

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 11th May 2023

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 18th May***

Rev Brian Metherell

We have been advised of the death of Rev Brian Metherell in Christchurch on 2 May, aged 88 years.

Brian attended the Theological Hall 1962 to 1964 and was then ordained at Murupara-Galatea in December 1964.

He married Christine in September 1967.

Brian was called to Pio Pio, Waikato Presbytery, in September 1969, and then to Knox-St Marks, Wanganui Presbytery, in 1974.

From there, he was called to: Waitaki (Eveline Oamaru), North Otago Presbytery, 1980; Mackenzie Co-operating, South Canterbury Presbytery, 1992; Kaiapoi Co-operating, Christchurch Presbytery, 1995; he was later granted the status of Minister Emeritus in January 1998.

We give thanks for Brian's life and ministry and pray for his family.

A funeral service was held 8 May at John Rhind Chapel in Christchurch.

Insurance issues

A letter has recently been sent to parishes from the Presbyterian Church Insurance Collective. It outlines the insurance position and issues for this year's renewal and into the future.

It also gives comprehensive information about insurance options for parishes for the 2023/2024 renewal and there is work needed by every parish to establish your insurance cover; both type of cover and level. Once you have worked it through, it asks you to inform Presbytery of your choices - please send that through as soon as you are ready.

Presbytery is available to discuss options and help work through your choices if you wish. There are implications for the whole collective with every parish decision.

Please ensure your Parish Council is aware of it and has a plan to work through the decisions needed.

If you need to download a copy of the letter you can do so here: <https://tinyurl.com/4brvja56>

Alpine Presbytery Retreat 2023—A Journey with Hagar

Thursday 20th – Saturday 22nd July at Hanmer Springs Memorial Hall

Register at <https://forms.gle/36LdWbmroQuMrwGPA>

In a biblical narrative that focuses on the establishment of the people of Israel, Hagar's story is one we are too often prepared to dismiss. Yet the God-of-all-Creation meets this young teenage runaway and converses with her. How does Hagar's story invite us to find ourselves when we are in the desert, escaping from the life before us? How can her story re-story our imagining of the God-Who-Sees? This retreat will invite us into the story of Hagar with a lens to see and behold and be with the God who encounters us too.

More details are available at <https://alpinepresbytery.org/presbytery-retreat-2/>

There is no charge to attend the Presbytery Retreat, however you will need to organise your own travel and

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accommodation in Hanmer Springs. Limited accommodation is available in the Manse at Hanmer Springs at a reduced rate. If you are interested in a room in the manse please let us know when you fill out your registration form.

Dinner on Thursday and lunch on Friday will be provided as part of your registration. On Friday night there will be an opportunity to gather for dinner at a local restaurant at your own cost. Please let us know if you will be able to join us for that on your registration form.

Registrations close Monday 10th July 2023.

Christchurch Town Hall Organ Trust Concert

Monday 5th June (King's Birthday public holiday), 2pm, in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Annual organ curator's FREE concert '*Sound the Trumpet*'. Martin Setchell (organ) with guest artist Tom Eves, CSO principal trumpet. Admission FREE. (Koha appreciated).

Book direct online at

<https://organconcert2023.eventbrite.co.nz>

or visit nzorgan.com

PWANZ Bush Fire May 2023

Articles in this edition include:

- PWANZ Update
- Celebrating our PWANZ Past
- Your Working Group
- Reflections by Jan Veitch and Marion Brash
- Who are these Women?

Download the document at: tinyurl.com/3j6ukt6w

Ocean Deep, Ocean Wide

Retreat Day hosted by the NZ Community for Christian Meditation and A Rocha Aotearoa NZ Facilitated by Rev. Silvia Purdie on **Saturday 1 July 2023, 9.30am – 3.30pm**, at New Brighton Union Church, 24 Union Street, Christchurch.

All welcome; Koha entry; No need to register; Morning tea provided; BYO or café lunch. '*Ocean Deep, Ocean Wide*' is a time to rest in prayer and meet God at the beach.

Information online:

NZCCM website: christianmeditationnz.org.nz

A Rocha Facebook Event: www.facebook.com/events/4147837885355298

From Last Week's Newsletter

- Bush Telegraph
- Opening of St Margaret's Bishopdale
- Rev Dr Andrew Nicol appointed Lecturer/Ministry Formation Coordinator at KCML
- Worship at Oban Presbyterian Church, Stewart Island
- Presbyterian Children & Families Family Faith Moments
- Brian Zahnd Conference and Leaders Day
- Te Raranga Leaders Networking Event
- Discover Strengths-Based Relationships
- South Island Ministry Conference
- Notes from the 27 April 2023 meeting of Presbytery Council

Do you have a book inside you, or have you written a book?



We are the **South Island Christian Book Authors Network**; a Christchurch-based network of Christian book writers seeking to honour God through our writing.

We exist to enable each other to become equipped, connected and fully empowered to write books and get them out to the marketplace.

This is a special interest group of **NZ Christian Writers**.

For further info, email Christine & Verna by Tuesday 17th May 2023: **Christine Nathan & Verna McFelin** verna.mcfelin@gmail.com

ENDORSED BY :

NZ CHRISTIAN writers

DATE & TIME:

Saturday 27th May 2023
9am to 12:30pm

VENUE:

Tenants Lounge
Maurice Carter Courts
16 Dundee Place
Spreydon
Christchurch 8024

COST:

\$15 per person
Cash payable at the door
Coffee and tea provided

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

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Coming Up

Presbytery Retreat:
20th - 22nd July in Hanmer Springs

Coracle:
10th - 11th August in Hanmer Springs

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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 Infodile, so please contact them initially if you need any contact details.

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