

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August***



### **Coracle: 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; for more details and to register, go to [alpinepresbytery.org/coracle/](https://alpinepresbytery.org/coracle/). **Registrations close 7th August 2023**

### **Halkett Presbyterian Church 150 year Celebration**

Halkett Presbyterian Church, Canterbury, will celebrate 150 years of continuous services at 11am on 15 October 2023.

The service of celebration will be followed by a finger food luncheon (\$25.00) with time to catch up and share memories.

Details for registrations will be finalised later; for now contact can be made through Hope Church West Melton/Halket office on 02 121 48182.

We will keep you informed as we go along with the arrangements. We are delighted to have Hamish Galloway to come and be part of the day.

### **Scam Emails**

Please remember to be wary of emails asking for gift cards—whoever it purports to come from, it is more than likely a scam!

In particular, be aware that anything that is really from a Presbytery officer should be coming from an [@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:@alpinepresbytery.org) email address.

Regardless of who the email comes from, if it is asking you to provide gift cards or financial information, *always* check with the person named at a known phone number or contact email.

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## 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](mailto:dottsknights@gmail.com)

## VACANCIES

### St Paul's Presbyterian Church Napier is looking for a Minister

St Paul's is an inner city church with a long history on our highly visible site in the CBD of Napier.

We are proud of our history of service within the central city but recognise that a process of change and renewal is needed in order for us to create a meaningful presence in the landscape of tomorrow.

St Paul's is part of an initiative by the Napier and Hastings Presbyterian Churches who have embarked on a journey to explore how best to work together and build the church of the future in Hawkes Bay.

We are looking for a full time nationally ordained minister to lead us forward into the church of the future. More details including Ministry expectations are set out in the Parish Profile.

This is an exciting opportunity, and if you feel God is calling you to work with a congregation to lead them through change then we would like to hear from you.

Expressions of interest to Rev Wayne Toleafoa (MSB Convenor) [minister@schn.org.nz](mailto:minister@schn.org.nz), Mobile: 0211038144, Office: 06 8778096

### Combined Hurunui Parishes, North Canterbury

*Incorporating the Kowai Parish (centres at Amberley and Cheviot) and the Waikari Parish based at Hawarden*

The Combined Parishes seek a Full-time Minister (based in Amberley), for an initial period of 5 Years, with possible extension.

The centres of Amberley, Cheviot and Hawarden support a rural hinterland.

We are seeking a minister who is:

- a preacher who stimulates both thought and action
- a person for whom connection with people (and pastoral care are essential)
- a spiritual leader who empowers members in their ministries
- a person who will be active in building networks in the wider community

Are you the person to help us focus on God's vision for our widespread parishes and to work with us in ministry and service within the communities?

Expressions of Interest to the Rev. Chris Elliot: [mcelliot22@gmail.com](mailto:mcelliot22@gmail.com) 027 451 5296. The Parish Profile is available by e-mail.

## Other Newsletters

- **Woven - Presbyterian Children & Families Newsletter:** download at <https://tinyurl.com/bdh49uty>
- **Bush Telegraph August 2023:** [www.presbyterian.org.nz/publications/bush-telegraph/2023](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/publications/bush-telegraph/2023)

**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)

**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](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org), advising of their position in their Parish or the Presbytery.



## 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](https://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, 6 Scarborough, Christchurch 8081, New Zealand

**Register:** on our website [www.sistereretreat.com](http://www.sistereretreat.com)

### From Last Week's Newsletter

- Matariki in Timaru
- General Assembly Update
- Dallas Harema
- Vacancy: Bridging Hawkes Bay, Community Ministry Leader
- Current Vacancies at ICHC
- An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality

### Coming Up

**Coracle:** 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> August in Hanmer Spring  
**Reopening of St Andrew's, Ashburton:** 20 August  
**Plant Sale, St Stephen's Timaru:** 16<sup>th</sup> September  
**Plants4U at Rakaia:** 30<sup>th</sup> September  
**St Andrew's, Blenheim, Garden Tour:** 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October  
**Halkett Presbyterian Church 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration:** 15<sup>th</sup> 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