

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 15<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>.

**For catering purposes, cut off for registrations is Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

(To register after that date, please email [gail@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org), but note that you will then have to provide your own Friday evening meal and Saturday lunch)

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**

“For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry  
with good things.”  
*Psalm 107:9 (NIV)*

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/)

### Parish Annual Reports & Statistics

As in previous years, we ask all parishes to please send us a copy of their Annual Report. Our preference is to receive them by email to [gail@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org), but if that is not possible please send them by post c/o 2 Macmillan Avenue, Cashmere, Christchurch 8022

We would also appreciate receiving a copy of the Statistics Forms which are sent to Wellington—again, please email them to Gail.

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**Plant Sales**

There are several opportunities coming up around the Alpine Presbytery for you to stock up on plants for your gardens. Note these in your diaries, and contact the individual parishes for more details.



**Timaru:**

**Plant Sale at St Stephen’s Church**

349 Wai-iti Road,  
Saturday 17th September



**Rakaia:**

**Plants4U@Rakaia**

St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church Hall (by the 2 big trees)  
Saturday 1st October, 9am-1pm

A huge variety of plants; bargains for all gardeners;  
helpful advice given.



**Christchurch:**

**Plantarama**

Cashmere Presbyterian Church, 2 Macmillan Avenue,  
Saturday 15th October, 9am– 12noon  
Vegetable & flower plants; herbs; annuals; shrubs;  
natives, sausage sizzle & more

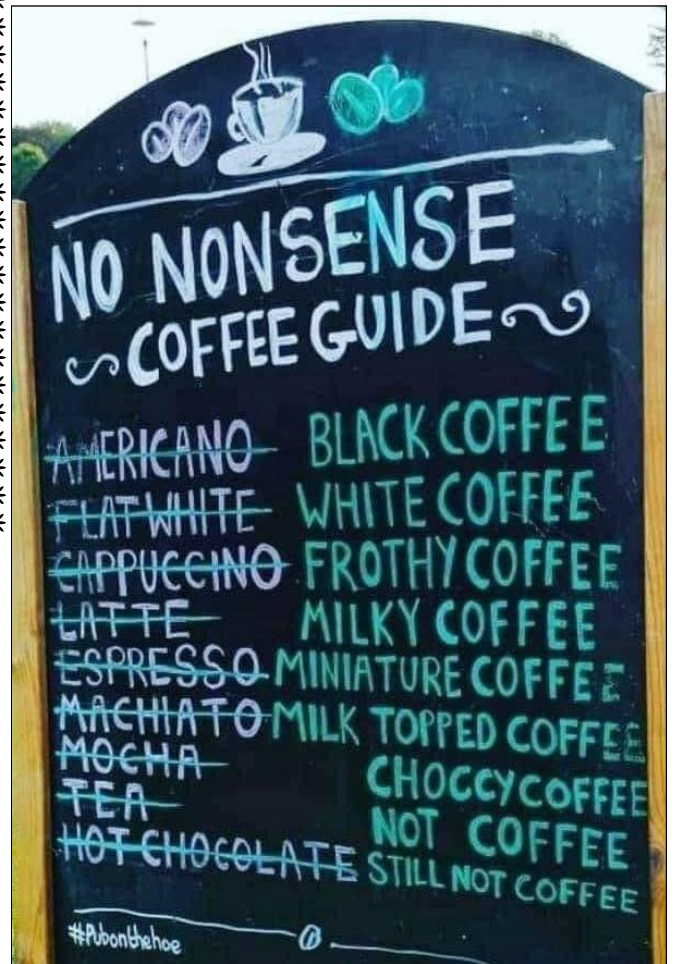
**St. Andrews, Blenheim, Garden Tour**

**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.



To view the monthly newsletter from PCANZ, go to: [www.presbyterian.org.nz/publications/bush-telegraph](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/publications/bush-telegraph)



**Presbyterian Children & Families Ministry**  
**ADVENT ZOOM CONNECT**  
 For Children & Families Ministry workers across Aotearoa.  
**Wednesday, 28th September, 7:30-9:00pm**

This online gathering is for sharing PCFM’s newly developed Advent resources. There will be breakout sessions, focusing on the following topics: After-School & Holiday Programmes; Sunday School; Intergenerational Ministry; and Nativity Services.

To register, go to: [us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpdemhrD8qHtlVoyrOSpK4Yf9F3zGJ6ijm](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/90251234567)

**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

## News from Partner & Other Organisations

### Spirituality: A Conversation with celebrated New Zealand author Joy Cowley

**Monday 19 September, 5:15 pm, Archway 3 Lecture Theatre and online:** <https://otago.zoom.us/j/98552640349?pwd=OUV6SmU0ZEwyNGprNUU2YUlvZFlxZz09>

English poet John Keats once referred to the earth as “the vale of soul-making”. For Joy, soul-making is a way of talking about spirituality and describing life’s journey. Soul-making is not about becoming more spiritual; it is about becoming more human.

Come and hear Joy talk more about this intriguing subject as she reflects on her own journey and experience.

Perhaps best known as an author of children’s literature, Joy is also one of this country’s most prolific authors of spiritual verse. Her books include *Aotearoa Psalms*, *Psalms Down Under*, *Psalms for the Road*, *Veil Over the Light*, and *Come and See*. In 2018, Joy was made a Member of the Order of New Zealand, and in 2020 she received an Arts Foundation of New Zealand Icon Award, which is limited to 20 living people.

Whether you join us in person or online you are welcome to be part of this conversation, which is hosted by the Theology Programme of the University of Otago. For more information, please email [theology@otago.ac.nz](mailto:theology@otago.ac.nz)

### Living Wage Mayoral Forum

**When:** 5:00pm for a 5:30pm start, closing at 6:30pm, Wednesday 14 September

**Where:** Aldersgate Centre, 309 Durham Street, Christchurch

Mayoral candidates Phil Mauger and David Meates are going to be interviewed by representatives of the Living Wage and Youth Democracy movements. They will be asked to commit themselves to promote specific policies should they be elected. Living Wage prides itself on running its meetings to time and this one is scheduled to end at 6.30pm. Matthew Jack will open the meeting with a Karakia and Norman Wilkins will conclude it with a Blessing. There will be a rollcall of all the member organisations present and a large attendance will indicate to the candidates that these issues are ones they need to act on.

#### For the Living Wage Movement they will be asked:

- Do you pledge to maintain CCC Living Wage Accreditation and to meet regularly with the Living Wage Movement?
- Will you request Living Wage Accreditation by October 2023 for all CCHL subsidiaries in this year’s Shareholder Letter of Expectation?
- When appointing new directors to CCHL, will you ask for candidates’ position on the Living Wage?
- Will you work with the Living Wage Movement to support CCC grant recipients to pay a Living Wage?
- Will you support adding a Living Wage requirement to CCC policy on leasing land to commercial operators?

#### For the Youth Democracy Project they will be asked:

- Will you support the funding of a housing compliance investigations officer to proactively enforce Healthy Homes housing standards?
- Will you sign the “Make it 16” petition and maintain regular contact with the “Make it 16” campaign?

#### From the last Newsletter

- **Notes from Presbytery Council meeting, 25 August**
- **Pulpit Supply**
- **One Conference: PCANZ National Leaders’ Conference**
- **Global Mission: Opportunity to Teach in Vanuatu in 2023**

#### 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