

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 19th September 2024

Cut off for items for the next Newsletter is Thursday 26th September

Ministry Leaders Wānanga: 1st—3rd November, in Nelson

What is a wānanga?

Wānanga: A space for open discussion, for gathering together to discuss different thoughts, opinions and experiences.

In te ao Māori, te wānanga is the traditional space where knowledge is gained and exchanged. It is a very Māori way of learning – to seek to come to a deeper understanding of the matters that are discussed, but not necessarily needing to come to an outcome or to result in a decision being made. **Wānanga are spaces where differences are welcomed.**

This wānanga is open to ministers, elders, and others who are serving in your parish. We hope that it will be a space where we can get to know each other better, engage with different ideas and learn together!

To find out more and to register, go to alpinepresbytery.org/wananga/

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Temuka

Church Fair

Saturday 5th October 24 from 9am

Plants, Jams, Baking,
Books, Children's Stall, Morning Tea.

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

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

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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.

Forge Aotearoa

The next Forge Aotearoa hui, Haerenga Tapu is in Christchurch, 7pm Friday 8th November – 11.30am Sunday 10th November. Information and registration can be found here: forgeaotearoa.nz/haerenga-tapu/ This is for anyone interested in new expressions of church and missional initiatives and we will be telling a number of local stories. Would you be willing to help make this happen, either by helping host on the day, provide airport transport Friday afternoon and Sunday midday, or billeting people who are travelling to Christchurch? Please let us know, on info@forgeaotearoa.nz

Parish Annual Reports & Statistics

As in previous years, we ask all parishes to please send us a copy of their Annual Report, preferably by emailing to office@alpinepresbytery.org but if that is not possible please send them by post c/o 2 Macmillan Ave, Cashmere, Christchurch.

We would also appreciate receiving a copy of the Statistics Forms which are sent to Wellington—again, please email them to Gail.


John England Memorial Activist Award

This is an annual award for an individual or group that is involved in a significant activist activity of benefit to the community or a particular organisation. The award commemorates the long-standing activism of the Rev Dr John England who died in 2021. John was a founding member of EcuAction, an interfaith Canterbury based action group, and despite his declining health, John consistently pushed EcuAction into considering and working on cutting edge priorities such as climate change and taxation reform.

This annual award will consist of a framed EcuAction certificate presented at a publicly arranged event at which the award winner will be invited to speak.

Nominations should be sent to EcuAction at ecuactioncanterbury@gmail.com, or ring Brian, by 30 September 2024. Narrative to include information on work done and why you have nominated them plus details of nominee & nominator

Further information is available from Brian Turner, phone 021 1294305



The September issue of PSUSI's magazine can be found here: psuppersouth.org.nz/assets/Publications/Connect/Connect-September-2024-single-pages-v2.pdf

YOUTH CAMPS

A Rocha Camps & Wilderness Journeys are designed to inspire Tamariki and rangatahi to become the next generation of Kaitiaki.



He Māhuri Tōtara: 30 Sept - 4 Oct 2024:

A Christian environmental leadership development course for high school students in Ōtautahi Christchurch. Awesome for young people who want to learn more about caring for creation, leadership, te ao Māori and the Bible, and how those things are connected. Expect an amazing time full of workshops, hands-on activities, outdoor adventures and building relationships with likeminded people.

Find out more at www.hemahuritotara.org

SUSTAIN Camp: 6-10 Oct 2024: Years 7-10 - Join Scripture Union's SUSTAIN Camp in Whaingaroa Raglan - hosted by A Rocha at the Karioi Project. Enjoy a

From the last Newsletter

- Tom Campbell
- Knox Church, Waimate, 150th Celebrations
- Statistics Forms
- Online Safety WOF Training
- Justice Compassion Trust
- Book Launch—Life of Shirley Murray
- Ministry Opportunities:
 - Central Southland Presbyterian Parish
 - Scots Memorial Uniting Church, Tasmania
- Notes from Presbytery Council Meeting 22 August

Coming Up

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

Plant4U Rakaia:
5 October

Trinity Temuka Church Fair
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



Whāingaroa Raglan
6-10 Oct 2024

SUNZ
He rama tūa kōpū ki ōna wāwāwā

A ROCHA
AOTEAROA NZ

week of delighting in creation - from the mountains to the sea. We'll be exploring the local area and hearing about how to contribute sustainably to the world around us, as well as how to sustain our relationship with God. Imagine a day in the bush, a day in the ocean, and a day on a picturesque farm... how could you go wrong?

Find out more at sunz.org.nz/event/sustain/



E3 Wilderness Expeditions: 10-21 Dec 2024

E3 is a partnership between Scripture Union NZ, Adventure Specialties Trust and

A Rocha Aotearoa NZ. For Years 12-13 in 2024. Travelling as a small community through remote wilderness areas of Aotearoa New Zealand, each expedition is focused on developing the character of participants and strengthening their connections with God, others, and creation.

Each journey looks different:

- * In **Canterbury**, tramp through the Lewis Pass high country and undertake a multi-day rafting expedition down the Waiau Toa/Clarence River.
- * In **Otago**, scale alpine passes in Aspiring National Park and sea-kayak across Lake Wanaka.
- * In **Central North Island**, the journey travels through Tongariro and Whanganui National Parks from the mountains to the Tasman Sea.
- * At the **Bay of Islands**, we embrace the history of Aotearoa by beginning at Waitangi, journeying around the Bay of Islands, and ending at Whananaki.

Find out more at sunz.org.nz/e3-camps/



Scripture Union run activity-based faith camps each school holidays. Registrations are open and spaces are limited.

Details at right, or head to their website to find out more:

sunz.org.nz

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

GOING DEEPER

28 SEP - 2 OCT

Pōnui Island, Y11 - Y13

Join us for five days on a private island as we hike, swim, kayak (and more), all while considering how we might go deeper in our faith! Cost: \$190 (including the barge)

PŌNUI SPRING ADVENTURE

3-7 OCT Pōnui Island, Y7 - Y8

Hear kiwi, adventure under the stars, consider God's creation and our part caring for it. Cost: \$200 (including the barge)

MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE

29 SEP - 3 OCT

Mt Ruapehu, Y11 - Y13

Skiing, snowboarding, enjoying the bush and more; how good is Ruapehu in Spring?! Cost: \$240 (plus activity fees up to \$280)

SNOW BLAST

6-10 OCT Mt Ruapehu, Y11 - Y13

A big week up and around Mount Ruapehu! We'll be skiing, snowboarding and heaps more! Cost: \$240 (plus activity fees up to \$280)

SUSTAIN

6-10 OCT Raglan, Y7 - Y10

Experience the natural world of Raglan from the moana to the maunga. With surfing, hiking, trapping and farming, you'll get a local's experience for the week! Cost: \$190

GAIN

29 SEP - 3 OCT

Marlborough Sounds, Y7 - Y13

A 5-day expedition exploring the beautiful Marlborough Sounds as we sea kayak, mountain bike and hike. Cost: \$280

SEASON & ALIGHT 6-10 OCT Kaikōura, Y7 - Y13

Come on an adventure where we'll mountain bike and overnight hike around Kaikōura's breathtaking mountains and stunning shorelines. Cost: \$280