

# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 7th December 2023

Cut off for items for the next Newsletter is **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

### Josh Olds' Licensing and Ordination

On Sunday 3 December at The Village Papanui a large crowd of family, friends, people from the Prestons project, The Village, and Presbytery gathered to celebrate Josh Olds' Licensing and Ordination into a 6-month Stated Supply position at The Village while an MSB fastens down the new mission role they want him to undertake at Papanui. Josh also continues half time in his Prestons ministry.

The Rev Phyll Harris led the service, Joy Kingsbury-Aitken and Rev Dan Spragg shared the narrative, and Rev Dr Darryl Tempero shared the reflection, focusing on the invitation to share in Jesus' ministry of 'Come and see.'

Welcome Rev Josh Olds!!



### Child Protection Policy & Safety WOF

The **PCANZ Child Protection Policy** (CPP) has been updated. See the latest version at <https://tinyurl.com/bp73bwmn>.

Included in the new CPP is clarification around the responsibility to report abuse, including the option to obtain advice from national support agencies. The Safety WOF training has also been updated in line with the new Child Protection Policy.

**Safety WOF Training:** Presbyterian Youth Ministry will be running online WOF Training sessions in 2024. The WOF training will be broken down into three separate sessions done over three Thursday evenings, 1.5-2 hours long.

Thursday 7 March 7-9pm - Session 1: Intro and Ethical Practice

Thursday 14 March 7-8:30pm - Session 2: Health and Safety

Thursday 21 March 7-8:30pm - Session 3: Safe recruitment & responding to abuse

The link to register for the training is at [safetywof.org.nz/the-training/](https://safetywof.org.nz/the-training/)

If you are leading young people under the age of 18 you need to do the full Safety WOF training once and then do the much shorter refresher ([safetywof.org.nz/refresher/](https://safetywof.org.nz/refresher/)) every three years.

### Knox Presbyterian Church, Waimate, 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

Waimate Knox Presbyterian Church would like to announce that we are holding our 150 years celebration in 2024, over the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> September. In advance, we welcome all those who have had some part in the life of Knox Church to come and join with us in these celebrations. You can keep in touch on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/Knox.Waimate](https://www.facebook.com/Knox.Waimate)) from early next year.

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## St Ninian's Carol Service

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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

## Rev Fogatia Lavea Levi

We have been advised of the death of Rev Fogatia Lavea Levi on 28 November

He attended the Theological Hall 1992-94 and was licensed St. Mark's Church, Pine Hill, Dunedin Presbytery and the following year completed a Post Graduate Diploma.

He was ordained and inducted at Oxford District Union Parish from 1997 to 2002 and then moved to Auckland Presbytery. He was granted the status Minister Emeritus, Northern Presbytery 2013.

## Theology at the University of Otago

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers the opportunity to think more deeply about Christian faith. Our students have found our papers to be constructive and helpful; such study can enrich, broaden and deepen your understanding of your faith. We study Theology from within the Christian tradition, with academic depth.

The subjects on offer include Old Testament and New Testament Studies, Church History, Systematic Theology, Māori Theology, Ethics, Practical Theology and Ministry (including Chaplaincy Studies), and Biblical languages (Hebrew and New Testament Greek). The Theology Programme has a Centre for Theology and Public Issues, offering papers with a strong social justice focus on contemporary issues.

You can study toward a qualification, or you can take a single paper (or more) for interest, or as part of another degree. Most University of Otago students can include up to 5 Theology papers in their degree.

If you're looking for a qualification then we offer the Diploma in Theology, the Bachelor of Theology degree, as well as Postgraduate degrees in Theology, Ministry, Chaplaincy, and Faith-Based Leadership and Management, the MTheol and PhD. If you've already got another degree, we offer a Diploma for Graduates, which is 7 papers, 4 at 300-level. This is the equivalent of one full year's study of Theology, but can be split up across several years.

Details of Papers on offer in 2024 can be found at [www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study](http://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study)

## Church Property Trustees newsletter

The latest CPT Newsletter can be downloaded from <https://tinyurl.com/4pzkr7zs>. It covers several items including the interest on the PIF account rising at 1st January 2024; EQ policy review; CPT AGM and news from Alpine parishes

## Postage paid envelopes available

I have 3 boxes of postage paid envelopes available if any parish is interested. They are printed with a parish info in the corner so I could provide stickers to cover this up. Two DLE size and one smaller. All full so 500 in each, all postage paid if you want to save some postage costs (if you still post things!)

