

# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October***



Some photos from the Plant & Cake Sale at Timaru Presbyterian Parish held on 16th September.

This annual event is hugely popular—as you can see from the queue of people waiting to get in! Over \$6,000 was raised on the day. Well done to everyone involved.

A short video is available at <https://youtu.be/sSGp6Dhnn-U>

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## VACANCIES

### Church Administrator Position

#### St Margaret's Presbyterian Church, Christchurch

We're on the hunt for our next stellar church administrator. St Margaret's is a growing group of friendly, enthusiastic, ordinary (and yes, normal) human beings of all ages, ethnicities and walks of life. With our brand-new church building opened in March 2023, and a creative, outward-focused outlook, we need a kindred spirit to work with our minister, key church leaders and volunteers to assist our mission and help run the church smoothly.

#### Key attributes we're looking for:

- A kind, compassionate people-person (regardless an introvert or extrovert) who can work with a wide range of people, groups and organisations
- Supportive and collaborative with a can-do attitude; sense of humour and humility are absolute bonuses
- Attention to detail with the ability to work to deadlines and priorities
- Efficiency in Microsoft Office & Xero (or willingness to learn)
- Basic familiarity and experience in Website and Social Media maintenance are desirable (e.g. Facebook, YouTube, Mailchimp, Canva etc.), or the willingness to learn

#### What we offer:

- Permanent part time position, 12 hours per week
- Days of work are negotiable
- Above living wage hourly rate
- Standard employment benefits (Kiwisaver, Annual leave etc.)
- Own spacious office with unlimited supply of coffee and tea
- Flexibility at work to make your life flourish as well
- Previous administrator available to help guide you into the role

You can apply for the Job Description from minister Ryan Feng ([minister@stmargaretschurch.org.nz](mailto:minister@stmargaretschurch.org.nz) or phone 027 238 9944).

**Cut off date for applications Tuesday 3rd October.** Suitable applicants will be shortlisted and contacted for interview.

Check our website ([www.stmargaretschurch.org.nz](http://www.stmargaretschurch.org.nz)) for more info about us.

### Office Administrator

#### The Village Church and Community Centre (Bryndwr) (Part time, fixed term, Maternity leave position)

We seek a suitable person to join our vibrant, busy church team to carry out reception, administration and financial tasks during a period of Maternity Leave.

The successful applicant will be friendly, people oriented, well presented and open to working positively in a Christian environment.

Abilities in accounts administration is a requirement. Recent experience with XERO or similar software will be an added advantage.

For a full job description email [dan@villagechurch.nz](mailto:dan@villagechurch.nz)

Applications including a Curriculum Vitae and two suitable referees should be sent to Dan Spragg: [dan@villagechurch.nz](mailto:dan@villagechurch.nz)

Applications close 5pm, Friday 13 October 2023

### Part time Community Role:

#### Administrator/House Coordinator

Whareora House of Life is a Community House in Barrington. Our present Administrator/ Community House Co-ordinator is retiring and we are searching for a replacement. The role is up to 15 hours a week. The role can, for the most part be contained within school hours.

To find out more, contact [office.whareora@gmail.com](mailto:office.whareora@gmail.com)

### Chaplain

#### Maclaurin Chapel within The University of Auckland

The Richard Maclaurin Goodfellow Foundation Board of Management (the Board) is seeking to appoint a new Chaplain to lead the Ecumenical Chaplaincy team based at the Maclaurin Chapel within The University of Auckland CBD campus.

**About Us:** The MacLaurin Ecumenical Chaplaincy exists to enrich the life of Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland and its community. It serves the whole University community, working with others for the common good of society, integrity of creation and justice for all.

Our values are grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and expressed in this unique setting:

- Thoughtful faith (fostering Christian academic thought and

**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.



leadership)

- Integrated life (encouraging holistic spirituality and citizenship)
- People-centred (acting justly, loving mercy, acknowledging faith and diversity in makeup)
- Communal richness (building inter-faith connection and fostering diversity)
- Hospitable space (providing a place to rest, learn, pray and worship)

**The Position:** The Maclaurin Chaplain leads the chaplaincy team and especially represents and fosters the spirituality and tradition of the Christian faith while acknowledging and affirming other faith traditions, seeking to build connections, mutual understanding, and inclusive hospitality. Given the University's ethnic diversity and religious plurality, the Chaplaincy works with other faith groups and leaders to offer spiritual care for all students and staff. Within the context of a secular university, the chaplaincy encourages the pursuit of learning and wisdom, scholarly inquiry, and openness to difference. Some other key responsibilities include:

- Representing faith and fostering Christian thought in the academic and public sphere.
- Offering robust pastoral care within the Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, that acknowledges the complexities and strengths of personal faith.
- Building friendship and understanding amongst religious faith groups in the University of Auckland, and with the non-religious.
- Ensuring the Chapel and Hall are welcoming, worshipful and hospitable meeting spaces, together with the University.
- Leading and developing the Ecumenical Chaplaincy team, comprising up to seven paid and volunteer chaplains.

#### Knowledge/Skills/Experience Required for this Position

- Understand Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi) as the basis for citizenship in Aotearoa-New Zealand.
- Ordained Minister of good standing with her/his denomination, with post-graduate (ideally doctorate level) theological qualifications, as well as sufficient pastoral training (CPE or similar) experience from which to draw in exercising their role within the University community.
- Team leadership skills in addition to high level stakeholder and presentation skills.

This is a full-time, paid contract position reporting to the Board. We also offer usual benefits including accommodation and other applicable allowances according to the denomination of the successful applicant.

Please send any expressions of interest or enquires to Joshua Chapman:  
[j.chapman@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:j.chapman@auckland.ac.nz)

Applications close Friday 27th of October 2023. This date may be extended as required.

#### From the last Newsletter

- Ministry Position—Coromandel
- Presbyterian Support “Connect” magazine
- Sister Eveleen Retreat House

#### Coming Up

Plants4U at Rakaia: 30<sup>th</sup> September

Hope West Melton High Tea  
Fundraiser: 7<sup>th</sup> October

St Andrew's, Blenheim, Garden Tour:  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October

Plantarama at Cashmere  
Presbyterian Church: 14<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