

Alpine Presbytery

resourcing the braided river

Newsletter 22nd September 2022

Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is Thursday 29th September

PLANT SALE

Everything was buzzing last weekend at Timaru Presbyterian Parish, with a very successful Plant Sale being held on Saturday 17th September. Here are a few photos from the event.



Plants galore, yummy baking, and people lined up down the path, out to the road and down Waiti Road!



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Update on Building Project at Whakatū Presbyterian

The first part of the concrete slab was poured on 20th September (see photos), and overall progress is ahead of schedule. This is because there was going to be a 2 month wait time for the LVL wooden beams, but that wait time blew out to more than 6 months so it was decided to use Glulam. This does cost slightly more but in the opinion of the engineer and our Project Manger (PM) is a better product anyway. The result is the two month wait time disappeared. But with the wet winter the excavation and slab preparation has taken longer. Therefore we are now one month ahead of the original schedule (the current schedule suggests that the project will be completed by 31/08/23.)



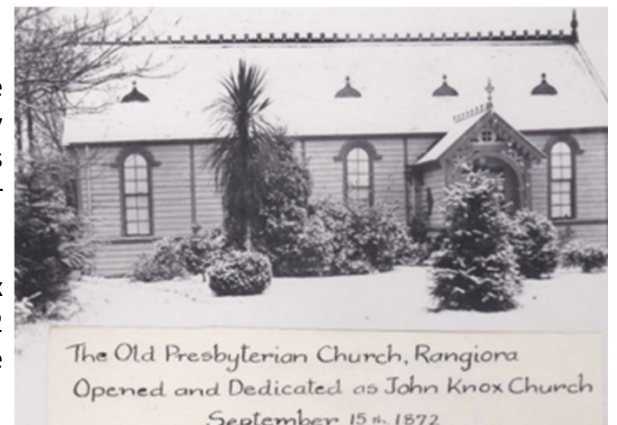
The Story of John Knox Rangiora

In 1860, Kaiapoi had established the first Presbyterian church in the region which covered both Kaiapoi and Rangiora. In 1863, called Rev W. Kirton as minister to both parishes who ministered until his death in 1871. Rev W McGregor was called to fill the vacancy for both parishes in early 1872.

The decision to build a church in Rangiora was made and John Knox Church was opened and dedicated on the 15th of September 1872 and in 1880 John Knox Church established themselves as a separate charge.

John Knox Church had a number of students appointed by the Christchurch Presbytery to minister including Rev P R Munro and Rev J A Dawson. In November 2nd, 1885 John Knox Church ordained and inducted Rev James MacKellar as their first Minister.

On the 25th of September 2022 John Knox Rangiora will have a low-key marking of their 150 years in Rangiora. Once the facilities have been re-built there will be a wider celebration for the Church and wider community. This will hopefully be some time in 2024.



Rev James MacKellar, 1885-1887

From the last Newsletter

- Thank-you from Whakatū Presbyterian
- Village Community Centre 25th anniversary
- Knox Church Organist
- Annual Mini Market—John Knox Rangiora
- St. Andrews, Blenheim, Garden Tour
- John England Memorial Activist Award

Coming Up

- 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

News from Partner & Other Organisations

Soul Recovery Trauma Study: *Te Whakaora Wairua*

Soul Recovery (Te Whakaora Wairua) is part of PhD research study being conducted by Dr Jeremy Baker through the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. Its focus is on recovery methods for psychological trauma that can sit in the community setting, especially in the wake of the Christchurch earthquakes.

Would you like to be involved? This is a call for health and faith leaders in Christchurch to become involved in the study. This will be a 2-3 hour hui, planned for Friday 18 November, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. It will be a free, catered event, with plenty of time to make connections.

It involves listening to stories of trauma from trauma survivors as well as to trauma stories from the Bible. The goal is to seek resonance between the two stories, and to develop action points to guide future service-development in the community, and in our churches.

This is a type of Participatory Action Research that comes from apartheid South Africa. It will contribute to PhD research findings in Practical Theology at the University of Aberdeen. It will require you to sign a consent form, but personal details will remain anonymous in the published outcome.

More information from Dr Jeremy Baker: j.baker.19@abdn.ac.uk

SUSTAIN CAMP

DETAILS

WHERE: Whāingaroa, Raglan (shuttle from Hamilton available)

WHEN: 10-14 Oct '22

WHO: Y7-Y13

COST: \$185

ABOUT

Join us on an adventure-based camp in Whāingaroa, Raglan to explore many different expressions of faith and the local environment! We'll be exploring the secret paths of Karioi Maunga as we build traps, check the trapping lines and appreciate a remote campfire. We'll be learning where our food comes from as we visit and help out on a local farm with the most spectacular views! We'll also be venturing across different shores for swims and surfs as we consider the significance of water.

