

Alpine Presbytery

resourcing the braided river

Newsletter 14th December 2023

Cut off for items for the next Newsletter is **Wednesday 20th December**

Carols on the Lawn

Cashmere Presbyterian and Hoon Hay Presbyterian Churches each hosted 'Carols on the Lawn' for their communities last weekend. The Stedfast Band provided the music for both events, with enthusiastic singing from all present.

In Cashmere, on Sunday 10th December, as in previous years a neighbour generously welcomed the church and community into their large garden.

The Hoon Hay event was on Monday 11th December. The Op Shop was also open and there were children's activities and a sausage sizzle.

Two fabulous evenings of celebration and outreach!



Top & Middle: Hoon Hay Presbyterian Carols
Bottom: Cashmere Presbyterian Carols

St Ninian's Carol Service

Sunday, 17th December, 9.30am at St Ninian's Church, 5 Puriri St, Riccarton. Carol Service and readings followed by morning tea in the church lounge. All welcome



Combined Churches Christmas Service

11am Sunday 17 December 2023
Regent Theatre

11am

- Christmas Carols
- Readings
- Speaker from Barnabas Aid

12pm

- Shared BBQ lunch at All Saint Church Lounge



Everyone is welcome to join in the Spirit of Christmas

Moderator: Rev Phyll Harris
moderator@alpinepresbytery.org
Phone 027 352 7886

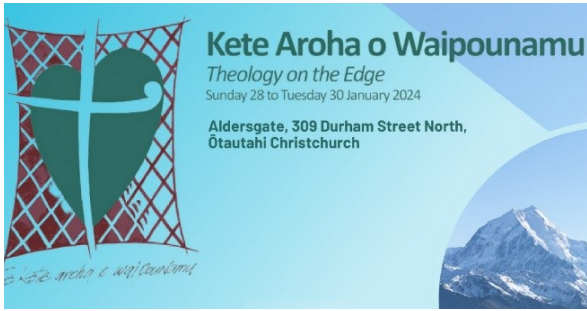
Executive Officer: Rev Martin Stewart:
executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org
Phone: 021 308 519

Resource Team Leader
Abi Trevathan: abi@alpinepresbytery.org
Phone: 027 339 6006

Youth & Young Adults Enabler
Rev Sage Harris: youth@alpinepresbytery.org
Phone: 027 356 0740

Treasurer: Christine Arnold
treasurer@alpinepresbytery.org

Office Support: Gail Weaver
gail@alpinepresbytery.org



Kete Aroha o Waipounamu

Sunday 28th to Tuesday 30th January

The Methodist Church in the South Island is hosting a School of Theology in Christchurch. Any Presbyterian ministers, lay preachers, and interested congregants are warmly invited to attend.

Keynote speakers are:

- Dr Peter Lineham, MNZM—respected national commentator on religion and Professor Emeritus of History at Massey University.
- Dr Kathleen Ruston, RSM—a member of Nga Whaea Atawhai Sisters of Mercy.
- Dr David Tombs—Director of the centre of Theology and Public Issues and the Howard Paterson Professor of Theology and public Issues at Otago Unifersity.
- Rev Tara Tautari—Tara serves the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Hāhi Weteriano a Aotearoa as its General Secretary

For more details download the poster here: <http://tinyurl.com/4569n8hh>

People helping People: The PSUSI Newsletter can be downloaded at psuppersouth.org.nz/about-us/publications/

Ministry Conference 2024

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th May 2024,
at East Taieri Church, in Mosgiel.

The keynote speaker will be Mark Keown who is the Director of Evangelistic Leadership at Laidlaw College. Mark is passionate about evangelism, apologetics, worship, church planting and church renewal. He will address current problems facing our churches at the moment, including:

- **Refreshing** our Understand of the Gospel and the Task
- **Reconsidering** our Context, Approaches and Expectations
- **Repositioning** Evangelism in the Present Life of the Church
- **Reimagining** the Future Faith in NZ

It is also planned to bring back a few workshops, which hasn't been able to since Covid times. The workshops will consider some of the following issues:

Divisive issues: Our world is increasingly polarised and angry. Conversations can seem impossible because of entrenched positions. We can be afraid to speak because of the reactions we might get and the sense that some views are no longer acceptable. How do we talk about divisive issues in ways that build bridges and encourage thoughtfulness while remaining faithful to the teachings of Jesus?

