

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 10th August 2023

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 17th August***

Reverend Bob Fendall

We are saddened to advise of the death of Rev Bob Fendall, who died last week.

Bob studied in the Theological Hall from 1961 to 1963. He and Leita were married in December 1961. Bob was ordained in the Clive-Haumoana parish in Hawke's Bay in 1964 and then moved to St George's Linwood in 1970. From there Bob and Leita moved to St David's in Ashburton in 1977 and then back to St Mark's in Upper Riccarton in 1986. He retired from there in July 1998 but continued taking services and worked as the Parish Visitor in the Knox parish for some time.

His funeral will be on Friday 11th August at Knox Church in Christchurch at 1.30pm.

Ministries Coordinator/Kaihautū Whakatipu

Alpine Presbytery is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to work alongside the Executive Officer and Resource Team Leader in the following spheres:

- Developing and resourcing New Mission Seedling Ministries
- Mission Planning development
- Championing Ministry among Millennials
- Establishing and overseeing a Parish Review rhythm in the Presbytery
- Provide Line Management for Presbytery appointed staff
- Assist the Executive Officer and others
- Deputise for the Executive Officer as required

Please contact the Executive Officer for application information
executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org

Applications close on 31 August.

With One Voice hymn books

The WOV hymn books from St Luke's, Nelson, are available for free. Please contact: r.higgs@hotmail.com or Ph 021 026 86970 by 23rd August.

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 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

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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 27 September, 9.30am – 4.30pm, St Columba Presbyterian Church Botany Auckland

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.

Register at: forms.gle/S9637XZdTJJgPq168

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

Sister Eveleen Retreat House

Pilgrims: Exploring the Dynamics of the Psalms of Ascent (Ps 120-134)

I call on the Lord in my distress, and he answers me. Psalm 120

Join Ignatian Spiritual Director Colin Renouf from the Cathedral Parish for this 2-Night Silent Retreat focusing on the Psalms of Ascent (Psalms 120 - 134).

Learn to pray in an honest and full-bodied way, bringing both praise and lament and every emotion in between to Our Lord and God. Over the weekend, we'll explore a portion of Israel's prayer book, the Psalms, and learn to write our own psalms of praise and lament.

Dates: Friday 25 August, 7pm to Sunday 27 August, 1:30 pm (approx)

Cost (including all meals): \$330. If you'd like to attend but the cost is prohibitive, please get in touch as we may be able to assist you.

Location: 6 Whitewash Head Road, Scarborough, Christchurch 8081, New Zealand

Register: on our website www.sistereretreat.com



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www.marinabloommusic.com

Get your tickets

Sat 19 Aug
06:30pm
Knox Church Hall

From Last Week's Newsletter

- Coracle
- Halkett Presbyterian Church 150 year Celebration
- Scam Emails
- Vacancies:
 - St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier—Minister
 - Combined Hurunui Parishes, North Canterbury
- Other Newsletters
 - Woven - Presbyterian Children & Families Newsletter
 - Bush Telegraph August 2023
- An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality

Coming Up

Coracle: 10th - 11th August in Hanmer Spring

Reopening of St Andrew's, Ashburton: 20th August

Plant Sale, St Stephen's Timaru: 16th September

Plants4U at Rakaia: 30th September

St Andrew's, Blenheim, Garden Tour: 14th & 15th October

Plantarama at Cashmere Presbyterian Church: 14th October

Halkett Presbyterian Church 150th Celebration: 15th 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.

Notes from the 27th July 2023 meeting of Presbytery Council held via Zoom

Present at the meeting were: Rev Phyllis Harris (Moderator), Rev Jonathan Barb, Rev Rory Grant, Lyn Heine, Rev Jason King, Ann McMillan, Rev Lynmaree Sopoaga, and Rev Martin Stewart (Executive Officer).

Devotions: Phyll shared an article from a recent *Refresh* journal written by Lynne Baab (recently from the University of Otago/Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtāko) on nurturing a contemplative stance as one leans into God's presence. Phyll constituted the meeting with prayer.

