



Alpine Presbytery

resourcing the braided river

Newsletter 31st October 2024

*Cut off for items for the next Newsletter is **Thursday 7th November***

Youth Pastor Vacancy, Knox Church Lower Hutt

Are you passionate about seeking God and His purpose in equipping and empowering youth to be disciples of Christ?

Knox Presbyterian Church, Lower Hutt is looking to recruit a full-time **Youth Pastor** to lead the ongoing development of our already fruitful ministry for young people. The Youth Pastor will be the key leader of church-wide youth activities, and support and equip volunteer leaders.

To be successful, you will have preferably undertaken some theological study, have some training and experience in youth ministry, be committed to growing in your faith, and be strong in managing relationships, including within the ministry team.

If this sounds like you, we would love to talk more with you. A job description for the role can be requested by emailing office@knox.org.nz and applications containing a cover letter, and a current curriculum vitae, should be sent to sessionclerk@knox.org.nz by **November 8 2024**.

Tāima Kōrero: Time 2 Talk presentation with Asian

Community Transformation Trust

**Saturday 2 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

Notes from the meeting of Presbytery Council

held on Thursday 24 October 2024 at Kiwi Church, Hanson's Lane, Christchurch

Highlights

- Phyll Harris abuse in care reflection
- Iona (Breezes Road) building upgrade is finished
- sale of the St James Tinwald site in the Hakatere parish
- Approval for Iona New Mission Seedling new part time staffing – admin and carving

Notices

- Rev Nancy-Jean Whitehead has concluded her ministry with St Albans Christchurch and is now a Senior Active Minister
- We note the death of Heather Mace in August. Heather was a key person in coordinating the work of the former Joint Regional Forum for many years and a friend to many in the Cooperative Venture community
- Luke Blackbeard's Licensing Service will be at St Stephen's Timaru early afternoon on Sunday 8 December
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Present at the meeting were: Rev Phyll Harris (Moderator), Keith Christie (via Zoom), Rev Jonathan Barb, Rev Rory Grant, Lyn Heine (via Zoom), Ann McMillan, Rev Brent Richardson, Rev Lynmaree Sopoaga, and Rev Martin Stewart (Executive Officer).

Welcome & Devotions

Phyll welcomed everyone and shared some wonderings on God doing new things and whether there is something bubbling up that we haven't quite got a hold of yet. But we know that as God moves the sun will rise over a darkened

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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.

horizon and the path to the new dawn will be found.

Phyll reflected on a recent experience at Ohope, hearing the response of the national church to the heartbreaking abuse in care inquiry and being part of a dawn service that read the response of the church and offered it to God. The service included a time of repentance and lament and asking God to lead us forward in healing and in seeking God's justice for those who had been harmed in this way. She was struck by the thought that a part of God's new thing that we wouldn't necessarily expect is correcting the injustices of the past.

A call back to God's heart of justice...and for us to be a people of justice.

A call for us to be unified not divided on the causes of justice that God would call us to speak into including the abuse in care report and our Te Tiriti commitments.

Amos 5:24 tells us "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream."

And Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O man, what is good, and what the Lord really wants from you: He wants you to carry out justice, to love faithfulness, and to live obediently before your God."

Phyll had a sense that we need to:

listen to God and let what breaks God's heart break our hearts;

take notice of the lost and the broken;

take notice of the things around us that are taking hearts and minds captive for evil and not for good;

take notice of the structures and institutions that oppress and marginalize people, and take notice of injustices that are dividing not unifying.

We then need to discern and act where it is in our calling and power to do so allowing God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

With Rory's help, Phyll led the following prayer from the PCANZ apology letter:

He āroha te Atua,

whakatōhia mai ki roto o mātau ngākau,

o mātau hinengaro tou atawhai mē tou ārohanui tonu.

E whakaaraha ana hoki ē ia te hunga ē whakapiko iho ana.

He tika ngā ara katoa o Ihowa: He atawhai hoki ana mahi katoa.

Ka whakanui ahau ia koe ē Ihowa e Kiingi o nga Kiingi

te Ariki o ngā Ariki, kia āwhina i o mātau hoa tata anō ko mātau.

Loving God of justice and peace

refresh our minds and stir our hearts.

Show us where we have lost our way.

Let us learn from our past mistakes

Help us to see a way forward

And in doing so

May we bring help, peace, and healing to all.

Conflicts of Interest: None were identified.

Minutes

The email approval given to the Minutes of the Presbytery Council meeting held on Thursday 26 September 2024 was ratified.

