

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

### Opening of Hope Rolleston—24<sup>th</sup> February

Psalm 100 says...

*"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.*

<sup>2</sup> *Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.*

<sup>3</sup> *Know that the Lord is God.*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

<sup>4</sup> *Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.*

<sup>5</sup> *For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations."*

If you were to arrive at 565 Springston Rolleston Road and enter through the front doors of the newly finished Hope Rolleston Building, you would see verse four of the above Psalm printed on the glass.

As members of Hope Presbyterian Church, the Selwyn District Council, the Rolleston Community, the Alpine Presbytery, and representatives from the National Church gathered to celebrate the official opening of the Rolleston build, Psalm 100 provided an encouragement, a reminder, and an invitation in how we are called to respond to the goodness of God.

The Psalmist encourages active, joyful, and enthusiastic thanksgiving (shout) for all that God has done. At the same time, he reminds us to find rest (know) in the knowledge of God's sovereignty over all of creation. Finally, the Psalmist invites us



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to not simply observe God's goodness from afar, but to enter in, to participate!

Our official opening on 24<sup>th</sup> February contained all three of these responses. There was great joy and gratitude as we honored God, by retelling the story of his faithfulness over many years. There was a sense of awe and wonder at God's sovereignty and timing in weaving people and events together to do what seemed impossible to human eyes. But there was also anticipation for the future, for all this building was inviting us into in terms of worship, discipleship, mission, and outreach into the Rolleston community for generations to come.



As a church, we are humbled and grateful for all the support, encouragement, prayer, and shared enthusiasm we have received from our wider church whanau. We thank the National church for its support through seed funding from Press Go in those early days, the Alpine Presbytery for its significant financial contribution and the encouragement from Church Property Trustees.



Already in the 3 months since our first service here, we have seen numerous people re-engage with faith after many years of wandering, practical, emotional, and spiritual needs be met as we help people engage with other local agencies and ministries, and people finding a place of belonging where they are noticed and known.

We step forward into this new season as a church bearing witness to the goodness and faithfulness of our loving God and pray that for generations to come that will be our legacy.



The doors are open, the coffee is hot, and we would welcome anyone who would like to come and have a look around!

*Jess Dreadon*

*Associate Pastor Hope Rolleston*

*(on behalf of the Hope Presbyterian Whanau)*

**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 Infoodle, 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.

## New Vacancies at ICHC

ICHC has three new vacancies, which can be viewed on Seek. These may be of interest to anyone who has enhanced pastoral skills and a solid practical theology. All applications need to be submitted via the seek website, and must include a CV, Cover letter and Application form

### **Hospital Chaplain 0.8FTE**

**Christchurch Hospital, Christchurch Central, Te Whatu Ora Waitaha Canterbury**

Closes: 4pm, Friday 22 March 2024

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/74135204>

### **Māori Chaplain 0.6FTE**

**Dunedin Hospital & Wakari Hospital, Dunedin Central, Otago**

Closes: 4pm, Friday 22 March 2024

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/74135286>

### **Hospital Chaplain 0.3FTE (Negotiable)**

**Wairau Hospital, Blenheim, Te Whatu Ora o Nelson Marlborough**

Closes: 4pm, Friday 22 March 2024

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/74135357>

## Nelson Church Service for West Coasters

A 10 am Sunday Worship Service will be held on Sunday 19th May 2024 for the many former West Coasters who now reside in the Nelson Tasman District or in Marlborough and Canterbury. Services of this nature have been successfully held in Christchurch in various churches for a number of years.

The venue for the Nelson service will be the Nelson Tasman Methodist Parish's Church at 94 Neale Ave, Stoke, Nelson. The congregation of that parish will also be in attendance.

Ian Davidson will be the guest preacher for the service. Ian was born in Hokitika, and is an experienced lay minister and preacher who has served in New Zealand, outback Australia, and Papua New Guinea.

If you would wish to attend this special service, or know others who may be interested, please contact Shona McLean at [shona.mclean138@gmail.com](mailto:shona.mclean138@gmail.com) or 021 078 5597.

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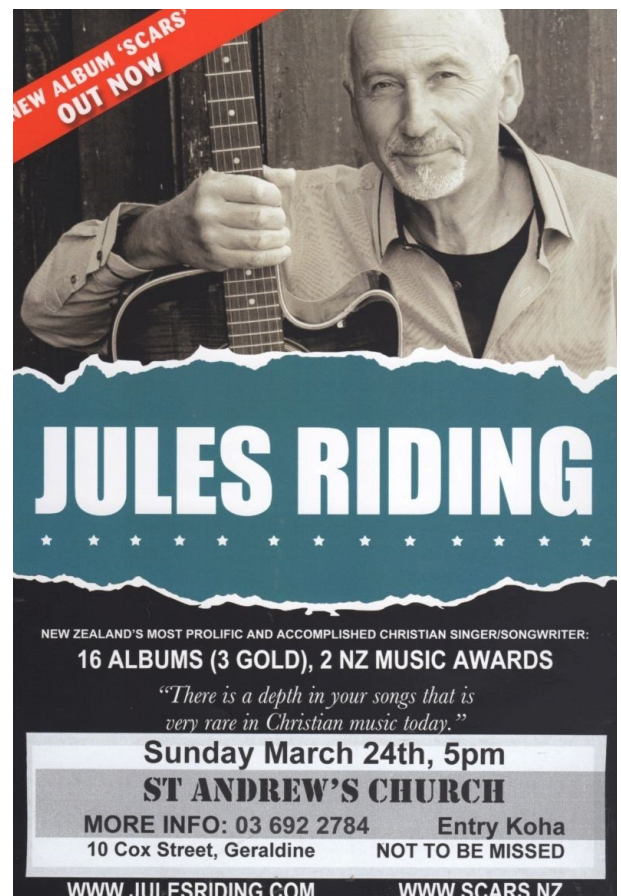
### Coming Up

**Presbytery Gathering: 5-6 April**

**Knox Church, Waimate, 150<sup>th</sup>  
Celebrations: 21<sup>st</sup> –22<sup>nd</sup> September**

### From the last Newsletter

- Moderator's Message for Children's Day 2024
- Knox Church, Waimate, 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations
- Sister Eveleen Retreat House
- News from PYM (Presbyterian Youth Ministry)



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### 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