

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 29th August 2024

No Newsletter for the next two weeks as Gail is on leave.
Cut off for items for the next Newsletter is **Thursday 19th September**

Tom Campbell

We are sad to advise that Tom, who served the Presbyterian church in this region so well as a former Moderator of the Christchurch Presbytery and lay minister at St Andrew's at Rangī Ruru, has died.

His funeral will be held on **Saturday 31 August, 2.00pm**, at St Andrew's at Rangī Ruru.

Knox Church, Waimate, 150th Celebrations

Waimate Knox Presbyterian Church are holding their 150 years celebration over the weekend of 21st- 22nd September. They welcome all those who have had some part in the life of Knox Church to come and join with us in these celebrations.

For more details contact Jan Dugdale:
knoxwaimatepres@gmail.com, phone 027 2676480

Statistics forms

A reminder that parish Membership and Financial Statistics need to be sent to Wellington by **31 August**. 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>.

Please complete the forms and return them to Katrina Graham, Finance Administrator at katrina@presbyterian.org.nz, and forward 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

PLANT SALE



**ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH,
349 WAI-ITI ROAD, TIMARU**



**Wide variety of plants ~
Cake stall ~ Morning tea
Free Kids Activities**

Please bring along a bag for your purchases



9AM SATURDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER



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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 sent to Gail Weaver

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 Weaver, Office Support, advising of their position in their Parish or the Presbytery.

Online Safety WOF Training **22nd & 29th October, & 7th November**

The PCANZ Safety WOF is a video-based training course for all those working with children and young people under the age of 18, who do so as part of the PCANZ.

The WOF training takes approximately 5 hours. Sessions are interactive and provide lots of practical scenarios and examples. For full details and to register go to www.safetywof.org.nz

The full WOF training only needs to be completed **once**. After that those working with children or young people only need to do the WOF Refresher course which takes approximately 60 minutes every three years.

This training is compulsory for all those working with children and young people under the age of 18 who do so as part of the PCANZ. For more details on who needs to do the training and exemptions please visit www.safetywof.org.nz/what-why-who.

Due to the sensitive nature of some of the content in the WOF training day the minimum age of a WOF participant is set at 16 years of age.

Justice Compassion Trust

The Justice and Compassion Trust Aotearoa New Zealand is letting you know that another round of funding for seeding money for projects enhancing justice and compassion in our communities is about to begin.

What is the Justice-Compassion Trust Aotearoa New Zealand?

This Trust has been set up at the instigation of the Rev Dr James Symons, a retired minister of the Presbyterian Church of the USA, who spent time here in New Zealand between 2001 and 2012. In his "retirement", Jim served as a transition minister in eight New Zealand churches, and now, out of a passion for justice and compassion and in gratitude for friendship offered, he is funding a trust in NZ to help churches and communities move in the missional practice of justice and compassion.

What are the aims of the Trust?

The overall aim of the Trust is to raise the church's engagement in local communities in ministries of justice and compassion. Work in justice and compassion will be defined for the purposes of this Trust as those projects, enterprises and ministries that exemplify the Way of Jesus of Nazareth who embodied justice and compassion as core values.

It is expected that grants will be given for seeding/funding creative initiatives, not for maintaining institutions. This may include new projects of an established group looking to increase creatively its level of justice and/or compassion in its programmes. It is not expected that these funds will be used for buildings or staffing.

Grants between \$5000 and \$10,000 can be applied for, but the size of the grants will usually be in the range of \$5000-\$6000.

The JCT Information sheet can be downloaded here: tinyurl.com/4s43zu3p
 And the application form here: <https://tinyurl.com/2z2tzwa3>

The application deadline is 30 September 2024. Queries and applications should be sent to: Pamela Tankersley, Chair, Justice and Compassion Trust, justcomtrust@gmail.com, phone 027 491 0677

Coming Up

Plant Sale, St Stephen's, Timaru:
14 September

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

Plant4U Rakaia:
5 October

Plantarama at Cashmere
Presbyterian: 19 October

Presbytery Gathering in Nelson:
1–3 November

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



Peace is Her Song

The life and legacy of Shirley Erena Murray

- a special book launch

Please join author Anne Manchester, the Rev Dr Matthew Jack and hymn writer Marnie Barrell at a special launch in Ōtautahi Christchurch of *Peace is Her Song: The life and legacy of hymn writer Shirley Erena Murray*.