Moral Issues: There is a gulf between the moral values of many in our society and the teachings of scripture. Are we called to say anything into that context? If so, how can we express a view that seems out-of-step with our community? And how can we do that without being seen as intolerant, judgemental and old-fashioned? How can we do that when there is disagreement even within the church? How did Jesus approach moral issues?

A Mental Health Crisis: Is the gospel of Jesus Christ relevant to a growing mental health crisis? Mental health is a specialist area and the issues seem to be getting more complex but can our churches have a part to play? If so, what is our contribution and how do we serve well? Even those who are qualified face increasing violence etc.. How do we relate to people we might find difficult? How did Jesus do that?

More details will be available in the New Year.

From Last week's Newsletter

- Josh Olds' Licensing and Ordination
- Knox Presbyterian Church, Waimate, 150th Celebrations
- Child Protection Policy & Safety WOF
- Rev Fogatia Lavea Levi
- Theology at the University of Otago
- Education for Ministry
- Church Property Trustees newsletter
- Postage paid envelopes available
- Notes from Presbytery Council Meeting 23 November
- Carols at Sister Eveleen House

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.

Vacancies

Glenfield Community Church

0.5 part time Nationally Ordained Minister



We, at Glenfield Community Church seek to call a 0.5 Nationally Ordained Minister to lead, inspire and work with us in taking the Gospel message to our community.

Our Church is centrally located on Auckland's North Shore, close to its major shopping areas, beaches, schools and universities. We are a multicultural church, well connected with and serving the community around us. Currently we have two contemporary services, one held in English and the other in Korean, for this reason, we are looking for a minister, with a caring pastoral heart, who can speak in both English and Korean, who will be the spiritual leader of the church. We are looking for someone who is sympathetic with our Vision, Mission and Values (as set out in our Profile) who might introduce us to new initiatives to grow the congregation and meet community needs. Such initiatives could include working closer with other North Shore Presbyterian Churches.

It is proposed that the terms of call be the standard terms of call as contained in the conditions of service manual and appropriate allowances for seniority as provided by the council of assembly but applied as pro-rata in accordance with the part-time nature of the position.

In recognition of this being a part-time call, it is proposed that the preaching and pastoral duties are shared with the eldership and other employees (such as the community pastor and youth pastor) of the Glenfield Community Church who have various degrees of theological training. The final configuration of this will need to be negotiated and agreed upon by the part-time minister and will of course depend on their preferences, gifts strengths and availability

If you would like further information on this opportunity to lead us, please contact the Convenor of the MSB, Ian Watson iandpwatson@xtra.co.nz, Phone (09) 4784817 mob.021 352 898 by Wednesday January 31st 2024.

Children and Families Ministry Leader -

Hope Presbyterian Hornby

Permanent part-time, 16 hours per week (with potential for an additional 12 hours for the right candidate)

Come and join our Team! We have wonderful, supportive people who live out team ministry together.

If you are passionate about children's ministry, then we'd love to talk to you. We seek a new leader for the next season of children's ministry here at Hope Hornby.

This role is a 16 hours per week but does have scope for an additional 12 hours per week for other duties, should the successful candidate have the skills and experience required.

Our children's ministry is well-resourced with great infrastructure already in place. We are looking for the right person to lead our volunteer team and connect with our families. Our ministry to children is one of our most precious ministries, and it is well supported by our congregation, eldership, and leadership team.

Responsibilities would include:

- Leading the teams delivering our Sunday morning programmes (Creche and 5-11 year olds)
- Equipping our children's leaders and being part of our staff team
- Caring for, and connecting with, our families

If you love Jesus, are passionate about families, and want to be part of sowing into the next generation of tamariki – then please get in touch.

For a full Job description or to apply in writing please contact Executive Pastor Gerald Bradfield at gerald.bradfield@hopechurch.net.nz

New vacancies at ICHC

Hospital Chaplain 1FTE

Burwood Hospital, Christchurch

Te Whatu Ora o Waitaha/Canterbury

Closes: 4pm, Wednesday 17th January 2024

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/71871479>

Hospital Chaplain 0.3FTE (Negotiable)

Wairau Hospital, Blenheim

Te Whatu Ora o Nelson Marlborough

Closes: 4pm, Wednesday 17th January 2024

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/71871620>

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