

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**



### An Invitation to Wander and Wonder

**10-12 August, Hanmer Springs Memorial Hall, 1 Jollies Pass Road**

Are you filled with questions about the Church, its mission, and the future? Do you find yourself wondering about what could be and where we are now? If so, we extend an invitation to you to embark on a journey of exploration and contemplation.

In the 6th century, Columba embarked on a journey that would forever impact the course of history. Arriving on the island of Iona, Columba's mode of transportation, a coracle, captured the essence of his mission and faith.

The Celtic missionaries would embark on their journeys in a coracle, allowing themselves to be guided solely by the tide. This humble vessel became a symbol of their willingness to surrender to the currents and be led to wherever the tide would take them.

Pilgrim, explorer, pioneer, voyager... These are all words to describe people who have ventured into the unknown, without a fixed destination in mind.

Are you seeking answers to questions about the Church, its mission, and the future? Do you find yourself wondering about what lies ahead and where we currently stand? Alpine Presbytery, the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership (KCML) and PressGo invite you to join us on a collective journey of exploration and contemplation.

**Cost: \$95 per person;** more details at [alpinepresbytery.org/coracle/](https://alpinepresbytery.org/coracle/)

### Alpine Presbytery Retreat 2023

#### A Journey with Hagar

**20th – 22nd July, at Hanmer Springs Memorial Hall**

Register at [forms.gle/36LdWbmroQuMrwGPA](https://forms.gle/36LdWbmroQuMrwGPA)

Details at [alpinepresbytery.org/presbytery-retreat-2/](https://alpinepresbytery.org/presbytery-retreat-2/)

**Registrations close Monday 10th July 2023.**

### PCANZ Ethics Workshop

There are still some places still available for the next online Ethics Workshop on Tuesday 27 June, 9-12.30pm.

If any Ministers wish to register, please email Kate: [kate@presbyterian.org.nz](mailto:kate@presbyterian.org.nz)

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## Closure of Carew Presbyterian Church

On Sunday 11 June the Carew Presbyterian Church—which had faithfully served the parish since 1927— was decommissioned. The service was led by the Reverends Phyll Harris and Martin Stewart.



## Other Newsletters

**ICHC Winter Quarterly Newsletter:** You can access the newsletters from the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy—and find out more about their work—at [www.ichc.org.nz/community](http://www.ichc.org.nz/community)

**The Buzz—PYM Newsletter** for June can be read at: <https://mailchi.mp/ba5900ae5bac/help-us-shape-connect-10376058?e=1da5774ace>

*At Timaru Presbyterian Parish recently, the Girls Brigade celebrated the King's coronation with a dress up supper. They were joined by Margaret Littler, Lois Shipley and Helen Carter. Supper was cream sponge, marmalade sandwiches, cucumber sandwiches, quiche and chocolate eclairs.*



## From Last Week's Newsletter

- King's Birthday & Coronation Honours
- St Paul's, Kaikoura, New Building Award
- Carew Presbyterian Church
- New Hospital Chaplaincy Vacancies at ICHC
- Bush Fire Newsletter

## Coming Up

**Presbytery Retreat: 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> July in Hanmer Springs**

**Coracle: 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> August in Hanmer Springs**

**Halkett Presbyterian Church 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration: 15 October**

## 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 Connect conference is an amazing opportunity for youth leaders, ministers, and elders to come together to focus on the important task of engaging young people in life and faith. We come together to connect with each other, to worship in creative ways and to be inspired and upskilled in our calling to young people.

**Friday 1st September - Sunday 3rd September**

**Willow Park Christian Convention Centre**

**Eastern Beach, Auckland**

**The early bird cut off is Monday the 26th of June.**

For more details and to register go to:

[www.pym.org.nz/connect](http://www.pym.org.nz/connect)

## News from Partner & Other Organisations

### An invitation to the book launch



You are invited to the launch of the biography of **Edric Baker**

Saturday 1 July at 3pm

Holy Trinity Church

168 Stanmore Rd, Avonside

RSVP: [kate.v.day@gmail.com](mailto:kate.v.day@gmail.com)

Edric was a Wellington doctor who spent 35 years working in Bangladesh. He established the Kailakuri Healthcare Centre which continues to provide medical care for tens of thousands of people. The Centre was a partner of Christian World Service for a number of years. CWS contributed to the publication of this book.

Watch the promo video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=uIZynQKRw0w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uIZynQKRw0w)

Buy the book or e-book at [kailakuri.com/biography](http://kailakuri.com/biography). All proceeds will go to the Kailakuri Healthcare Project.

### Ministry Endings Seminar

Ministers and lay leaders are warmly invited to a half-day seminar on ministry transitions - 'Insights for Leadership and Pastoral Care' on Tuesday 4 July, 1.30 – 4.00pm, 12a Ilam Rd, Christchurch. This is being led by Rev Silvia Purdie whose research into this topic resulted in a book called 'Moving On: Grief in Ministry Transitions'. Cost will be \$30 which includes a copy of the Moving On book.

For more information and to register go to [www.conversationscounselling.nz/training.html](http://www.conversationscounselling.nz/training.html)

### 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. More information available at:

- NZCCM website: [christianmeditationnz.org.nz](http://christianmeditationnz.org.nz)
- A Rocha Facebook Event: [www.facebook.com/events/4147837885355298](https://www.facebook.com/events/4147837885355298)

**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)

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