ann McMillan, Rev Jon Parkes, Brent Richardson, and Rev Martin Stewart (Executive Officer). Rev Charissa Nicol joined the meeting to present a report on the recent Council of Assembly meeting held at Kaiapoi.

The Moderator, Rev Phyll Harris, opened the meeting with devotions based on a quiet reflection on Psalm 46 and prayer.

**Conflicts of Interest:** None were identified.

The **Minutes** of the Presbytery Council meeting held on 28 July 2022 were ratified as was an extra meeting re setting up an office in Timaru for Martin to work from and other related matters.

### The Moderator’s Report

Phyll Harris mentioned attending the Presbytery retreat (she especially noted the wonderful hosting by Ben & Philippa Necklen), the fun celebration lunch and sharing time that Linwood Avenue Uniting hosted to celebrate 50 years as a union church, work on the September gathering, the Mid-Canterbury Hui (along with Jason, Christine, Abi and Martin from Presbytery), working to enable the office set-up for the Presbytery in Timaru (because of Martin’s shift) and giving notice of the half-hour

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Presbytery Prayer Meetings starting on the last Tuesdays of the month at 7.30am.

### The Executive Officer Report

Martin Stewart reported on a variety of aspects of his work including EO Zooms, participating in an elder ordination at Hope Rolleston, attended Linwood Ave Uniting 50th celebration, attending a lecture by Alan Jamieson on the failure of megachurches, planning work with Doug McConnell, a reflection on the Presbytery to the Council of Assembly in Kaiapoi with Abi, attending the Mid-Canterbury Hui, a visit with Den & Jen Flett, meeting with Christine Arnold, discussions with St Kentigern's leadership (with Abi), the Crossway Church Review (with Kathryn Walters), meeting re the St Ninians project, jury service, sorting an MOU for Andrew Callander as ministry mentor for Marion Rowe (from 1 October), an MOU with Dallas Harema at Aranui, and an employment contract for Glenda Joy also at Aranui (the funding for Dallas and Glenda funding comes from outside sources).

Other work streams include: the forming of the steering team at Aranui (Rev Dugald Wilson is to be the chairperson), settling on the office at Timaru, being asked to assist the Wellington Consultation set up by Hamish Galloway and the Council of Assembly, and some ideas about a possible resourcing minister in the Presbytery.

It was agreed that:

1. Rev Laurence Ennor be designated a Senior Active Minister on the Presbytery roll.
2. Rev Glenn Livingstone be designated as an Other Recognised Minister in the Presbytery.
3. The fixed term contract for Glenda Joy [at Aranui] be for one year be approved.

Discussion was held about the need for a Council of Assembly representative from Alpine Presbytery and the need to be connected with whoever is appointed. It was agreed that as nominations of suitably skilled people be sought from the Presbytery membership.

### Human Resources

Lyn Heine reported and Council approved

- endorsing the transitional ministry appointment of Rev Nancy-Jean Whitehead to St Albans Union Parish for two years starting 1 October 2022
- supporting the study leave application from Rev David Sang-Joon Kim

And it was noted that:

- St Martins have requested an MSB to be established
- Rev Jonathon Barb has agreed to be the Interim Moderator (IM) at New Brighton Union
- Allan Middlemiss is the newly appointed part-time

Pastoral Worker at New Brighton

- John Buchanan has agreed to be IM at Picton Union
- Ian Davidson has agreed to be IM at St Lukes Nelson
- Wairau Parish in Blenheim/Renwick is wanting to explore Local Ministry Team model. Rev Jon Parkes is the MSB convenor with Revs Martin Harrison and John Phillips
- Rev Dr Andrew Callander (Tasman) has been appointed mentoring minister for Marion Rowe in her work at St Andrew's Blenheim

### Property & Finance

Ann McMillan reported and Council approved

- appointing BDO to perform review services for the Presbytery for the 2022 financial year and that the Letter of Engagement be signed by the Property and Finance Convenor
- seeking approval to retaining the properties previously held under St George's/Iona Parish for use by the St Andrew's New Mission Seedling which has commenced using it as their base from 1 July 2022, and defer a final decision on the Iona property at 304 Breezes Road until the NMS has had some more time in situ and the needs for the future have been reviewed in mid 2023
- the application from Malvern Cooperating Parish to use \$40,000 of PIF property funds towards the Trinity roof project
- accepting the Alpine Presbytery draft Annual Performance Report for the year ended 30th June 2022 and referring it to the full Presbytery for [approval subject to the Review sign off

### Resourcing

Rory Grant reported and Council approved

- the Terms of Reference for the Resourcing Team
- the oversight/interaction with Minister Development Plans being transferred to the HR team

### Other business

- It was suggested that Interim Moderators be asked to report regularly on their work to the HR team
- a report of the building experience in Kaikoura was circulated and the PnF team to reflect on the useful suggestions made in it
- the Special Legislation Procedure changes were approved
- Peter Nelson, the St Andrew's College Board Representative reported on recent activity and was thanked

The next monthly Council meeting is scheduled for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in Christchurch ahead of the September Gathering of Alpine Presbytery.

### 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

### Alpine Presbytery

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

## 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.**

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.

**We welcome all leaders** from across the PCANZ & 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!

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)



*You're Invited*

**Presbyterian Children & Families Ministry**

# ADVENT ZOOM CONNECT

**For Children & Families Ministry workers across Aotearoa.**

**Wednesday, 28th September, 7:30-9:00pm**

**Join us for a time of sharing, networking and praying together. We'll be launching our Advent resources, before breaking out into interest groups for further discussion around the following topics:**

- After School & Holiday Programmes**
- Sunday School**
- Intergenerational Ministry**
- Nativity Services**

## 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. 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

### From the last Newsletter

- **A call for some prayer for the Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu from Alpine Presbytery folk**
- **Monthly Prayer Gathering via Zoom**
- **Pathways**
- **CPT August 2022 Newsletter**
- **Supporting Rainbow Rangitahi**
- **The Hope Seminar on Creation Care**
- **Hospital Chaplaincy Vacancy at ICHC**
- **Divorce Recovery**

### 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

### 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