

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024

*Cut off for items for the next Newsletter is **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May***

Two new seasons of ministry partnership began last week with the induction of Andrew Callander and the ordination of Lyn Heine. Both of the well-attended services were led by Rev Phyll Harris (Presbytery Moderator) and Rev Dale Peach (South Island Methodist Synod Superintendent).

Rev Dr Andrew Callander was inducted at St Andrew's Uniting Church in Motueka on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Andrew had been the stated supply minister since February. His previous ministry had been in New Plymouth., and prior to ministry he had been an educator. His PhD is in Systematic Theology. Andrew was the guest speaker at the 2023 General Assembly.

Rev Lyn Heine was ordained at Greymouth & Districts Uniting Church on 3 May. Lyn has served in ministry leadership at Greymouth for nearly 20 years—firstly as a member of a Local Ministry Team and latterly as a Local Ordained Ministry probationer. Lyn also serves on the Presbytery Council as the Human Resources convener. She previously worked as an occupational therapist.

We celebrate the leadership these two offer and pray for them and the other leaders in their congregations as this new season of ministry unfolds.



*Ordination of Rev Lyn Heine*

*Induction of Rev Dr Andrew Callander*

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## Christchurch Ministry Leaders' Lunch

Thursday 16th May 12pm at 75 Hansons Lane.

An opportunity to catch up with one another. BYO lunch - there's a full kitchen available if you need it! Coffee/Tea and hot drinks provided.

### Message from the EO

I am pleased to be able to inform you of two ministries beginning in Alpine in the next month.

**Jess Dreadon** is to be ordained at Hope Rolleston at 7pm on 26 May. She has completed her Local Ordained Ministry studies and will continue on from the Rolleston base. Jess has taken a lively interest in the life of the Presbytery.

While we are still awaiting final confirmation from Southern Presbytery, we have processed a call to the **Rev Robert Robati-Mani** to minister in the Hurunui churches (Kowai-Cheviot & Waikari). His induction date is Sunday 9 June at 3pm in Amberley. Robert has recently been ministering in Gore.

*Martin Stewart*

### Rev Laurie Richards

We have been advised that Rev Laurie Richards recently passed away in Christchurch Hospital, with Jennifer and Fiona at his side. Laurie was the minister at St Paul's, Kaikoura,, from 1968 to 1982, and was at Leeston Cooperating from 1982 to 1988.

Laurie also served as a workplace support chaplain in Christchurch.

A private burial has been held and a memorial service is to be held Friday 10 May, 2.00pm, The Village Church, Papanui, Christchurch.

We give thanks for Laurie's life and ministry and pray for Jennifer and the wider family

### Free Online Youth Leader Training from PYM

This month's training is "Communicating the Gospel to an unchurched Generation".

We find that many of our youth leaders do not have the knowledge or confidence to clearly articulate the gospel message to young people. In this session Mike Turinsky will share from his decades of experience in sharing the gospel with teens who don't know the first thing about the Christian Faith.

Tuesday 14 May, 7—8:30pm. To register & to check out other awesome monthly Connect Online topics for 2024 go to [www.pym.org.nz/connect-online](http://www.pym.org.nz/connect-online)

## Save the Date(s)

**Presbytery Retreat:** 4th - 6th July in Hanmer Springs with Kelvin Wright (former Bishop of Dunedin and Spiritual Director/Retreat Leader). Theme: Views Along the Way

**Walking the Road: Pastoral Care & The Road to Emmaus** Pastoral Care Workshop Friday 23rd August 7pm - 9pm. (Optional Dinner at 6pm) with Rev Dr Geoff New from KCML.

**Preaching from the Old Testament: Learning from the Book of Esther.** Preaching Workshop Saturday 24th August 9.30am - 3pm . (Lunch and AM tea provided) with Rev Dr Geoff New from KCML

Registrations for these open soon so please keep an eye out!

### Nelson Church Service for West Coasters

A 10am Sunday Worship Service will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 for the many former West Coasters who now reside in the Nelson Tasman District or in Marlborough and Canterbury.