Contact Ann McMillan, 027 3250397 or email [galatos.mcmillan@gmail.com](mailto:galatos.mcmillan@gmail.com)

## Education for Ministry

Education for Ministry Trust is an ecumenical organisation providing theological education for lay people. In its 45<sup>th</sup> year in New Zealand Education for Ministry (EfM) is delighted to be making its four year course for lay people available online. It is open to any adult willing to commit to study from a Christian perspective, regardless of educational level or denomination.

New groups, (consisting of 6-10 students and trained Mentor) can start in any month of the year. 2024 fees (\$300.00) include the Reading & Reflection Guide which focuses on the appropriate theme for the year. In addition students are expected to purchase their own textbooks for each year (currently less than \$200/year and less than \$100 for some years).

Students enrol annually and commit to only one year of study at a time. There are no assessments, as individuals are expected to take responsibility for their own learning. More information can be found at [www.efm.org.nz](http://www.efm.org.nz)

### Taster Session

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7:30pm, EfM will be holding a one hour taster by Zoom, which will a small sample of EfM and information about it. Registration is required for the meeting—go to [us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqdOigrDloEtl3FBA4x1MqaxgZja\\_W0hl4](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91012020000?pwd=Z2Zkd0lgrDloEtl3FBA4x1MqaxgZja_W0hl4)

For more information about EFM please contact: Michael Crawford-Butler, Administrator, EFM NZ: [educationforministrynz@outlook.com](mailto:educationforministrynz@outlook.com) Phone 021 246 0672

**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.

## 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](mailto:iandpwatson@xtra.co.nz), Phone (09) 4784817 mob.021 352 898 by Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:gerald.bradfield@hopechurch.net.nz)

### New vacancies at ICHC

#### Hospital Chaplain 1FTE

##### Burwood Hospital, Christchurch

Te Whatu Ora o Waitaha/Canterbury

Closes: 4pm, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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/](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

## Notes from Presbytery Council Meeting held 23 November 2023 at The Village, Papanui

**Present at the meeting were:** Rev Phyllis Harris (Moderator), Rev Jonathan Barb, Rev Jason King (who left the meeting for a time at one point), Ann McMillan, Rev Brent Richardson, Rev Lynmaree Sopoaga, and Rev Martin Stewart (Executive Officer).

Apologies were received from Lyn Heine, Rev Rory Grant & Rev Jon Parkes.

**Devotions:** Phyll shared an excerpt from Joyce Rupp's book, *Praying Our Goodbyes A prayer for one who feels lost*. It included verses from John 14, Exodus 13 and Psalm 25.

Phyll constituted the meeting with prayer.

**Conflicts of Interest:** None were identified.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the Presbytery Council meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 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.

### Special Items:

#### 1. Report of the appointing group for the Ministries Coordinator - Kaihoutu Whakatipu Position & the Call to Rev Dan Spragg



Phyll Harris spoke to the report and talked about the interview process, noting the following:

- having advertised nationwide through PCANZ network there were three applications received from across the country.
- it was decided that two would move to the interview stage. While the calibre of those applying was very high, it was decided to “widen the net” and re advertise across a wider base. An advert was sent out to other church networks and the interview date was changed. There were no further applicants the interviews went ahead with the two candidates we had. Both candidates interviewed exceptionally.

It was agreed that the appointment of Rev Dan Spragg as Ministries Coordinator be confirmed and that he commence in the 3-year position from 1 February 2024. Rev Dan Spragg joined the meeting and received a Call Certificate. Dan has been minister at The Village, Christchurch.

#### 2. Call to Josh Olds

Martin reported that Senatus at KCML has just signed off the completion of Josh's training as a National Ordained Minister, and he has met the Presbytery requirements and is now available for a call.

A letter was received from The Village Church, Christchurch, seeking a Stated Supply position for a new mission project based at their Papanui site and that they anticipate formally calling Josh into this role early in 2024.

