

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

*Cut off for items for the next Newsletter is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October*

### Darfield Vintage Fashion Show

The Sunday School held a Vintage Fashion Show at the Trinity Church at Darfield to raise money for Aunt Lyn to buy Children's Bibles when she travels to Fiji next year in May for the International Rural Church Association Conference and raised \$1,000.

The event had 31 models in the categories of Christening gowns, Vintage Outfits, Wedding Gowns (with 6 entries and one was worn by Betty Henderson who turned 92 on the actual day of our Fashion Parade 21 September 2024!!) Three brides, including Betty, wore their dresses. There were stunning Going Away Outfits AND Debutante, Ball-gowns and outfits which were modelled by the owners' children, grandchildren or great grandchildren. One Christening gown was 127 years old. The model's were accompanied by 3 wonderful pianists—Brian, Cecilia and Elizabeth—singer Linda, Acoustic guitarist Reuben, Darfield Ukuleles and everyone singing along to well known tunes.

This special event was a celebration of the community and for families to gather and to support their models and to hear the wonderful stories embracing the stunning outfits.

A high tea followed with all the frills and trimmings.

*Aunt Lyn (Minister Malvern Co-operating Parish)*



*Photographer: Ruth Jennings Spotta Design*

### Decade of Shared Ministry Celebrated

St Andrew's United Church in Hokitika celebrated 10 years of shared ministry recently.

The formation of a local shared ministry team in 2014 marked a new era for the church, following the retirement of Rev John Drylie after 30 years as pastor. Before his death in 2019 Rev Drylie had still been in the role of enabler for the parish. "As a parish we chose not to have another ordained minister and instead a team was selected to carry out all the roles of ministry by people within the parish," spokeswoman Diane Brockbank said. Nine



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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.

church members were commissioned in a special service into worship, pastoral and administration positions as well as communion and baptism celebrants.

The parish now hosts weekly worship services with four lay service leaders and ministers who come in from outside the parish, as well as a weekly prayer meeting, men's group and two Bible study home groups. A monthly community market hub also runs, along with the Garden Ramble.

The 10-year milestone was marked with meetings and a dinner on the Saturday, ahead of a special service on the Sunday.

*Pictured are members of the shared ministry team: (from left) Barry Ayres, Jan Drylie, Michelle Urmsen, Janice Harrison, Diane Brockbank, Lorraine Major, Helen Boon, Lyn Stobie and Vivien Eastwood.*



## Ministry Leaders Wānanga: 1<sup>st</sup>—3<sup>rd</sup> 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/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/wananga/)

## Forge Aotearoa

The next Forge Aotearoa hui, Haerenga Tapu is in Christchurch, 7pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – 11.30am Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Information and registration can be found here: [forgeaotearoa.nz/haerenga-tapu/](http://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](mailto:info@forgeaotearoa.nz)

## 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 this book.

**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](http://philipgarsidebooks.com/products/peace-is-her-song-print)

## From the last Newsletter

- Parish Annual Reports & Statistics
- John England Memorial Activist Award
- PSUSI Connect Magazine
- Youth Camps—from A Rocha & Wilderness Journeys, and from Scripture Union

## Coming Up

Plant4U Rakaia:  
5 October

Trinity Temuka Church Fair  
5 October

Plantarama at Cashmere  
Presbyterian: 19 October

Ministry Leaders Wānanga:  
1<sup>st</sup>—3<sup>rd</sup> November, in Nelson

Forge Aotearoa hui  
8th - 10th 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/](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

## Part time Youth Worker Position

This 10 hour per week position is at Northwest Christchurch Anglican Parish and is focused on planning and leading the Friday night youth programme that is run during the school term. The flyer with more details can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/3rdexh4u>.

For a copy of the job description, or to discuss the position with their Vicar, Rev Victoria Askin, contact the parish office at [admin@northwestchchparish.org.nz](mailto:admin@northwestchchparish.org.nz) or phone 352 1366. Applications will close on **Friday 18th October 2024**.

## Sister Eveleen Retreat House may need you!!

Vacancy for a Live-In Host Interested in serving God through the gift of hospitality?? We have a vacancy for a Live-in Retreat House Host (RHH), paid 10 hours a week, accommodation provided. The RHH works with the Director to provide a hospitable welcome to guests and a presence at the house when the Director has left for the day. Please see [www.sistereretreat.com/post/interested-in-serving-god-through-the-gift-of-hospitality-at-sister-eveleen-retreat-house](http://www.sistereretreat.com/post/interested-in-serving-god-through-the-gift-of-hospitality-at-sister-eveleen-retreat-house) for more info or get in touch at [enquiry@sistereretreat.com](mailto:enquiry@sistereretreat.com)

## Trinity Presbyterian Church, Temuka Church Fair

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
from 9am

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



## 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

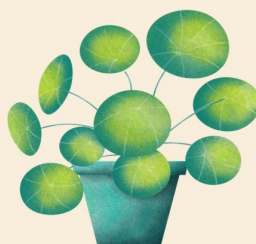
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Supporting  
Rakaia Community  
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# PLANTARAMA

Cashmere Presbyterian Church  
corner Dyers Pass Road & Macmillan Ave

**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> 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