The email approval given to the following recommendations on 27 September were ratified:

- That the Three Peaks Mission Administration role be extended to 30 June 2025, at 4 hours per week, and the rate of pay be set at the Living Wage.
- That the Akaroa Banks Peninsula Community Church Memorandum of

From the last Newsletter

- **Ministry Leaders Wānanga:**
- **Going Green and having Fun at St Albans**
- **Vacancies:**
Office Administrator St Ninian's Riccarton
Ministry Vacancy – half-time role: Hakatere Presbyterian Church (Ashburton)
- **Theology at the University of Otago**
- **Looking for help with administration?**

Coming Up

Ministry Leaders Wānanga:

1st—3rd November, in Nelson

Korean Presbyterian Church Choir:

3rd November

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.

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Culture & Strategic Framework
[Click here](#) to download this document, updated September 2020

Understanding be agreed to in principle while clarification is sought on a couple of matters.

- c. That Bruce Hansen be confirmed as Presbytery advisor to St Kentigern's during the lead up to closure set for 31 March 2025, as per email 2 October 2024, be confirmed.

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

Moderator's Report

Phyll reported

- attending the COA/hui weekend at Ohope with others from Alpine Council. This felt like a significant gathering, coming together for the first time as Presbyteries and the COA on the marae at Ohope to listen for what the Spirit might be speaking to the church. Again, the incredible grace and generosity of Te Aka Puahou in hosting us with such warmth and abundance was gratefully received. The korero was open and informative. The dawn service to lift the church's response to the abuse in car inquiry before God, to offer repentance as a church for those harmed in such a heartbreaking way, and to lift all those harmed before God in healing prayer was a poignant moment.
- liaising with members from the development team for Three Peaks Mission around the final worship service for Plains Presbyterian Parish. This service happened on the Sunday 20th of October. Again, it was a poignant moment in the lives of these people
- attending the Te Raranga Heads of Denominations lunch meeting. Time was spent reflecting on the reasons Te Raranga exists and agreeing on updated principles. Phyll is looking forward to the continued work involving churches and leaders from different ethnicities.

The Executive Officer Report

Martin reported on several aspects of his work, including:

- Gratitude for the support of Presbytery for the study leave period and to Dan Spragg for stepping in and making it easy to be absent
- Wayfinders Hui at Hanmer Springs & GA Review task group meeting in September
- Meeting with people in similar roles in the Anglican, Roman Catholic & Baptist world, including the two bishops (and the odd pawn)
- Helping out with a couple of weddings at Tekapo
- Ohope for the Council of Assembly hui – there as one of the facilitators through the Te Kahui Whanaungatanga (future directions) workgroup.
- A useful meeting in Awatere with Ann McMillan

Property & Finance

Ann McMillan shared key aspects of the report, including,

- The CPT EQ Policy Update has been noted in the Alpine Newsletter
- The Breezes Road building work is finished, Code of Compliance received, and approval to retain 322 Pages Road until 30 September 2026 received from the CPT
- The Sale and Purchase Agreement for the sale of the St James Tinwald site in the Hakatere parish has been signed

Decision: Approving the additional expenditure of \$25,000, for the St Andrew's New Mission Seedling (Iona Project) to employ two more staff and cover increased building costs, for the remainder of the 2024/2025 year, be funded from the East Christchurch Fund and other funding to be sought

Human Resources

Lyn Heine shared key aspects of her report.

- Noting the change of name for the former Plains parish to the Three Peaks

Development Unit. The workgroup for this continues to look for a suitable person to pick up the leadership roles here for Ministry and New Seedling Leadership

- The St Martins MSB to be thanked and discharged for their work now that Rev Dan Yeazel is providing supply ministry

General Business

Dan Spragg joined the meeting for several matters

- Approval for PressGo applications from Iona and Trinity Temuka
- Approval for Iona New Mission Seedling new part time staffing – admin and carving
- Reflection on his time in the Acting-EO role
- Discussion and approval in principle for a Study Leave and Professional Development opportunity undertaking a Masters degree in Faith Based Leadership & Management over the next 4 years

Correspondence

- Presbyterian Support South Canterbury constitution changes were discussed. Martin to follow up
- St Andrew's Ashburton re assistance. Martin to follow up

Other Matters

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The meeting closed at 12.37pm with the saying of The Grace.

The next meeting is on Thursday 28th November at Kiwi Church, Hanson's Lane

GARDEN RAMBLE

St Andrew's United Parish

GARDEN RAMBLE

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.

Garden Ramble Tour
Hokitika - Kaniere -
Kokatahi/Kowhitirangi areas

Raffle Tickets

\$20

**CHOIR WORSHIP
FOR
MISSION SUPPORT**

• KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR
• PIANO TRIO/OBOE
• CHILDREN'S CHOIR
• MALE CHOIR

**All proceeds will
be used for
mission support.**

ON 03.11 (SUN)
AT 7:00PM
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