It was agreed that Josh Olds be called to a 6-month 0.5 FTE Stated Supply position at The Village Church from 3rd December 2023.

The Licensing & Ordination for Josh Olds will be on 3 December at The Village Church Papanui at 5pm.

### Moderator's Report

Phyll reported on several things

- o **Ohope:** The month started with an incredible time being generously hosted by Te Aka Puaho at Ohope Marae. Being invited on to the marae and into the heart of what God is up to in and through Te Aka Puaho, both through their gracious hospitality and through listening to their story was life changing.
- o **Whakatu:** The day after arriving back from Ohope, Martin and I met with the governance council at Whakatu to continue in the discernment process of what leadership might look like for them going forward. The conversation with Whakatu is ongoing as that process continues.  
It was a delight to be a part of the opening celebrations of their new building as Nelson Presbyterian churches are where my faith was formed, so to see God bringing them into a new season was a blessing.
- o **Motueka:** While in Nelson, Martin and I met with members from Motueka Uniting to connect with them around Janet Marsh retiring and the “Presbyterian process” going forward.
- o **Ministries Coordinator - Kaihoutu Whakatipu:** Time was spent preparing for the interviews, interviewing and discerning to fill this role.
- o **Hanmer Springs seedling ministry:** Martin, Dan, and myself had a further follow up meeting with Ben and Philippa

Necklen (as they prepare to leave) to talk through any learnings we might have from their experience. This was a very honest and fruitful conversation with some insightful thoughts that will be helpful going forward.

- o **Induction:** It was a privilege to officially induct Rev. Dr. Darryl Tempero into his position at KCML. This happened during a Sunday morning gathering at Kiwi Church with Rev Dr Geoff New being zoomed in to bring the narrative. It was a very meaningful time.
- o **Taiwan Presbyterian Church deputy Moderator visit:** A group of us were able to enjoy a meal with Rev. Fuyan Suda and his wife Yutz on their recent visit. Fuyan is currently on study leave which most Taiwanese ministers usually take in Canada or America. Fuyan specifically chose New Zealand as he has an interest in our indigenous people and faith as he is an indigenous Taiwanese. It was great to have Kevin and Zenn from the Iona project there to share. Ryan Feng had been great at getting them around our area.

### The Executive Officer Report

Martin reported on several aspects of his work, including:

- o **Noho Marae at Ohope:** Several people prepared a report on the experience with thoughts on what might be useful as we continue to unfold the bicultural elements of our being together in Alpine Presbytery.
- o **Mid-Canterbury:** Martin conducted worship and chaired the AGM at Plains on 29 October. This includes a Q&A session looking at a discussion paper re buildings and future mission at Plains. Meetings are continuing with Plains people.
- o **Whakatu & St Andrew's Motueka:** Phyll and I were in Nelson twice in October, mainly on the Whakatu discernment work and the opening of the new Whakatu church building. We also met two people from St Andrew's Motueka and things are progressing well for Rev Dr Andrew Callander to begin offering an initial 70% Stated Supply ministry from 1 February 2024.
- o **St Lukes Halswell Union Review:** Martin conducted a review with Rev Dale Peach (incoming Methodist Superintendent). They are a small but committed group and have some dreams about a focused ministry among older people. We are offering to assist them in establishing that ministry.
- o **Waihao Glenavy Community Church establishment:**  
The Waimate District Cooperative Church dissolves from 31 December.  
Martin has been meeting with the small group of four elected by the remaining Presbyterian congregations to plan the next steps. It is anticipated that there will be a formal approach to Presbytery after 26<sup>th</sup> November.
- o **Oxford Union:** The minister, Rev Julia DeGroot has resigned from 31st January 2024.
- o **Andrew Norton art opportunity:** The Cancer Society are going to furnish rooms in the new Christchurch complex with some of Andrew's photographs. Presbytery has agreed to purchase one of these for the rooms.
- o **Study Leave:** Martin is looking at study leave options – possibly from late July 2024.

### Property & Finance

A discussion was held on the draft Presbytery Funding/expenses – five-year forecast in light of the Mission Fund changes. Further work will be prepared for the next meeting.

