

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 24th October 2024

Cut off for items for the next Newsletter is **Thursday 31st October**

GARDEN RAMBLE

St Andrew's United Parish

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SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2024
9:30AM - 4PM

Tickets for sale at Fleur De Lis Florist, Hokitika Cycles & Sports World, Total Automotive & STIHL Hokitika. Tickets available at St Andrew's on the day.

Morning Tea In Church Hall

All-Weather Event

Raffle Tickets \$20

Garden Ramble Tour Hokitika - Kaniere - Kokatahi/Kowhitirangi areas

standrewsunitedparish.co.nz

2024 KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship night for the Missionfield

7.00pm
Sunday 03
Nov 2024

Address: Korean Presbyterian Church
75 Packe St
Ticket: \$10

*All ticket proceeds will be used to support the missions

KPC Choir
Piano Trio/Oboe
J-Kids Choir
Men's Choir

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/ Registrations close Tuesday 29th October.

Going Green and having Fun at St Albans

St Albans Uniting Parish is pleased to be actively supporting both the Presbyterian and Methodist focus on caring for creation. Over the last few months we explored the possibilities and now we have solar power installed and functioning. Apart from a noisy day or two when the installers were working in the ceiling space



there was no disruption to our day to day activities. Our system includes provision for a generator to be connected so that if there is a natural disaster, we can be a community hub for our neighbourhood. We are delighted to report that St Albans is now green!

Last week we enjoyed a most successful Community Fun Day. Children, parents and grandparents enjoyed a happy afternoon with activities that included a bouncy castle, fly wall, face painting, balloon animals, and craft. Popcorn, slushies and hot sausages were available to keep up the energy, as well as tea, coffee and freshly baked scones and jam. A great time was had by all.



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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.

Vacancies

Situation Vacant, Parish Office Administrator

St Ninian's Riccarton is seeking an office administrator to replace the current person who is leaving. The position is for 7 hours a week, preferably worked Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week. There could be some flexibility with the days and hours of work. Applications with the names of 2 referees should be sent by e-mail to the office: stninians05@gmail.com. A job description is available on request.

Ministry Vacancy – half-time role: Hakatere Presbyterian Church (Ashburton)

Hakatere Parish is looking for a nationally ordained minister who is:

- A good preacher – relevant, challenging, inspiring, and able to extend theological thinking
- A capable leader who can teach/coach and is able to collaborate and lead change
- Able to lead a vision for the future strategically
- Caring and approachable with good listening/communication skills

We are looking for someone who can:

- Lead at least two worship services a month and include a reflection which brings scripture alive in our context
- Relate positively with a wide cross-section of understanding, age, ethnicities
- Work with and support our pastoral worker

From the last Newsletter

- Timaru Presbyterian Parish Plant Sale
- Peace is Her Song: Shirley Murray book launch
- Vacancy: Site Pastor, Hope Presbyterian Rolleston
- PSUSI AGM—31 October

Coming Up

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

Garden Ramble, Hokitika: 9 November (St Andrew's Parish)

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/

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

- Complement our outreach programs pastorally and within the wider community
- Become part of developing the concept of cooperation with other churches in Mid-Canterbury, while retaining our individual identities

Standard PCANZ terms of call, are offered at half-time rate. Expressions of interest are invited and can be made, prior to **Thursday 31 October**, to the convenor of the Ministry Settlement Board Rev Anne Stewart—annestewart856@gmail.com—who will provide further details.

Theology at the University of Otago

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers the opportunity to think more deeply about Christian faith. Christian students have found our papers to be constructive and helpful; such study can enrich, broaden and deepen your understanding of your faith. We study Theology from within the Christian tradition, with academic depth.

The subjects on offer include Old Testament and New Testament Studies, Church History, Systematic Theology, Māori Theology, Moana Pasifika Theology, Ethics, Practical Theology and Ministry (including Chaplaincy Studies), and Biblical languages (Hebrew and New Testament Greek). The Theology Programme has a Centre for Theology and Public Issues, offering papers with a strong social justice focus on contemporary issues.

