

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 24th November 2022

Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 1st December**

Hakaterere Presbyterian Parish Celebration Service

The Hakaterere Presbyterian Parish in Ashburton is holding a celebration service, to mark the end of services at the former St James' Church on **Sunday, December 11, at 10am.**

Anyone with a link to the church is invited to attend the service at the church at the corner of Thomson and Grahams Street in Tinwald.

The service will be followed by a celebration morning tea.

Mini Market Day

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Rakaia
This Saturday 26 November, 9am—12noon.

Lots of interesting Stalls involving local people:

Plants, Baking, Preserves, Household goods, New Potatoes, Clothes, Craft Work, Glassware, Tonka toys, plus other attractions.

Opportunity to get some bargains for Christmas. Supporting the Rakaia Community.

Information Dorothy. dottsknights@gmail.com



Concert

Sunday 27th November 2022

4.30pm

at Cashmere Presbyterian Church

(cnr Dyers Pass Road/MacMillan Ave)

Featured Artists:

**Tim Emerson; Mousey;
and other small groups**

Music from:

**Schumann; Franck; Gershwin; Mazas;
Haydn; Joplin; Mousey**

Entry by Koha:

all proceeds go to the Advivia Zimbabwe project



The Advivia Zimbabwe project is run by Advivia gGmbH a German NGO and the partner NGO in Zimbabwe called "Zimbabwe Advivia". The aim of their cooperative projects is to help people to help themselves, with the focus of the work being in a rural area in the south of the country (Masvingo area). Some trainings have also recently taken place in Harare.

Projects include: Access to water in rural areas; Electrification; Provision of learning materials for teaching in schools; Promoting Christian education

*Advivia are especially focusing on establishing a **vocational training centre** to enable children and young people to acquire practical skills (such as in agriculture, carpentry, construction, textile processing) and thus the means of later earning a living, during and after school.*

Learn more at <https://simbabwe.advivia.de/?lang=en>

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When I'm Awake

Martin Stewart is publishing his first book of poems and images this month. The book is A5 size with 136 pages and available for \$25 (+ \$3.20 postage in NZ).

There are 80 poems written over the last 7 years in several themed sections:

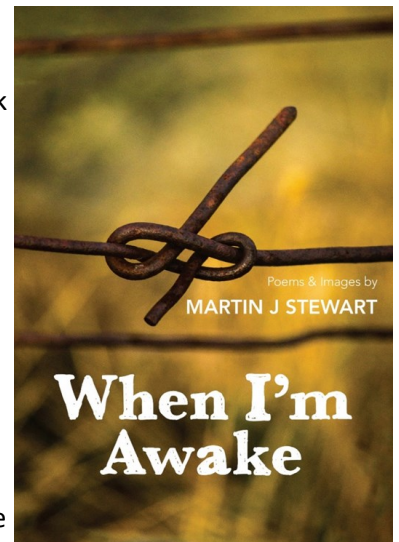
- * **Light** (thinking about a posture of lightness of being and being bears of light);
- * **Free** (the kingdom of God as a wide invitation to freedom);
- * **Layers** (recognising the circles of people who have shaped who we are);
- * **Camino** (reflections from the pilgrimage walk Anne and I made in 2019);
- * **Covid** (yeah, the good, the bad, and the ugly of it);
- * **Awake** (living attentively, present-ly, and reflectively); and
- * **There** (thinking about what's next and how to position ourselves).

Each poem has an image curated with it. I see connections between what I have written and what I have photographed. You might as well! I think I am covering a range of themes in a wide enough way that it might resonate with people wherever they are at spiritually.

Martin and Anne are also hosting *a little book launch thingee* with nibbles and drinks at The Village Bryndwr, at 5.30pm on **Monday 28th November**. It would be good if you could indicate if you would like to come along. You might want to save postage and pick your book up then.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please email marttherev@gmail.com for the details!

Download the flyer for this book here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/vpriya541kqmpil/When%20I%27m%20Awake%20invitation.pdf?dl=0>



Info from PCANZ Finance Department

Some recent information from PCANZ re changes in roles/personnel in the Finance Department:

- a) Camila Farias has become Group Manager Consolidation and is now on parental leave from 30th September
- b) Michaela Press has become PCANZ Finance Manager and is also covering Camila's role while she is on leave
- c) Bela Shmatko started as Financial Consolidation Accountant on 19th September
- d) Martyn Vincent has reduced his involvement and is now assisting on an advisory basis.

They commented that they 'are settling into their new roles and are eager to assist parishes'. Contact details for the Finance Team are on the PCANZ website.

With One Voice hymn books

If anyone would like some congregation copies of WOV (60+ available), please contact Ann McMillan on 027 325 0397 or galatos.mcmillan@gmail.com

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/

Online Worship Options

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

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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

Coming Up

The Manse Opening: 26 November,
Hanmer Springs

Christmas Craft Market: 26 November,
Whakatū Presbyterian Church

Mini Market Day: 26 November,
St Andrew's Rakaia

Fundraising Concert: 27 November, Cashmere
Presbyterian Church

Book Launch—"When I'm Awake":
28 November, The Village Bryndwr.

Hakatere Parish Celebration Service:
11 December, St James Ashburton

From the last Newsletter

Busy times in Kaokoura

Re-roofing at Timaru

Council News November 2022

PSUSI Professional Development Workshops

Advent Resources

News from Partner & Other Organisations

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For further information go to www.otago.ac.nz/theology or ph 0800 80 80 98 or 03 479 8639.

Check out our amazing new video! <https://tinyurl.com/theologyotagovideo> It explains who we are as a programme (and also includes some beautiful shots of Dunedin)!

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