

Alpine Presbytery

resourcing the braided river

Newsletter 5th October 2023

Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 12th October**



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.



PLANTARAMA

Cashmere Presbyterian Church
corner Dyers Pass Road & 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!

Sausage Sizzle
Eftpos available on site

For more info. contact the Church office: 332 7129

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Invitation to Open Day at Sister Eveleen Retreat House

Come to Sister Eveleen Retreat House, enjoy the beautiful view and atmosphere. Meet our people, check out our programme and see what we can offer for you, your parish or your ministry team/group.



And have a look at the retreat house, especially if you haven't been at Sister Eveleen for a while—our Annex has just been renovated recently

Open Days: Saturday 28th October and Sunday 29th October, 2-4pm. Refreshments and hot drinks are provided.

No RSVP is needed - just come.

For map and location, go to www.sistereretreat.com

The Little Book of Advent

Presbyterian Children & Families tell us that there has been such a fantastic response to their launch of *The Little Book of Advent*, that they are doing a second print run. This book is a family devotional, developed by PCFM to help families engage and reflect on scripture during the Advent season. 1000 copies of this resource have already been distributed to churches around Aotearoa!



The Little Book of Advent is free for member churches of the PCANZ.

To order, please send your name, Church, Postal Address (including City and Postcode. No PO Boxes please) and Number of Copies required to: karo@presbyterian.org.nz

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY 5pm THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12th.
Late orders will not be accepted.

VACANCIES

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.

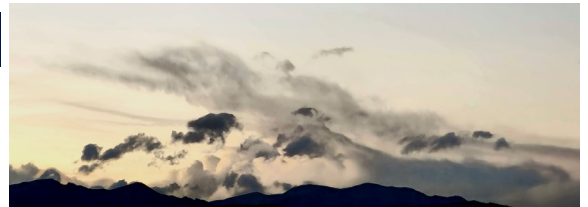
To request a full job description, or to submit an (including a CV and two suitable referees, email Dan Spragg: dan@villagechurch.nz.

Applications close 5pm, Friday 13 October 2023

Part time Community Role: Whareora House of Life

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



i'm often thinking
about my mentors in the faith
especially in the ministry journey
most no longer with us

they speak in memory
and influence me still
i feel strongly i am part of their legacy
privileged by them and their witness

i think about my role now
to pay it forward
to be something of what they were for me
for others

not pay it forward so much
as walk the generosity of grace into the future
in doing that i honour the people in my life
both past and present

martin stewart

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.

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. 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 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:

- 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

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

From the last Newsletter

- **Plant Sale at St Stephen's, Timaru**
- **Church Administrator Position, St Margaret's Presbyterian Church, Christchurch**

Is There Good News for People with Trauma?

Presenters:

Dr Jeremy Baker, Dr Gina Colvin-Ruwhiu, Lisia Ratima-Livesley

A Headspace evening

We have a range of speakers looking at trauma through various lenses: modern day interpretations of trauma; colonial history and the effects on Māori; the impact of Christianity and the Gospel; and our response to current events. We'd love you to join the discussion.

Venue: Laidlaw College, Condell Ave, Christchurch

Date: Monday 30th October, 7pm

Cost: \$5.00 (supper provided)

RSVP: admin@heartspace.org.nz (for catering)

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

Notes from the meeting of Presbytery Council held on 21st September 2023 via Zoom

Present at the meeting were: Rev Phyllis Harris (Moderator), Rev Rory Grant, Lyn Heine, Rev Jason King, Ann McMillan (who arrived later in the meeting), Rev Brent Richardson Rev Lynmaree Sopoaga, and Rev Martin Stewart (Executive Officer).

Apologies were received from Rev Jonathan Barb & Rev Jon Parkes.

Devotions: Phyll shared from the writings of Henri Nouwen including something of his story and ethos. In the Netherlands, they celebrate an annual Henri Nouwen feast day.

Phyll constituted the meeting with prayer that included a prayer by Henri Nouwen.

Conflicts of Interest: None identified.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Presbytery Council meeting held on Thursday 31st August 2023 had been approved by email and were ratified at the meeting.

Risk Management: As usual, a discussion was held in private on matters of risk.

Moderator's Report

- Phyll attended the Kaiapoi Parish Review with the Methodist Superintendent. There were encouraging signs in their life.
- Phyll participated in the first review of the Hanmer Springs New Mission Seedling project ahead of Ben & Philippa Necklen completing their term at the end of the year.
- Phyll met with several people and is involved in setting up the interview panel for the new Presbytery appointment.

The Executive Officer Report

Martin reported on several aspects of his work.

- **General:** It is working out very well operating at home. The office in the mezzanine is quite wonderful.
- **Mid-Canterbury:** A significant workstream has been an ongoing conversation with Plains and Hakatere re some form of sharing ministry, plus Plains looking to attend creatively to the challenges they face with building code deficiencies, insurance costs, and what is looking like a necessary rationalisation of property.
- **Whakatu:** It is great that they are now in their new building and the official opening is in late-October.
- **Iona:** Meeting with Kevin Hapi and Dugald Wilson about future needs at Iona, Aranui. It was useful to reflect on the immediate needs and the longer-term budget, but there is a desire to bring another person into the team and Kevin has someone in mind. The building project will take place in 2024.
- **Waihao/Glenavy:** After conducting worship at Glenavy an open and good discussion was held with people about what things need to be put in place ahead of the closure of the current cooperative venture before 30 June 2024. The Anglican Bishop has now made it clear that the Anglicans are establishing a south of Timaru parish and are not intending to work cooperatively with the Presbyterians in the area.
- **Ken & Alison Linscott:** Martin attended the farewell to the Linscotts at Timaru Presbyterian Parish. Alison & Ken have offered considerable leadership in South Canterbury over many years at St Paul's Church, APW, Presbytery & various community projects. They have embodied many of the finest qualities of Presbyterian eldership. They have moved into care in Christchurch.

