

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 6th July 2023

Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Wednesday 12th July**

St Paul's KidzKlub Family Outreach: 'Whānau Night Events'

St Paul's Presbyterian Church in Kaikōura offers a free community after-school group for 5-11 year old children. This is regularly attended by 15-20 children, many of whom do not attend church regularly or at all. KidzKlub is attempting to connect with families in the community, by organising fun events that invite families to find out more about what's been happening at KidzKlub, build whanaungatanga (meaningful connections and relationships). The events include a short message based on Biblical stories or principles, and we always share a meal.

On Sunday 25th June, we organised a MasterChef event, with a Pressure Test, Blind Taste Test and Mystery Box Challenge. We are still figuring out the best format for these family connections, in terms of frequency and content. This event seemed to be greatly enjoyed by the participants, and re-connected us with a whānau we had not heard from in quite a while.

KidzKlub has also been blessed by an opportunity to meet the residents of our local healthcare/ assisted living rest home. We did a craft together and sang a song for the residents. This is the feedback from their end:

"We had a lovely time with all the children Nathaniel and team. They were beautifully behaved and super respectful. The final results of having their handprints taken was a lovely surprise for the kaumātua. They also loved your waiata and we are all looking forward to your next visit Kidzclub."

We have been following the story of Moses over term 2 and here is a funny music video we made together, based on Keith Green's song - "So you wanna go back to Egypt?":

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Investing for Mission Impact

Conference on Social Enterprise and the PCANZ, held during the day preceding the evening opening of GA23, Wednesday 27th September, 9.30am – 4.30pm, St Columba Presbyterian Church Botany Auckland

Despite talk of financial struggle and decline in the church, most religious institutions have more resources than they know. This conference is an invitation to explore innovation, possibility and hope in utilizing those hidden resources – property, investments, people and passion – that is available right now to revitalize churches as well as their surrounding communities.

Hosted by the Moderator of the PCANZ, Hamish Galloway, Convenor of Resource Sub Committee PCANZ, Craig Donaldson, and the Executive Officer of the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees, Russell Garrett

Come to listen, learn and be inspired to action around ...

- Biblical principles underpinning social enterprise
- Compelling examples social enterprise action and opportunities
- Practical ingredients that make social enterprises work
- Interactive panel discussion
- Workshopping ideas for your context

The cost of the day is \$25 and you can register at: <https://forms.gle/S9637XZdTJgPq168>

Download the flyer at <https://tinyurl.com/547xw5a7>

Alpine Presbytery Retreat 2023: A Journey with Hagar

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

Details at alpinepresbytery.org/presbytery-retreat-2/;

Register at forms.gle/36LdWbmroQuMrwGPA

Registrations close Monday 10th July 2023.

Coracle: An Invitation to Wander and Wonder 10-12 August, Hanmer Springs Memorial Hall, 1 Jollies Pass Rd

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? Do you find yourself wondering about what could be and where we are now?

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/

Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication for the reopening of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ashburton



Sunday 20th August 2023 at 2pm

The Parish Council and members of St Andrew's cordially invite members of Alpine Presbytery to join us for this Celebration Service to be held in the Church, followed by Afternoon Tea in the Sinclair Centre.

Please RSVP by **Friday 11th August 2023**, with an indication of numbers for catering purposes, to Phone 03 3088042 or email standrew@ashburton.co.nz

The Church Community hopes you will be able to join us for this auspicious occasion

Induction Service for Rev Dr Andrew Nicol

On Thursday 3rd August, Andrew will be inducted as Lecturer/Ministry Formation Co-ordinator, at Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership.

The service will be held at East Taieri Church, 12a Cemetery Rd, East Taieri at 7.00pm.

This is an Assembly appointment and the Assembly has invited Southern Presbytery to induct Andrew into this role, but members from other Presbyteries are welcome to share in the occasion.

Presbyterian Investment Fund

The interest rate paid on the PIF On Call Fund increased from 4.25% p.a. to 5.0% p.a. from 1 June 2023. A reminder to please provide advance notice (of at least 3 days) for major (>\$100,000) withdrawals. The interest rate on the PIF Long-Term Fund remains at 3.0% pa plus inflation. Rates are subject to change.

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

VACANCIES

Motueka Uniting Parish

To be Christ Centred and Community focused

This appointment will be under Presbyterian administration

We are initially seeking a ¾ time minister (preferred option) for supply of up to 2 years. This may lead to a permanent appointment.

We are seeking a minister who can:

- Stimulate the congregation with his/her contemporary worship and preaching style.
- Connect with parish members and others within the community.
- Is prepared to work in an inclusive manner with a ministry team and the congregation in sharing worship
- Be a spiritual leader who empowers the congregation through their ministry
- Will be active in building networks in the wider community
- Develop a ministry that is inclusive, warm, encouraging and welcoming.

If you are that person and have an interest in growing God's vision for our town then please contact the Parish Clerk, Peter Smale, on oaklandsnz@gmail.com, ph. 027 243 5873

A full Parish Profile is available on request.

Bridging Hawkes Bay: Community Ministry Leader

To help in the healing of the people of Hawkes Bay, St Andrews Church, Hastings, have partnered with others to create a new community ministry: Bridging Hawkes Bay.

We are conscious that many of our flood affected neighbours are hurting, broken and lost and for some this will take many years to overcome.

As well as offering a ministry of presence and pastoral care to cyclone affected people, you will be recruiting, equipping and supporting a team of volunteers to go out into the community to connect, listen and support people who are struggling.

If you are:

- Passionate about embracing and sharing God's radical mission of love
- Excited about the mission and purpose of Bridging Hawkes Bay
- Energized by building relationships with people from all walks of life who are endeavouring to make sense of what has happened to them
- Keen to establish, equip and support a team of volunteers to offer Christ's love to cyclone affected communities
- Eager to pioneer a new community ministry that may well evolve as the needs of the cyclone affected community change

...then maybe the Wairua Tapu is calling you to this role!

To find out more about this fulltime role please contact Rev Jill McDonald, jill@standrewshastings.org.nz, 0274070489

Applications close July 31st

From Last Week's Newsletter

- **Retirement of Christine Arnold**
- **Council for World Mission opportunities:**
Interfaith Eco-spiritualities Global Consultation
Youth Consultation on Ecology & Economy in the Pacific
- **Ministry Vacancy—Knox Church, Dunedin**
- **Notes from June Presbytery Council meeting**

Coming Up

Presbytery Retreat: 20th - 22nd July in Hanmer Springs
Coracle: 10th - 11th August in Hanmer Spring
Reopening of St Andrew's, Ashburton: 20 August
Plant Sale, St Stephen's Timaru: 16 September
Halkett Presbyterian Church 150th Celebration: 15 October

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

Presbytery Directory: All Parish Offices have been given a log-on to Infodile, 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, advising of their position in their Parish or the Presbytery.