The venue for the service will be the Nelson Tasman Methodist Parish's Church at 94 Neale Ave, Stoke, Nelson. Ian Davidson, who was born in Hokitika, will be the guest preacher for the service

For those who are unable to attend, the Service will also be available on Zoom from about 9.45am using this link: [us02web.zoom.us/j/6435477322](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6435477322) Meeting ID: 643 547 7322

Any questions please contact Paul Tregurtha at [pwtrig@gmail.com](mailto:pwtrig@gmail.com) or (03) 546 4358

### The Tindall Foundation Fund 2024-25

Applications are now open for those who have identified a need that centres around development of children, young people and their whānau. Perhaps a local Presbyterian Church could serve that need through a special initiative or project? These kinds of initiatives can be funded through this Tindall Foundation Family Fund.

The Tindall Foundation have clear donation criteria for this fund on their website: <https://tindall.org.nz/family>. Presbyterian Support New Zealand is The Tindall Foundation's local donation manager for Presbyterian Support organisations and Presbyterian churches running community-facing initiatives, with a Family and Whānau focus. Applicants are encouraged to contact Prudence Stone ([prudence@ps.org.nz](mailto:prudence@ps.org.nz)) or Vicky Prout

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@alpinepresbytery.org), advising of their position in their Parish or the Presbytery.

([office@ps.org.nz](mailto:office@ps.org.nz)) at Presbyterian Support New Zealand if you would like to discuss your community initiative and whether it fits the fund's criteria.

Applications opened on Monday, 6 May and close on Monday, 17 June 2024 at 9 am.

### Best Travel Fund

Applications are invited to the Bill and Margaret Best Travel Fund, which is open to all church workers. See criteria on the webpage: [www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-ministers/training-for-ministry/training-grants/best-travel-fund](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-ministers/training-for-ministry/training-grants/best-travel-fund).

The closing date is 30 September each year.

### Notes from the April meeting of Presbytery Council held on 2 May 2024 on Zoom

**Present at the meeting were:** Rev Phyll Harris (Moderator), Rev Brent Richardson, Rev Jonathan Barb, Rev Rory Grant, Lyn Heine, Rev Jason King, Ann McMillan, Rev Lynmaree Sopoaga, Keith Christie (Treasurer) and Rev Martin Stewart (Executive Officer).

**Welcome & Devotions:** Phyll welcomed everyone and shared a reading from Ecclesiastes 3, reflecting on season changes and challenges and how it is important to reflect at macro and micro levels. This was followed by a time of shared reflections.

Phyll constituted the meeting with prayer.

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

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the Presbytery Council meeting held on Thursday 28th March 2024 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.

#### Moderator's Report

Phyll commented on several things:

- **The Gathering** seemed to go very well.

Dan and Abi led well with a great team effort in the absence of Martin. It was also very good to have our national moderator Rose Luxford with us and be alongside in leading devotions and communion.

St. Margarets provided wonderful hospitality, including catering out from their new kitchen facility. They were very mindful of honouring Mary Stanton and her great contribution to the kitchen that they were now working in.

The Elders session on Thursday night was very well attended. Andrew Nicol from KCML led an in-depth session.

Feedback around content of the Gathering was positive. Some questions were asked that will need further response.

It was interesting to notice that most people were present for the Friday night and Saturday morning.

It was good to have an opportunity to hear about Rory's study leave and I appreciated the opportunity to speak to mine. Could we offer this more going forward?

- Conversations with Martin, Megan Waddington as she finished at PSUSI.

Meeting with Wayne Matheson and others thinking about the organisation of General Assembly 2025.

- Preparation for the induction of Andrew Callender to St Andrew's Uniting Motueka and Lyn Heine's ordination at Greymouth Uniting. And a visit to Takaka.

- Sympathy to Rev Alistair McNaughton on the loss of Catherine.

#### The Executive Officer Report

Martin reported on several aspects of his work, including:

- **General:** Hampered somewhat by an ongoing dental calamity. Presbytery property teams meeting with CPT via

### New Vacancies at ICHC

All applications need to be submitted via Seek.