When: 20 October, 5pm

Where: Knox Church Centre Hall, 28 Bealey Ave

What to expect: A musical celebration of Shirley's life and gifts as this country's and one of the world's most noted hymn poets.

Books will be on sale for \$50. Eftpos available

For more information about *Peace is Her Song*, go to philipgarsidebooks.com/products/peace-is-her-song-print

Ministry Opportunities

Central Southland Presbyterian Parish

The Central Southland Parish at Winton wish to employ a 0.5 time Nationally Ordained Minister (NOM) to work alongside our existing Church leadership and outreach groups, to fulfil our vision which is to know Jesus and make His love known.

- If you feel called to a rural town with a mix of young families and retirees then please request our profile where you will learn what we already have in place and how you could help us to grow God's work in our church and in our community.
- The 0.5 position is exciting, as it allows a minister flexibility to pursue further career paths or studies, undertake other forms of ministry or develop passions. It might simply be time to take life a little easier and have time to enjoy all that Central Southland and its surrounds have to offer. Beaches, fishing, national parks, skiing and tramping, all a short distance away. This gateway to unspoiled New Zealand may even offer tourism hospitality opportunities.

If you feel the Holy Spirit stirring in you as you read this, please contact our MSB convenor and request a copy of our profile. We'd be excited to hear from you.

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Scots-Memorial Uniting Church, Hobart, Tasmania full-time (100%)

Scots Church is an inner-city congregation, right in the heart of Hobart, the capital city of Tasmania, Australia's island state. With a population of approximately 206,000, the church is located Hobart's bustling service hub of police, state hospitals, and university. Oh.., and great cafes and restaurants.

Celebrating our 200th year, Scots Memorial is a loving, passionate and mainly mature-age congregation. Our weekly attendance averages 30 to 40 members, with a further ten or so joining via our weekly Zoom recordings. Our core value is simply, "Come as you are."

As well as our Sunday worship and witness, Scots' ministries include;

- Choir of High Hopes; a 45 voice ensemble incorporating our community's precious vulnerable people.
- Supporting Chaplaincy work at a local Senior Secondary College.
- A childcare centre located on the church property run by "Uniting", the Uniting Church's welfare agency.
- A temporary accommodation unit for relatives of patients who need to travel to Hobart for medical care.
- Special Services such as St Andrew's Day and an annual Pet Celebration for animal lovers.
- Outreach to the university's student accommodation.

The congregation also maintains its grand heritage listed church which, equipped with a fine pipe organ and concert grand piano, is enjoyed in recitals. The adjacent hall is used by various community groups through the week, ranging from dance classes, a computer group, several choirs, and the Hobart Highland Pipe Band.

Our incumbent minister will be housed in a comfortable manse, a healthy distance from the church, which possesses a lovely outlook of Hobart's iconic Derwent River and the imposing snow prone peak of Mt Wellington. And, at 42 degrees latitude Hobart is blessed with a pleasant temperate climate, without extremes of temperature.

For further information and to read the full Profile of Scots Uniting Church, contact the Secretary of the Placements Committee of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania at: placements.secretary@victas.uca.org.au, and please visit our website at: www.scotschurch.com.au

Notes from the meeting of Presbytery Council held Thursday 22 August, online

Present at the meeting were: Rev Phyll Harris (Moderator), Keith Christie, Rev Brent Richardson, Rev Jonathan Barb, Rev Rory Grant, Rev Lyn Heine, Ann McMillan, Rev Lynmaree Sopoaga, and Rev Dan Spragg (Acting Executive Officer).

Welcome & Devotions: Phyll welcomed everyone and shared some reflections caused by an upcoming wedding anniversary - that love makes room for others and for new things - in families and how God's love too makes room for others and many new things to emerge. Phyll led a lectio through 1 Corinthians 13 and people were invited to share what stood out. Phyll initiated a time of prayer.

Conflicts of Interest: None were identified.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Presbytery Council meetings held on Thursday 25 July and Tuesday 13 August 2024 had been approved by email and were ratified at the meeting.

One email decision regarding P&F matters were ratified:

Endorsing and approving Linwood Avenue Union Church's application to the Church Property Trustees for the lease of 119 Tilford Street to the Christchurch Methodist Mission.

