

# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**



Friday  
1<sup>st</sup>  
December  
2023

**TWILIGHT  
CHRISTMAS  
MARKET**

6.00pm to 9.00pm

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**CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
2 Macmillan Ave, Cashmere

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Featuring finely crafted Christmas  
decorations, gifts and food  
EFTPOS available

For more details, contact the Church Office – 03 332 7129

## JOHN KNOX RANGIORA

### PRESBYTERIAN MINI MARKET

**Saturday 18th November  
from 10am to 2pm**

Corner High & King Streets,  
Rangiora

#### STALLS:

Baking, Preserves & Jams,  
Plants, Books & Jigsaws

Light Lunch & Sausage Sizzle

Outside Stalls; Mini Golf;

Car wash in carpark

**SEE YOU THERE!!!!**

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## Rev Martin Cleland

Martin Cleland died on 8th November in Christchurch.

Martin was a proud old boy of Wellington College who went on to complete a BA in philosophy and English from Otago University and later an MA in Social Psychology from Massey. He was in the Hall from 1956 to 1958. Martin was ordained as Assistant in the Knox Masterton Presbyterian parish in February 1959 and when Knox moved in to a Union parish he was the minister of the resulting St Luke's Union parish from June 1961. He moved to Otorohanga in 1965 and then to the St David's parish in Palmerston North in February 1970. At St David's he combined parish work with chaplaincy at the Palmerston North Hospital. Martin came to the Cashmere Hills parish in January 1979 and stayed there until his retirement in 1995. In his retirement he has been a regular member of the St Martin's Presbyterian congregation.

Martin had a wide range of interests. Some of his woodturning is to be found in the Cashmere and St Martin's parishes and he and Gwendoline were regular attenders at the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra concerts.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday 15th November, 11am, at St Martin's Presbyterian Church, Christchurch.

### Scam Warning

Once again there are text message scams going around asking people to purchase vouchers (usually iTunes) for someone. Both Sage Harris and Martin Harrison's names have been used to try to trick people.

Please be cautious about any request—text or email—asking you to purchase items on behalf of someone who is “unable to communicate due to a meeting”! If in any doubt at all about the genuineness of the request, contact the person directly on a known number (do not reply to the text)

### Global Mission Vanuatu Newsletter

The Namabwan newsletter gives up to date information about activity in our Global Mission partnership with Vanuatu – there's been an encouraging resumption of activity this year. Access the Newsletter at [www.presbyterian.org.nz/sites/default/files/gmo/vanuatu/Nambawan%20November%202023%20.pdf](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/sites/default/files/gmo/vanuatu/Nambawan%20November%202023%20.pdf)

### Gail on Leave

Please note that Gail will be on leave for two weeks commencing 19 November, so there will be no Newsletters during that time.

**An Unstoppable Mission**

Praise festival to raise funds for **MISSION FIELDS**

- Praise** Korean Presbyterian Church Choir
- Date** 12th of November, Sunday at 7pm
- Location** Korean Presbyterian Church Main Auditorium
- Ticket Issue** \$10. Purchased at the Korean Presbyterian Church Office
- Contact** 03 379 9135

All proceeds will be used for missions

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

**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.



## Studying with the Theology Programme at the University of Otago in 2024

Interested in studying Theology? The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers a wide range of papers and qualifications, all available via distance learning. For further information go to [www.otago.ac.nz/theology](http://www.otago.ac.nz/theology) or phone 0800 808098 or 03 479 8639. See <https://tinyurl.com/theologyotagovideo> for a brief video or find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/theologyotago](http://www.facebook.com/theologyotago)

As a Programme, we are passionate about what we do. We believe in the importance of theological education and we are committed to helping students contribute to the good of the world and the church. We would be very grateful for you to help us get the word out about our Programme to people in your churches who might benefit from studying Theology@Otago.



**A seasonal celebration at Nelson Cathedral  
on Friday Dec 1st, 7pm, or Saturday Dec 2nd, 2pm.**

100 choristers, including members of the Nelson Male Voice Choir, conducted by Jason Balla, accompanied by David Burchell on organ and members of the Nelson Symphony Orchestra.

The programme will delight you with a selection of carols, seasonal music and singalongs.

This will be a heart-warming and inspiring holiday event.

\$38, or \$28 for students, pensioners or Gold Card holders.

Children \$2 (11 and under)

***Tickets are available from the Nelson Centre for Musical Arts (NCMA)***

### Bush Telegraph

The **November 2023** issue of Bush Telegraph, the monthly newsletter of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, can be accessed from the PCANZ website here: <https://tinyurl.com/3yu2uxku>

### West Papua's National Day

"Morning Star" Flag Raising  
12 noon Friday 1 December  
Bridge of Remembrance,  
Cashel St West, Christchurch

Keynote Speaker:  
Golriz Ghahraman MP

Organised by:  
West Papua Action – Canterbury

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### From the last Newsletter

- Opening of the new Whakatu Presbyterian Church
- Noho Marae Bicultural event
- Southern Presbytery Executive Officer
- Supply on Stewart Island
- Te Waioara House Annual Thanksgiving Service
- News from Sister Eveleen Retreat House

### Coming Up

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

**Rangiora Presbyterian Mini Market: 18 November**

**Twilight Christmas Market: 1 December, Cashmere  
Presbyterian Church**

### 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