Conflicts of Interest: None identified

Minutes: The Minutes of the Presbytery Council meeting held on Thursday 22nd June 2023 were endorsed by email, noting that Rev Rory Grant had left that meeting by the time a matter came up re Timaru.

Risk Management: A discussion was held in private on matters of risk.

Moderator's Report: Phyll had been on leave and had nothing to report.

The Executive Officer Report: Martin reported on several aspects of his work.

- **General**

His house is nearer completion: "Anne and I aim to be in by May 2023 (*or so!!!*)."

He attended the Matariki planning weekend on West Coast along with Hamish Galloway and Katherine Walters. Lyn Heine led this very ably. He preached at Greymouth & Hakatere.

He enjoyed the Presbytery Retreat and valued seeing the higher proportion of elders and women.

He signalled he is having two week's leave in August.

- **Note from Christine Arnold:** Christine wrote expressing her gratitude for the lovely flowers, the gift of a painting and the kind words expressed as she finished in the Treasurer role.
- **Pleasant Point:** Phyll and Martin have been in a conversation at Pleasant Point people (see below).
- **Report Sawmill Bush, Staveley:** Martin shared a report on the significant environmental preservation/restoration project happening in the Presbytery.
- **Presbyterian Support East Christchurch Older Adult/Kaumātua service:** A report and request for the next tranche of payment was approved.
- **GA Commissioners:** The list of Commissioners was tabled for approval. 16 commissioners plus 2 young adult commissioners covered by Presbytery. Alpine was eligible for 43 commissioners. The reasons for the low numbers were discussed. The Commissioners list was approved.
- **MOU Review The Village & St Andrew's at Rangi Ruru:** A request to review the future of the arrangement has come from The Village Church. The arrangement to provide oversight within The Village was signed in October 2019. It was agreed that Martin Stewart and Phyll Harris work with The Village and appropriate others reviewing the future of the MOU.
- **Establishing a Pioneering & Management Coordinator position:** Following on from the EO Review and in light of other gaps in the Presbytery's staffing levels, a proposed position was outlined.
It was agreed,
a) That a Pioneering & Management Coordinator position for a 3-year term be established, and
b) That Rory Grant work with Martin on finalising the details needed and circulate things to Council.
[Note: this is now being advertised as the Presbytery Ministries Coordinator - Kaihautū Whakatipu]
- **Change to August & September meeting dates:** It was noted that the September Council zoom meeting will need to be held at a different time because of the clash with General Assembly.
The August Council meeting be held on Thursday 31st August via Zoom.
- **Mission Fund Review & Recommendations:** The changes agreed in principle in April were represented for Council

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.

Alpine Presbytery

Culture & Strategic Framework
[Click here](#) to download this document, updated September 2020

in a form needed to circulate among the Presbytery membership for comment.

The initial feedback from the Presbytery membership be considered at the August meeting of Council and inform the next steps.

It was agreed that Rachael Higgs be thanked for her involvement in facilitating the closure of St Lukes, Nelson.

Closure of the Albury-Pleasant Point Parish: Reports of the Commission to close the Albury-Pleasant Point Parish

Two reports were received by Council.

It was agreed that

- a. the Albury-Pleasant Point Parish close on 30 June 2023.
- b. that a suitable date be found for the Moderator to formally close the parish.
- c. that an MOU be prepared with Timaru Presbyterian Parish recognising the financial and review arrangements agreed to by the parties.
- d. that the Commission be thanked and discharged.

[Note: Brent Richardson & Rory Grant did not participate in the vote.]

