

# Alpine Presbytery

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

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December***

The last Newsletter for the year will be produced next week; please have any items for inclusion to me by lunchtime on Thursday 15th December.

I will be on leave from 19th December, be back at work in the week beginning 9th January. There may or may not be a newsletter on 12th January, depending on whether anything comes in to be included!

*Gail Weaver, Office Support*

### Revs Chris and Silvia Purdie

Chris and Silvia have left the Presbytery as they have shifted from Burnham Military Camp to Upper Hutt where Chris will continue as an army chaplain at Trentham.

We wish Chris and Silvia well as they make their way north and settle into their own home. Thanks to both of them for their ministries and warm presence among us.



### Hakaterre Presbyterian Parish Celebration Service

Hakaterre 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.

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## HOON HAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WITH STEDFAST BRASS PRESENT



**FREE FAMILY EVENT. BRING A PICNIC  
AND SING-A-LONG TO YOUR  
FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**DEC  
12**

**5.30 P.M - 7.00 PM. @ HHPC  
5 DOWNING STREET, HOON HAY**

**BOUNCY CASTLE AND FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE.  
COFFEE CART AND ICE CREAM VENDORS**

### Presbyterian Investment Fund

The interest rate paid on the PIF On Call Fund will increase (from 2.50%) to 3.0% p.a. from 1 December 2022. The Trustees are regularly reviewing the rate, noting that if the Official Cash Rate rises, there is an expectation that the PIF rate will also rise (although not necessarily in exactly the same manner).

Full details are available in the December Bush Telegraph: [www.presbyterian.org.nz/publications/bush-telegraph/2022](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/publications/bush-telegraph/2022)

### Psalm & Hymn Books to give away

Hakatere Presbyterian Parish has a box of The Psalms and Church Hymnary Revised Edition word books to give away. Anyone interested can call Ann Allott on 03 3080333 or email [aallott@ashburton.co.nz](mailto:aallott@ashburton.co.nz)

### Coming Up

**Hakatere Parish Celebration Service:**

11 December, St James Ashburton

**Carols on the Lawn:**

12 December, Hoon Hay Presbyterian

### From the last Newsletter

**Manse Opening**

**Bush Telegraph**

## News from Partner & Other Organisations

### Christian World Service Board Membership

Christian World Service (CWS) is the aid and development agency of the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, and the Society of Friends. See their website here, [cws.org.nz](http://cws.org.nz).

CWS is seeking nominations for a new PCANZ representative on their Board. They are looking for a candidate who will have some of the following attributes:

- International Development knowledge and experience
- Belief in and respect for CWS theological perspective, its history and ecumenical nature
- Comprehensive understanding of governance
- Understanding of strategic planning and policy development
- NGO or business experience
- Financial management and planning expertise

\* Key influencers in their church networks, preferably at a National level

The CWS Board meets at least six times per year with two of these meetings usually being in person. The in person

### 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



*CWS vacancy (cont)*

meetings are held on a Saturday, in Auckland or Christchurch. Board members are all volunteers; however, travel and accommodation costs are met by CWS for the face-to-face. The remainder of the meetings, held via zoom, are generally about 2 hours long and currently held from 7:30pm – 9:30pm on a Thursday evening.

The PCANZ will select a maximum of three candidates to be referred to the CWS Board. They will interviewed by a panel made up of the CWS Board Chair, National Director and other Board members. Referees will be contacted following the interviews. After this process the Chair of the Board will make a recommendation to the Board of the preferred candidate. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be contacted to inform them of the outcome.

If you are interested in applying for this voluntary role you are invited to send a covering letter and CV including the names of two referees to Global Mission Director Phil King. The covering letter should outline why you want to be on the Board and the skills and experience you will bring.

To apply or to request more information, email [phil@presbyterian.org.nz](mailto:phil@presbyterian.org.nz) or call Phil King on 0212506467  
Closing date for applications: February 24th

***Brooklands' Cooperating Church, New Plymouth, seeks a Church minister and Mission worker***

Brooklands' Church, with its strong evangelical and charismatic heritage, is nestled in the suburbs of beautiful New Plymouth, surrounded by sand, surf, snow and sunshine.

We seek one full-time ordained minister, or two half-time positions of an ordained minister and a mission worker into our wider community, reaching out to children, young people and families and building on our community ministries. These leader(s) will:

- \* have a strong personal faith in Jesus Christ
- \* love people, be good listeners and team players
- \* have proven leadership skills and self-awareness
- \* be Bible-based teachers, able to apply God's Word
- \* encourage the ministry and gifts of the Holy Spirit
- \* have a passion for the Gospel, be outward focused, and express love in action
- \* be keen to develop innovative expressions of church

***If you sense that God might be calling you*** to either or both of these roles please contact: MSB Convenor, Rev Steve Jourdain, 027 2925 421 or [Jourdain@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Jourdain@xtra.co.nz)

**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](mailto: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 request to Gail at [gail@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org), advising of their position in their Parish or the Presbytery.

**Public Meeting**

**“Housing as a Human Right”**



**With keynote speaker**

**Chief Human Rights Commissioner Paul Hunt**

**Monday 12 December at 7pm**

**Transitional Cathedral, Corner Madras and Hereford Streets**

The start of the meeting will incorporate a presentation of the annual EcuAction John England Memorial Activism award.

Organised by **State House Action Network**

***Full Time Minister—Bethlehem Community Church Tauranga***

Bethlehem Community Church are seeking a full-time minister to nurture and lead an all-aged congregation with the intention of fulfilling the BCC vision “*To know Jesus and to make Him known*”.

Essential to the position is a strong Biblical theology, a dependency on the Holy Spirit, an evangelical vision and a commitment to team leadership.

If you feel any sense of God calling you to this ministry opportunity, please be encouraged to take a ‘next step’.

Further details of the position are available at: [drive.google.com/drive/folders/19TWnb5MZMusUEEXYfX87OfATg4fvmoVV](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19TWnb5MZMusUEEXYfX87OfATg4fvmoVV)

Or contact Eoin Crosbie, Convenor, Ministry Settlement Board ([ecrosbie55@gmail.com](mailto:ecrosbie55@gmail.com); 021741607)

Expressions of interest must be received by the end of January, 2023.