

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 29<sup>th</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.**

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## Ministry Vacancy—Knox Church, Dunedin

Knox Church is seeking a full-time National Ordained Minister to be the senior leader in our ministry team. We are seeking a person who will be fully committed to Knox and its people, and who will bring fresh perspectives to our ancient faith as we seek to live faithfully in the 21st century. We are seeking a person with robust theological training, strong preaching, a compassionate heart, and a commitment to social and climate justice. An understanding of the peculiar gifts and challenges of “being Church” in an inner-city and tertiary educational context would be an advantage.

Knox Church is a notable inner-city Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ) where a gathered congregation has worshipped since 1876. It is an imposing listed Category 1 heritage building situated at the corner of George and Pitt Streets, and seats up to nine hundred people. Attached to the church building is a gathering and heritage display area. The site includes gardens, and an attractive green space enjoyed by the public. The complex also includes the Knox Church halls, a rental apartment, and a carpark. Knox Church is located at the northern edge of the central business district, along with other important public institutions, including the Dunedin Public Hospital, the University of Otago, and the Otago Polytechnic. Knox Church has a close association with these institutions, and with neighbouring churches.

Contact Rev Ed Masters ([ed@firstchurchotago.org](mailto:ed@firstchurchotago.org)) for more information or, for the parish profile, go to [www.knoxchurch.org.nz/files/ugd/d2fccd\\_3047144c87b645a3a0ee2d1c94ed2e19.pdf](http://www.knoxchurch.org.nz/files/ugd/d2fccd_3047144c87b645a3a0ee2d1c94ed2e19.pdf)

### From Last Week's Newsletter

- PCANZ Ethics Workshop
- Closure of Carew Presbyterian Church
- ICHC Winter Quarterly Newsletter
- The Buzz—PYM Newsletter
- Connect conference
- Book Launch: Call me Brother (Edric Baker's biography)
- Ministry Endings Seminar
- Ocean Deep, Ocean Wide Retreat Day

### 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

## We need Christian Foster Parents!

Open Home Foundation of NZ/Te Whare Kaupapa Āwhina are reaching out to the Christian community in Christchurch to make a difference in the lives of children and young people in our city. If being a foster parent has been something that you keep thinking about, perhaps now is the time for you to take this step.

We have a 15 year old boy who needs a family to care for him where he can develop some life skills to prepare him for adulthood. We know God has a family, single person or couple who can care for these precious children. We provide training and 24/7 support for all our foster parents. If God has placed this on your heart, please do not delay in contacting us. We would love to hear from you and would appreciate your prayers!

Contact Bex May, Foster Parent Recruiter: 03 3665977 or [bex.may@ohf.org.nz](mailto:bex.may@ohf.org.nz)

# FAIR TAX FORUM

Tax policies for Election 2023

EcuAction tax proposal speaker John Minto  
*With political party representatives*

Chloe Swarbrick, Greens

Raf Manji, The Opportunities Party

National, Labour, Act, NZ First,  
& Te Pati Maori Speakers Invited

Chair: David Small, Senior Lecturer in Education,  
University of Canterbury

Organised by EcuAction

7pm - Thursday 29 June

Transitional  
Cathedral,  
234 Hereford St,  
Christchurch



### 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