

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November***

### The opening of the new Whakatu Presbyterian Church

On Saturday 29 October a full church-load of people joined together to celebrate the wonderful new church building at Champion Road, Richmond. It has been a long road to its completion and part of a longer story of the churches in the area taking a bold step in order to craft a stronger witness in the region!

Rev Sage Harris welcomed everyone, Rev Jon Parkes shared the story and thanked all kinds of people, and Rev Phyll Harris (Alpine Moderator) preached.



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## Noho Marae Bicultural event at the PCANZ Te Maungarongo Marae, Ohope

A strong contingent of Alpine Presbytery folk were part of the excellent 3 day gathering at Ohope from 24-26 October—Phyll Harris, Dallas Harema, Kevin Hapi, Rory & Andrea Grant, Martin Stewart, Josh Olds and Darryl Tempero.

Rev Dr Wayne TeKaawa and Rev Prof Murray Rae led the reflections on the historical and theological dimensions of the NZ Bicultural journey with a particular emphasis on the

Presbyterian Maori Mission among the Tuhoe led by Rev John Laughton, Sister Annie and others. It led us into some deep listening into the more recent stories and experiences as we pondered how better to work together in our partnership in the gospel. It was very thought-provoking!



**PAINTING** **MOVEMENTS**  
**DRAWING** **by Creative Nest, Dance & Arts Therapy NZ, Sharon's Art Studio**  
**WRITING** **CRAFT**

**THE FIRE GATHERING AROUND THE ART EXHIBITION 2023**

*Free entry, Koha appreciated*  
*All donations and raffle ticket monies will be given to KidsCan*

**Sat 04 - Sun 05 Nov**  
**10.00AM - 3.00PM**

**THE VILLAGE**  
**460 PAPANUI RD (CNR FRANK ST)**

**OFFICIAL KidsCan FUNDRAISER**

**Village** **SHARON ART STUDIO** **ART STUDIO** **dtoa**

## An Unstoppable Mission

### Praise Festival for fundraising mission field

We cordially invite you to the upcoming praise and worship night, for mission field fundraising, scheduled to be held on **Sunday 12th November 2023** at the **Korean Presbyterian Church of Christchurch**, 75 Packe Street, St. Albans, Christchurch.

Each ticket is \$10 and all proceeds will be used for missions.

Download the poster here: [tinyurl.com/2md4ezmv](https://tinyurl.com/2md4ezmv).

For more information contact 03 379 9135

**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.

## Southern Presbytery Executive Officer

The Church in the South is seeking an executive officer to help it nourish vibrant communities of faith.

The appointee will work with the Council, the governing body, to communicate and advance the Church's strategic direction. They will lead a small team of employees and interact with diverse communities, congregations and groups across the region.

We encourage inquiries from people with the energy and skills to help transition us into the next stage of our life together, beginning in 2024.

A position description and background information are available from Kerry Enright at [kerryenright@extra.co.nz](mailto:kerryenright@extra.co.nz)

**Applications close on Monday 20 November 2023.**

## Have you ever dreamt of a South Pacific Island experience?

You are invited to come to Oban on Stewart Island for something really different. There is the opportunity for those who are willing to lead a service of worship at the Presbyterian Church. You do not need to be an Ordained Minister or a Lay Preacher, just keen and able. For six months—November to April—there is a service every week and during the other months, once a week (Anglicans do one every month). Your accommodation is provided in the manse, which sleeps four. A service outline and tourist adventure information is provided by the parish. You only need to book a date with Rev. Heather Kennedy [rev.heather.kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:rev.heather.kennedy@gmail.com) and then go ahead and book your ferry or flight, at the workers concession fare.

This is your golden opportunity for a lifetime experience that is truly unique and amazing. Whether you like bush-walks, listening to the birds, or eating freshly caught blue cod, this is the island for you. You might even like to include the world-famous Stewart Island Pub Quiz, held every Sunday night.

## News from Sister Eveleen Retreat House

- The new retreat programme for 2024 is taking shape on our website now: [sistereretreat.com/events](https://sistereretreat.com/events). Please have a look—you might find something that inspires you.  
The next upcoming retreat is the Retreat Day for RE teachers, staff and Pastoral Chaplains from schools on 30th November
- A warm Invitation to join us at our **weekly prayer times**:  
Monday, Tuesday - midday prayer at 12 o'clock  
Wednesday - evening prayer 7:30  
Thursday - morning prayer at 7am and midday prayer 12o'clock
- The Sister Eveleen Retreat House Board has a vacancy for someone willing to serve as treasurer. Interested? With a heart for Sister Ev? Please email Sarah Gardiner [serhchair@gmail.com](mailto:serhchair@gmail.com)

## Te Waiora House Annual Thanksgiving Service

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm in the Anglican Church, 224 Hororata Road, Hororata, followed by afternoon tea at Te Waiora House, 236 Hororata Road.**

All are welcome! Please join us in celebrating all that God continues to do through the ministry of Te Waiora House, a place of rest, restoration and blessing to so many people. During afternoon tea you will have the opportunity to explore the house and grounds and find out more about Te Waiora House.

[www.tewaiorahouse.org.nz](http://www.tewaiorahouse.org.nz)

## From the last Newsletter

- Knox Church Surplus items**
- Sister Eveleen Retreat House Open Day**

## Coming Up

***Gathering Around the Fire: Art Exhibition at The Village, Papanui, 4 & 5 November***

***An Unstoppable Mission: Korean Presbyterian Church, 12th November***

**Rangiora Presbyterian Mini Market: 18 November**

## 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/](https://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