Ann McMillan reported and Council approved:

- o the Alpine Financial Statements for the period ended 31 October 2023.
- o Annette Wright be removed as a bank signatory for the Alpine Presbytery bank accounts from 1 December 2023 & Keith Christie being added as a bank signatory and online authoriser for the Alpine Presbytery bank accounts from 1 December 2023.
- o contracting CATAS to provide payroll services from February 2024.
- o accepting the information from John Knox Rangiora in relation to their new build; showing a final cost of \$3m and funding plans to cover the shortfall; subject to congregational approval of the final cost and funding plan.
- o Rev Martin Stewart's appointment as Executive Officer be extended by a further year to 30 June 2026, as recommended by the EO review report, now funding is available.
- o Abi Trevathan's appointment as Resource Team Leader be extended to 17 October 2024, as recommended in December 2022, now funding is available.
- o a koha of \$1,000 each be gifted to Christine Arnold and Keith Christie in acknowledgement of the extent of the changeover process in the Treasurer role.
- o Amuri Cooperating Parish: the sale of the Culverden property on the open market or for no less than current market value; subject to receipt of a market valuation from a registered valuer and Anglican partner support.
- o St Ninian's Christchurch redevelopment of the site at 5 Puriri Street subject to CPT approval, including:
  - the subdivision of two sections to sell to Presbyterian Support and Christchurch Methodist Mission, and to form easements.
  - the demolition of the existing hall and office block, toilets and kitchen

- the proposed new building and work on the existing 'lounges' building, subject to approval by the congregation and receipt of a CARG report.

### Human Resources

Lyn Heine's report was received, it included:

- o **Knox Waimate:** An MSB is now meeting with Rev Andrew Scott of Southern Presbytery as Convenor, and Rev Anne Stewart and Margaret Johnson as the other Presbytery members.
- o **St Andrews Uniting, Motueka:** Rev Janet Marsh has retired and approval has been given for a Stated Supply position for Rev Dr Andrew Callander from February 2024. An MSB is to be established.
- o **The Village, Christchurch:** A request for a MSB has been received for a new mission project.

### Resourcing Report

Abi Trevathan attended the meeting and shared some aspects of her work including: a Laidlaw leadership event, work with St Andrew's in Blenheim, Forge meeting at Ohope, and the visit of the Taiwanese Deputy Moderator.

### Mission Fund changes

Martin reported on the voting process. 38 people voted (20 ministers and 18 elders). There are 53 parishes (counting Westport with Greymouth, and Hope as one). 25 parishes voted. The quorum was reached.

### The Decisions

1. That Presbytery disestablish the Alpine Mission Fund. **37/2 in favour**
2. That Presbytery establish the Alpine Enterprise Fund and report to the 2024 Gathering on progress. **37/2 in favour**
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. **36/3 in favour**
4. That future monies from the closure of churches be one-third for the Presbytery and two-thirds for the Alpine Enterprise Fund. **36/3 in favour**
5. That the Terms of Reference for the Alpine Enterprise Fund be approved at the first Alpine Presbytery Gathering in 2024. **37/2 in favour**

As a consequence, Council agreed,

- o That the Minutes of the Mission Fund voting process be approved and the decision be conveyed to Presbytery members
- o That Peter Nelson and Martin Stewart work on forming the initial Terms of Reference for the Enterprise Fund and Presbytery surplus funds in a consultative manner and report back to the February 2024 Council meeting.

### Prestons Review & Recommendations

Dan Spragg spoke to his report. Council approved:

- o That the Prestons Team Leader Role be increased to 0.5 FTE.
- o That the Prestons Team Leader Role Position be reinstated and begin 3 December 2023 to 30 June 2026.
- o That the Prestons Team Leader Role remuneration rates be in accordance with the Standard Terms of Call for a Nationally Ordained Minister.

### 2024 Planning

Abi Trevathan led a discussion was held on planning for 2024.

Council agreed that the first **Presbytery Gathering** in 2024 be held in Christchurch on **5-6 April**. It is likely that an Entry into Eldership workshop will be led by a KCML staff member on 4 April.

Abi Trevathan and Christine Arnold joined the Council for lunch.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February in Christchurch**

Carols at  
Sister Eveleen Retreat House

Friday, 15th December 7-8pm  
6 Whitewash Head Rd., Scarborough

We have limited space in the house, so please let us know if you would like to attend.  
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