The Property & Finance Report: Ann McMillan reported and Council approved the following recommendations:

- The report being received.
- Supporting an application from Whakatu Presbyterian Parish for an exemption from the 10% MEF deduction from the sale of 271 Songer Street as the funds are to be fully utilised in the building of their new worship centre at Champion Road.
- Acknowledging that on the closure of the Albury Pleasant Point parish:
 - a. The EQ funds of \$103,621.93 be held in Alpine Presbytery as the South Canterbury Development Fund and,
 - b. That Presbytery ask RangzenPro Project Management to scope the feasibility of the use of the property at 102 Main Road, Pleasant Point.
- Approving the updated IM/ MSB Convenor Reimbursement Rate policy as follows:
 - a. People filling these roles to be paid at a rate of \$29.65 per hour.
 - b. Active Ministers to be paid at a rate of \$42.20 per hour.
 - c. The new rates to come into effect from *1 September 2023*.
 - d. All parishes with current IM/ MSB Convenors to be separately advised by issue of the updated policy.
- In respect of the application from Oxford Union Church, approving the application to sell their St David's property at 1664 Oxford Street Cust subject to receipt of a market valuation from a registered valuer, Methodist partner support, and CPT support.
- In respect of the application from St Andrew's United Parish Hokitika approving the application to sell their Hari Hari property at 86 Wanganui Flat Road, Hari Hari based on the registered valuation and subject to partner and CPT support.
- In considering the application from Cashmere Presbyterian Parish to subdivide off the Church House and sell it,
 - a. approving the building work required to separate the properties;
 - b. approving the subdivision of the church house from the church and worship centre at 2a Macmillan Avenue, Christchurch,
 - c. approving the sale of the church house land and building, either at no less than market valuation or on the open market, once the subdivision is complete; subject to receiving a market valuation from a registered valuer,
 - d. approving expenditure of up to \$200,000 on the whole project including all aspects of the work required to separate the buildings and the subdivision costs.

All subject to CPT approval.
- Confirming the following as the CARG Team for the Alpine Presbytery: Rev Dugald Wilson (Convenor), Rev Stephanie Wells and Gordon Dalkie (architect); and those names bring forwarded to the Nominating Committee for GA23.

Human Resources: Lyn Heine reported and Council **received** the **report** agreed

Parish Web-hosting possibility with Webmad

It was agreed that Presbytery approve in principle Webmad being invited to provide parish website hosting through the Alpine Presbytery server, and Rory Grant and Martin Stewart oversee the implementation.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm with a prayer led by Martin Stewart.

The next monthly Council meeting is scheduled for 9.30am **Thursday 31st August**

Spring must be looming on the horizon, because there are several parishes with Plant Sales or Garden Events coming up.
Note these in your diaries, and plan to take the opportunity to stock up for your gardens!

PLANT SALE

**ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH,
349 WAI-ITI ROAD**



**Wide variety of plants ~
Cake stall ~ Morning tea**



9AM SATURDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER



PLANTARAMA

@
Cashmere Presbyterian Centre
Cnr Dyers Pass Rd & MacMillan Ave

**Saturday 14th October
9am to 12 noon**

Plants for the vegetable garden, plants for the flower garden, and tools to help with the process!

Stalls: Vegetable & Flower plants: Herbs: Annuals: Shrubs: Natives: Decorative Pots: Tools: Sausage Sizzle: and more....
Eftpos available on site.

For more info. contact the Church office: 332 7129

PLANTS 4 U AT RAKAIA

SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 9.00pm - 1.00pm
St ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BRIDGE STREET, by the two big trees
(Main Road across from Mobil)

**Annual Plant Fair supporting
Community Outreach in Rakaia.**

*A huge variety of plants on sale, all at affordable prices.
Lots of advice is available, plants for all gardeners.*

All plants in the church hall, no worries about the weather.

Cash only sale, but amazing what you can buy, well within your budget!
Bargains after 12.00pm

Contact dottsknights@gmail.com

GARDENERS – 11 lovely gardens to enjoy...

St Andrew's Garden Tour – Blenheim

14 & 15th October from 10am – 4pm

Cream teas, filled rolls and cream cakes available
plus pickles and jam stall, plant and Christmas & craft stall.

Tickets on sale at various garden centres in Blenheim and St Andrew's
Church Office (open 9am – 12 noon, ph 03-578 7119) – cash sales only.