Property & Finance

Ann McMillan reported and Council approved:

- That Alpine Presbytery approves the Alpine Financial Statements for the period ended 31st August 2023.
- That Alpine Presbytery endorse the following grants by the St David's Trust and organise the payments accordingly:
 - a. \$40 to the Alpine Presbytery as a contribution to the administration of the Fund.
 - b. \$1,000 to the Hoon Hay Parish for toys & equipment for their Sing and Play Preschool programme under Category C
- That Alpine Presbytery agree that the property ratio for the St Andrew's United Parish Hokitika is 75% Presbyterian/25% Methodist.

Human Resources

Lyn Heine reported on several matters and Council approved:

- That Council endorse the appointment of Rev Brent Richardson as Enabler for Temuka Presbyterian Local Shared Ministry team.
- That Council endorse the appointment of Rev Reg Weeks as Enabler for Wairau Presbyterian/St Ninians Local Shared Ministry team.
- That Council approve:
 - a. The Study Leave application from Rev Rory Grant
 - b. Rev Rory Grant making application to the Best Travel Fund.

Resourcing Report: Rory Grant shared something of the work of the Resourcing team

Other matters

A) Temuka MSB Report

In a written report to Council, Andrea Grant (the MSB convener) shared the process that had unfolded at Temuka as the congregation agreed to forming a Local Shared Ministry team to lead the next season of ministry in the church.

Council approved:

- That Alpine Presbytery establish a Local Shared Ministry team for the Temuka congregation.
- That the Local Shared Ministry team be: Bruce Fraser (worship), Cherie Reynolds (pastoral care), Claire Haugh (management), & Rosalie Walker (administration).
- That arrangements be made for the commissioning of the team at a mutually agreed time.
- That the MSB be thanked and discharged.

B) Mission Fund changes and forming the Enterprise Fund

A discussion was held on the initial feedback to the proposed Mission Fund changes. It was agreed that a FAQ sheet be prepared and included in a package to be sent to the Presbytery membership. This will include the reasons for the suggested changes and the key material from the Mission Fund Review report. A date will be set for a Zoom consultation on the recommendations with a view that a date will be set for an email voting process and the options for voting (yes, no, abstention).

The recommendations to Presbytery members will be:

1. That Presbytery disestablish the Alpine Mission Fund.
2. That Presbytery establish the Alpine Enterprise Fund and report to the 2024 Gathering on progress.
3. That two-thirds of the remaining money in the Alpine Mission Fund be transferred to the Presbytery accounts, and one third be transferred to the Alpine Enterprise Fund.
4. That future monies from the closure of churches be one-third for the Presbytery and two-thirds for the Alpine Enterprise Fund.

C) Iona Project Report

A written report was received from the Iona Oversight Team convener, Rev Dugald Wilson. Noting the following developments:

- A carving studio has been set up in the Iona House garage to provide a base for Māori people to learn carving skills.
- The house has been renovated internally to allow group meeting.
- Kevin Hapi continues to explore opportunities to bring Māori together around traditional cultural activities under the umbrella of Christian spirituality.
- He continues to lead a fellowship and Bible Study group that meets in Iona House.
- Kevin has also made connections with the Presbyterian world through attending the Gathering and meeting with a local parish.
- Kevin and the oversight group are also keen to boost the ministry by establishing another part time role (3 days per week, fixed term of two years) that will focus on reconciliation. This person would be employed by Presbytery and relevant safety checks will be required as with all people serving in PCANZ church leadership roles.

Council agreed,

- The Ministry Description for the Ministry Coordinator for Reconciliation be approved, and the Executive Officer work with Oversight Group on the employment details, noting that Presbytery approval will be required for whoever the Oversight Group recommend for the position
- The Budget 2023-24 for the Iona project be approved.

D) Forming a new congregation at Waihao (South Canterbury)

Council agreed:

- That in light of the clarity of offered from the Anglican bishop that the Synod is not interested in continuing a cooperating venture with Presbytery in the Waihao area,
 - a. Alpine Presbytery makes steps to form a new congregation in the Waihao area
 - b. That the Executive Officer works with the locally appointed steering committee (Rosemary Zweiss, Kate Mansfield, Chrissy Adams & Martin Mehrstens) to form the new congregation.

The meeting closed at 11.02am with a prayer led by Rory Grant.

The next monthly Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 19th October on Zoom.

Martin Stewart, Executive Officer

Coming Up

- Hope West Melton High Tea Fundraiser: 7th October
- St Andrew's, Blenheim, Garden Tour: 14th & 15th October
- Plantarama at Cashmere Presbyterian Church: 14th October
- Halkett Presbyterian Church 150th Celebration: 15th October