SIGN UP HERE



<https://www.sunz.org.nz/youth/sucamps/sucamps-2022-2023/sucamps-spring-2021/sustain-2>

Theology House & NZCIS seminar day

“That’s Life!” - Conversations in Science and Theology

Saturday 8 October 2022, 9.30 am– 3.30 pm.

Theology House, 95 Tuam St, Christchurch

No charge!

Register: www.nzcis.org/upcoming-events

Speakers and Discussion:

- Rev'd Canon Mere Wallace (Hui Amorangi Archdeacon) on pastoral ethics for the start of life
- Dr. Maja Whitaker (Laidlaw Lecturer) on embodied faith
- Dr. Graeme Finlay “What is life? A biological and theological reflection”
- Dr. Nicola Hoggard-Creegan (NZCIS Director) on anthropology and theology
- Dr. Philip Pattermore (Paediatrics Professor) on Christian understandings of evolution

Essential items needed please!

At Presbyterian Support Upper South Island, our Youth Services teams desperately need to fill up their cupboard with some essential items. This enables our clients to access food and supplies without shame or embarrassment. Often they can't afford to get these items and have to choose between food or the items below. We would truly appreciate your help with this – every bit makes a difference. You can drop them off at your local Presbyterian Support office or we can come and collect them from your Parish. If you have any questions please contact Megan Waddington: meganw@psusi.org.nz

- Nappies and wipes
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorants for men and women
- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Sanitary pads and tampons
- Reusable period underwear
- Washing powder
- Soap and shower gels
- Toilet paper and toilet cleaner

Non-perishable foods such as tins of spaghetti, tins baked beans, canned sauces, tinned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta, rice, sugar, cereal, tea or coffee, cake mixes, baby food or pouches, cereal bars

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

Notes from the 12 September 2022 meeting of Presbytery Council held in Christchurch

Present at the meeting were: Rev Phyllis Harris (Moderator), Christine Arnold, Maureen Bishop, Rev Rory Grant, Lyn Heine, Ann McMillan, Rev Jon Parkes, Rev Brent Richardson, and Rev Martin Stewart (Executive Officer). Abi Trevathan also attended the first part of the meeting to present a report.

There was an apology from Rev Jason King.

The Moderator, Rev Phyll Harris, opened the meeting with devotions referencing C. S. Lewis' writing style in relation in the Narnia series, and how the picture of Aslan bounding in made the whole story come together. Phyll reflected on the phrase in Colossians 3:16 'Let God dwell in us.' Phyll pondered what it would mean for people to let Christ come bounding into our lives. Phyll constituted the meeting with prayer.

Conflicts of Interest: None were identified.

The **Minutes** of the Presbytery Council meeting held on 25th August 2022 were ratified.

The Moderator's Report

Phyll Harris mentioned attending The Village Community Centre 25th anniversary, the prayer zoom attempt with technical difficulties, a pastoral follow-up, prepping for the Presbytery Gathering, and meeting with Martin.

The Executive Officer Report

Martin Stewart reported on a variety of aspects of his work including EO Zooms, supervision, catching up with various colleagues one on one, attending the funeral of Rev Samoa Mavenga, meeting with Phyll Harris a few times, etc. Other work streams include several issues in churches that are needing a helping hand.

Here to There: Martin reported on a paper he had prepared for The Gathering, that explores the ways we are actively working towards the future God calls us into and we pray for when we say Your kingdom come? It came to a head recently with some discussions about leadership training and support in the church).

Martin left the meeting for a time.

Discussion was held on possible Council of Assembly nominations from Alpine Presbytery. Several people are to be approached.

Property & Finance

Ann McMillan reported and Council approved

- the Alpine Financial Statements for the period ended 31st August 2022
- seeking feedback from churches after the completion of all major building projects to enable ongoing learning
- picking up on a suggestion from the Kaikoura church council, in the event of major disasters or a significant calamity
 - a. Presbytery appoint a liaison/pastoral support person to each parish
 - b. when insurance is involved following a building disaster Presbytery initiates a conversation with all parties (Presbytery/Parish/CPT/Insurance Work Group/Broker/Loss Adjuster) as soon as possible after an event
- supporting the concept application from Ellesmere Cooperating Parish to build a new hall on their St David's Leeston site

Resourcing

Rory Grant reported and Council approved

- providing \$137 from the Youth Fund budget to cover half the cost of Vesi Togiasso, Youth Pastor at Trinity Pacific, attending the PYM retreat in Queenstown

Other business

Abi Trevathan led a discussion on the dimensions of the Presbytery being bicultural and intercultural and the dynamics around how to begin attending to these realities in the life of the Presbytery. One possibility is to start with the Treaty of Waitangi. This could happen at the March Gathering. A range of things were discussed, including integration and disintegration in society, avoiding uniformity, where at, where need to be, what to care for and be careful of, connecting with local runanga, etc.

Maureen Bishop indicated that this would be her last meeting. She was thanked by Phyll.

The next monthly Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 1pm – 3.30pm on Zoom.