Risk Management: As usual, a discussion was held in private on matters of risk.

Moderator's Report: Phyll reported on a quieter month with a highlight being involvement in the positive Te Raranga gathering in Ōtautahi (Christchurch) around the topic of Ethnic church leaders and how to support one another better. Phyll also had the privilege of inducting the new Principal of Rangī Ruru Girls School, Ms Tracy Herft who made the lovely comment that reflected who she is. "At the heart of education is the education of the heart."

The Acting Executive Officer Report: Dan reported on several aspects of his work as Acting EO, including:

- Facilitating a number of employment, MOU and independent contractor agreements with Parishes.
- Fruitful research and conversations along with Martin Stewart in Melbourne with a number of people from the Uniting Church in Australia and the Anglican Diocese in Melbourne.

Decisions:

That Amy Forrester and Kayla Crampton attend the Council of Assembly event at Ōhope Marae, 11-13 Oct 2024, and that the cost of travel for these two be met by Presbytery out of the youth fund.

Property & Finance: Ann's report was taken as read with the Council noting the resignation of Kelvin Chapman from the Property & Finance Committee. The Council thanks Kelvin for his significant 10 years of contribution to this team.

Decisions:

- Approval to extend the retention period and continued use by the Presbytery of the land and buildings at 322 Pages Road Christchurch, for the purposes of the Iona Project, until 30 September 2026.
- Approval selling the previous Plains properties of Staveley Church at 10 Burgess Road, Staveley, Mayfield Church at 23 Mayfield Klondyke Road and the Mayfield house at 21 Mayfield Klondyke Road; based on the latest market

valuations.

- That a letter of thanks be sent to Kelvin Chapman acknowledging his valuable input to the Property and Finance Team since the beginning of Alpine Presbytery.

Human Resources: Lyn Heine shared key aspects of her report.

Decisions:

- That Rev. Craig Allan be inducted to Mackenzie Co-operating Parish on Monday 16 December 2024, subject to obtaining a Certificate of Good Standing.

Resourcing Report - Kairuruku Whanake - Formation & Development Coordinator, Abi Trevathan: Rory spoke to the report from Abi Trevathan which was primarily focused on the work of the Ōpuke/Plains Development Unit. A small group will be established to work on finalising the Development Unit's terms of reference before bringing these back to Council next month. The council endorsed its support of the development intentions of the Development Unit.

General Business

Rory spoke of his time with Presbytery Central with Te Kāhui Whanaungatanga (PCANZ Futures workgroup). He shared how it was valuable to spend time in another Presbytery as it gathered and observe the various similarities and differences when compared to Alpine. And, to share in good conversations considering ways forward into the future.

Phyll shared a notice that the Council of Assembly is looking for nominations to be its representative on the CWS board. They are looking for a younger person with relevant skills and experience in governance. A couple of suggestions were floated.

Correspondence: Presbytery had received a letter from St Margaret's in Bishopdale, Christchurch, seeking permission for their Session to meet without a minister on 16 October 2024.

Decision:

That permission for St Margaret's Session to meet without a Minister present on 16 October 2024 be confirmed.

A discussion was held on ensuring that Council has a good process for processing requests like these to ensure safety of all parties. It was agreed that a note will be communicated to Presbytery about ensuring open and timely communication with regards to requests like these.

The Meeting closed in prayer.

The next meeting is Thursday 26 August 2024 in Christchurch.



PLANTS 4 U @ RAKAIA

When: 5th October 2024
Doors open from 9am to 1pm
Where: St. Andrew's Church Hall
in Rakaia (Across from Mobil)

LOTS OF PLANTS!

Fruit Trees, Natives,
Vegetables,

Flowers Succulents -

Plus lots more to
beautify the garden!

Terracotta & Ceramic
pots on sale

Bargains For All

Helpful Advice

Freely Given

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Supporting

Rakaia Community

Contact Dorothy

- Dottsknights@gmail.com



PLANTARAMA

Cashmere Presbyterian Church
corner Dyers Pass Road & Macmillan Ave

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER
9AM TO 12 NOON




Plants for the vegetable garden,
plants for the flower garden,
and tools to help with the process!

Sausage Sizzle
Eftpos available on site

For more info. contact the Church office: 332 7129