#### Hospital Chaplain 1FTE General & Mental Health

**Auckland Hospital**, Te Whatu Ora - Te Toka Tumai  
Auckland. Closes: 4pm, Monday 3 June 2024

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/75649403?ref=cm-ui>

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#### 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

Zoom, EOs, (including a 3 day Gathering at Hanmer Springs), prep for the induction & ordination services, Insurance Group, working with Plains and other churches.

- **Jess Dreadon** has completed her training as a LOM and been signed off by KCML and the Candidate Convener (Michael Reid). Her ordination is scheduled for Sunday 26 May, 7pm at Hope Rolleston.
- **Akaroa-Banks Peninsula** A long process is leading towards an agreement formalising the joining of the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches as a 'Community Church.' It will be a joint venture between the Presbytery and Diocese. The initial ministry to be under Presbyterian oversight. This is still being finalised.
- **Overview of the Presbytery** Martin presented a paper and power point looking at the churches of the Presbytery with commentary.
- **St Andrew's in Blenheim** Marion Rowe has resigned and finished in her ministry leader role and as Interim Moderator. Dan is working with people. The Parish Clerk is also finishing in her role this year because of health issues. Presbytery is offering support.
- **Plains Parish** Good progress is being made on exploring a new way of working in the area.
- **St Albans Uniting** Are now asking for a Presbyterian MSB process.
- **Gathering follow-up** Martin to prepare answers to the questions people asked and send around Council before circulating. A discussion was held on Presbytery Staffing level comparisons and the Gathering quorum issue which will be looked at the July planning day.

### Property & Finance

Ann McMillan shared key aspects of the report, including,

- **MEF update:** in **most** cases a parish will have to give express approval before a deduction would be made. The churches/Presbytery will need to make a decision at the time of requesting approval for the sale of a property; we suspect most will not give approval for the deduction and that Presbytery would support that decision.
- **Updates on projects/ building issues etc:**
  - a. Pleasant Point Property: the progress on the feasibility study is imminent.
  - b. Waihao Glenavy Community Church: the seed funding of \$10,000 from the Waimate Cooperating funds has been paid to the new entity.
  - c. Ellesmere – new hall build is progressing.
  - d. Plains – sale of Carew land completed.
  - e. Awatere – use of capital funds approved by CPT.
  - f. Hope – Hornby strengthening approved by CPT.
  - g. St Ninians – modifications of lounges approval to CPT for confirmation.
  - h. Approval of the sale of the Hoon Hay manse.

### Human Resources

Lyn Heine shared key aspects of the report, including,

- Confirmation of the MSB for The Village Bryndwr led by Rev Hamish Galloway
- Rev David Coster as IM at The Village.
- Rev Anne Stewart as IM for Waihao/Glenavy.
- Approval of study leave application from Rev Sage Harris.

### General Business

- Supporting the extension of the current appointment of Rev Dawn Baldwin at the Amuri Cooperating Venture for a further five years full-time subject to confirmation of her consent.

### Orders of the Day

- #1 Call to Rev Robert Robati-Mani to Hurunui (Kowai/Cheviot-Waikari) Churches for an initial 5-yr full-time position. This is subject to confirmation of the call from Southern Presbytery.
- #2 Call to Rev Josh Olds to Mission Lead at The Village Papanui. Josh has been serving in a stated supply role until this call was processed through an MSB.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 30 May via Zoom**

#### From the last Newsletter

- **Bush Telegraph**
- **Ethics & Risk Management Workshops**
- **Messy Church Road Trip**
- **Ministry Conference**

#### Coming Up

**Christchurch Ministry Leaders' Lunch:** 16 May, 75 Hansons Lane

**Nelson Church Service for West Coasters:** 19 May  
**Ordination or Jess Dreadon as LOM:** 26 May, Hope Rolleston

**Presbytery Retreat in Hanmer Springs:** 4–6 July  
**KCML Workshops:** 23–24 August

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

**Presbytery Gathering in Nelson:** 1–3 November