

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November***

### Busy times in Kaikoura!

#### Light Party Halloween Alternative

On Monday 31st October, St Paul's hosted children and families from around Kaikoura for a night of fun games, costume competitions, goodie bags and a light lesson on "letting your light shine in your community". This was a combined churches initiative, with a great number of volunteers from New Life Church and St Paul's church making the whole night possible. The event was very well attended, with 26 registered attendees and somewhere closer to 40 total attendees (excluding volunteers).

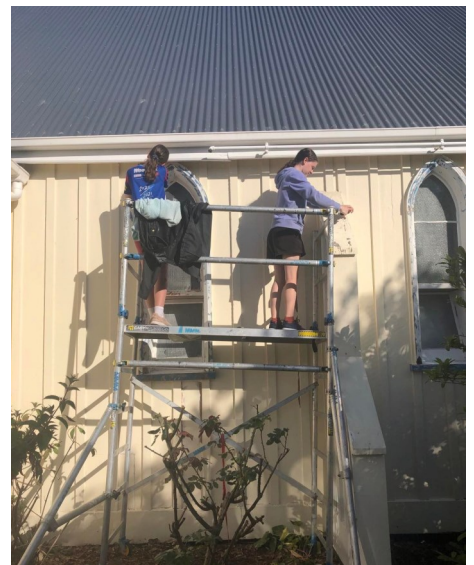


The event even led into some new faces attending the St Paul's KidzKlub the following Wednesday, and established new collaborative partnerships with members of New Life Church.

#### MMM painters

There is a hive of activity at St Paul's at the moment. The first thing you will notice is the church carpark is occupied by motorhomes and caravans. No they are not freedom camping, they are actually a volunteer group called MMM, which organises working bee's around not only around NZ but also the Pacific Islands. They are painting the historic St Paul's church over the next 3 weeks.

MMM is a (volunteer) Christian organisation committed to assisting other missions in the building development of their facilities, allowing those people to more effectively fulfil their ministry. In 2021 MMM gave 10,376 volunteer hours spread over 38 projects throughout NZ and South Pacific Islands. Find out more about MMM—what they do and, if you are interested, how you might be able to help, at [www.mmm.org.nz](http://www.mmm.org.nz)



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In the meantime, here are a couple of photos of the work in progress.

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## “Any old Iron?”

The re-roofing of Timaru’s Trinity church and hall is going well. The church is finished with the scaffolding due to be removed this week. They also renewed three of the glass panels in the Skylight over the apse which were damaged by the giant hailstones of the November 2019 storm. Work is now in full swing on the hall. It will take longer than the church because the flat surround area is to be replaced, whereas on the church this iron was older and heavier and stood up to the onslaught.

While the roofing damage was an unexpected disaster, there is often a silver lining in these things, and the parish had a one-time opportunity to insulate the main hall area whilst the other work was being done. They will be using a natural wool-based product, cleaner and longer lasting than conventional pink batts.



*Above: Toys for the boys!  
Below: working on the hall.*

**Christmas**  
**CRAFT MARKET**

Saturday, 26th November 2022  
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

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*Come along and support our fundraiser!*

★ Handmade Crafts & Gifts  
★ Tea and Cake ★ Sausage Sizzle

Whakatū Presbyterian Church  
271 Songer St, Stoke



## Council News November 2022

The Council of Assembly writes and produces a bulletin after each of its quarterly meetings that summarises the issues discussed and action to be taken. This bulletin is emailed by Church Communications to subscribers.

Go to [www.presbyterian.org.nz/publications/council-news](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/publications/council-news) to access current and previous bulletins, and to sign up to receive the updates direct.

### 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/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/resources/)

### Online Worship Options

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

### Alpine Presbytery

**Culture & Strategic Framework**  
[Click here](#) to download this document, updated September 2020



# The Manse OPENING

COME CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY

## SATURDAY, NOV 26TH

3 JOLLIES PASS ROAD  
HANMER SPRINGS

11AM-2PM | BBQ & LIVE MUSIC

BRING A PLATE  
RSVP TO PIP 021 223 7886

## Professional Development Workshops

Courageous Conversations  
and Trust & Vulnerability

Thursday 24 November

Te Korowai, 44 Bealey Ave, Christchurch



### Agenda

**9am-10am: Trust and Vulnerability - the dance that grows successful teams.** Trust is essential in creating a cohesive team, however many leaders struggle with exactly how to build trust and the role vulnerability plays. You'll learn helpful metaphors and language to turn the often-ambiguous concept of trust into practical steps and ways forward aimed at creating productive, transparent, and healthy teams.

10am-10.30am: Morning tea provided

**10.30am-11.30am: Courageous Conversations - talking in the spaces that are uncomfortable.** Research shows that being able to engage in tough conversations is a critical component to enable teams and organisations to thrive. However, many feel unsure of how to proceed and consequently avoidance, passive aggressive behaviours and other not so healthy alternatives can grow instead. You'll be shown practical examples and a simple structure useful for all levels of your organisation, helping to grow confidence with conversing and stepping into the spaces that are uncomfortable, whether part of a team or when managing a team.

### Cost

One workshop \$150pp  
Two workshops \$250pp

Register at: [psuppersouth.org.nz/awhina-mai/services/professional-development/workshop-registration/](https://psuppersouth.org.nz/awhina-mai/services/professional-development/workshop-registration/)

Download the poster here: [Āwhina Mai workshop](#)

## Advent Resources

Presbyterian Children & Families have launched a new range of Advent resources, centred around the theme Scripture from Isaiah: "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord".

Based on the lectionary, there are resources for worship, including a service outline, intergenerational activities, and liturgies for lighting advent candles, as well as some take-home resources available, and they are designed to help families be intentional about journeying through Advent together and compliment the worship resources that have been developed.

Go to [pcfm.org.nz/advent-2022/](https://pcfm.org.nz/advent-2022/) to explore the material

### Coming Up

**The Manse Opening:** 26 November,  
Hanmer Springs

**Christmas Craft Market:** 6 November,  
Whakatū Presbyterian Church

### From the last Newsletter

**Message from the AES on Church investigation into claims of historic abuse**

**When I'm Awake - Book by Martin Stewart**

**Bush Telegraph November 2022**

**Eco Church Kōrero: Ending Plastic Waste - our part in a global movement**

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