

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 30th May 2024

No Newsletter next week as Gail is on leave.

*Cut off for items for the next Newsletter is **Thursday 13th June***

Presbytery Retreat
Views Along the Way: Photography
as an Aid to Awareness
Thursday 4th—Saturday 6th July
Hanmer Springs Memorial Hall

Photography is about seeing. What happens when we approach photography with the intent of being present rather than desiring to capture a pretty picture or making a record for the future? Can we use the camera (or smartphone) as a tool to help us challenge the limitations present in our perception?

As part of our time together we will reflect on the nature of prayer, focusing on prayer as relationship and as a response to the never absent God.

We will also consider spiritual practice in general, and look at photography in particular as a way to overcome our inner “editing process”.

You will need to bring along a camera or cellphone that is capable of taking photos. We will be sharing our photography with others and some basic instruction in photography will be provided as part of the Retreat.

Our Facilitator: Kelvin Wright is a grandfather, father, husband and priest. His inner sustenance includes daily doses of intentional silence and the Greek New Testament. After more than 40 years of ordained ministry he retired from the position of Bishop of Dunedin 7 years

ago. Since then he has continued as a spiritual director and retreat leader. He has a life long interest in photography which he sees as a spiritual practice – a way of being present to the God who is never absent. He also has a deep investment in the spiritual practice of walking pilgrimage, and see these two things as deeply complementary.

There is no charge to attend the Presbytery Retreat, however you will need to organise your own travel and accommodation in Hanmer Springs.

Dinner on Thursday and lunch on Friday will be provided as part of your registration. On Friday night there will be an opportunity to gather for dinner at a local restaurant at your own cost. Please let us know if you will be able to join us for that on your registration form.

Register at: alpinepresbytery.org/presbytery-retreat-2/

Registrations close Monday 24th June

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Jess Dreardon was Ordained last Sunday at Hope Rolleston. Thanks to Steve Talbot and the Hope team for hosting this so very well.

Anne Stewart stood in for the Moderator, Phyll Harris who is on leave. Dan Spragg preached the sermon and now everyone knows the story of lace cloth draped over the communion elements. Ask him if you are now itching to know! God bless you in your ministry vocation Jess!

New email for Property and Finance

A different email address, linked to Alpine, has been established for the use of the Convenor of Property and Finance. Please use this from now on: property.finance@alpinepresbytery.org

Ann's contact phone number remains the same

Statistics forms

All parishes should by now have received the Statistics forms for the year ending 30 June 2024 directly from Wellington.

The statistics forms should reflect your church's membership and finances at the balance date of 30 June 2024. General Assembly requires that all Presbyterian churches complete financial and membership statistics.

The forms are also available on the Presbyterian Church website - see <http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-parishes/church-statistics>.

These statistics forms are spreadsheet-based and designed to be filled in electronically.

Please complete the forms and return them to Katrina Graham, Finance Administrator at katrina@presbyterian.org.nz by **31 August 2024**

We would also ask that you send a copy to the Presbytery office (office@alpinepresbytery.org)

If you have any questions or believe you will have problems meeting the 31 August deadline, please contact Katrina Graham.

Coming Up

Induction of Robert Robati-Mani to Kowhai-Cheviot and Waikari Parishes:
9 June, 3pm, in Amberley

Presbytery Retreat in Hanmer Springs:
4—6 July

KCML Workshops:
23—24 August

Knox Church, Waimate, 150th Celebrations:
21—22 September

Presbytery Gathering in Nelson:
1—3 November

From the last Newsletter

- Ordination Reminder
- Grocery vouchers for a great cause
- Chaplaincy Roles:
 - St Kentigern's, Auckland
 - Lincoln University
- 24-7 Youth Worker Position



Tirau Community Church South Waikato

Tirau Community Church seeks a full-time minister to teach and lead an all-aged, multicultural family of believers, striving to "Transform our community by sharing the love, hope and freedom of Jesus Christ."

Essential to the position is a firm Biblical theology, a dependency on the Holy Spirit and a shepherding heart for leading the congregation whilst being supported by team leadership.

If this position is where you feel God is drawing you, please be encouraged to seek further details through the link or contact below.

Click [here](#) for the promo video and [Application Pack](#) or contact Eoin Crosbie, Convenor Ministry Settlement Board.
Mail: ecrosbie55@gmail.com Ph: 021741607

For the Application Pack, (which includes the link to the promo video) go to: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1D-3Qid_oBegK58roC-s-QKEZ9Ki8_Z6S/view

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 office@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 office@alpinepresbytery.org, advising of their position in their Parish or the Presbytery.