You can study toward a qualification, or you can take a single paper (or more) for interest, or as part of another degree. Most University of Otago students can include up to 5 Theology papers in their degree.

If you're looking for a qualification then we offer the Diploma in Theology, the Bachelor of Theology degree, as well as Postgraduate degrees in Theology, Ministry, Chaplaincy, and Faith-Based Leadership and Management, the MTheol and PhD. If you've already got another degree, we offer a Diploma for Graduates, which is 7 papers, 4 at 300-level. This is the equivalent of one full year's study of Theology, but can be split up across several years.

In pre-Christmas Summer School (11 Nov-14 Dec, 2024), we have a paper on Theology and Science (CHTH 217/317). We also have two Semester 1 papers where the teaching is done in intensives prior to the Semester (with assessment during the Semester). These are *Trauma-Informed Ministry* (PAST 307/MINS 405), with a block course 27-31 Jan in Dunedin (a flyer is attached), and *Moana Pasifika Theology* (CHTH 237/337) with a block course in Mangere, 9-13 Feb.

Papers on offer in 2025 are detailed here:

- * Postgraduate Studies 2025: <https://tinyurl.com/3y8u5hdr>
- * Distance Learning 2025: <https://tinyurl.com/wey7x3hh>
- * Trauma Informed Ministry: <https://tinyurl.com/375zsrny>

Further information contact theology@otago.ac.nz, or visit the website: www.otago.ac.nz/theology

Tāima Kōrero - Time 2 Talk presentation with Asian Community Transformation Trust Saturday 2nd November, 2pm, Hao Hall, Halswell Library

Please join us for an eye-opening and informative presentation by Brett Harvey of Tāima Kōrero - Time 2 Talk on what parents need to know about devices, online media and protecting our kids from the harmful effects of digital content.

This is a bilingual event (English/Mandarin). Free entry.

Sign up at tinyurl.com/actt-event

Looking for help with administration?

Jene Lubbe is offering her skills as a virtual assistant and using the payment for her services to raise funds for the mission.

A little bit about Jene (who is currently a member of Rangiora Baptist):

My early years in Durban, South Africa were steeped in church business as my father ran a small community church as a lay pastor.

Career goals led me to study and work as a chartered professional engineer for 13 years and then retrain as a high school teacher. I left teaching to head out on missions in 2018, following God's call to India, Germany, France, Vietnam and then 2 trips to PNG before covid and teenage children necessitated my return to New Zealand. My time was spent as a carer and then tutoring Math before taking an online position writing Math resources.

In my latest call to mission in Bangladesh my administrative experience was key.

Having now returned to New Zealand it would fill my heart with joy to be of useful service to churches that need admin work done. It is my desire to fund my future missions by the tent-making work I do, but simultaneously to fund others and disciple them in the work of mission.

If you would like to know more and for contact details email moderator@alpinepresbytery.org.

How can Christians support the integrity of the Treaty of Waitangi and how might we respond to the Treaty Principles Bill?

Common Grace Aotearoa supports Christians to be an informed, loving and prophetic voice in the conversation about the status of the Treaty of Waitangi. We invite you to come together with like-minded people to consider what loving our neighbours might look like in the context of the Treaty Principles Bill.

Local church leaders will offer their reflections, including:

- Stan Tawa, Te Raranga Bicultural Committee
- Allen Hou, Asian Community Transformation Trust
- Jolyon White, Anglican Advocacy

Common Grace Aotearoa Co-Director Kate Day will share how you can be involved in gathering submissions.

This event is organised in collaboration with Te Raranga.

Wednesday 30 October | Northcity Church
95a Sawyers Arms Road, Papanui, Christchurch
Cup of tea from 7:00pm, event starts at 7:30pm
A small donation towards event costs is welcome.
RSVP at: tinyurl.com/treatyeventchristchurch

