

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 20th November 2024

Cut off for items for the next Newsletter is Thursday 28th November

Closure of the Mayfield Presbyterian Church **10am Sunday 24 November**

People are warmly invited to attend the service of decommissioning of the church followed by a morning tea.

The service will be led by Pastor Paul Eden & Rev Martin Stewart



Vacancy: Minister—Akaroa

Full time Minister for the Community Church of Akaroa Banks Peninsula – Is this you?

Akaroa is seeking a visionary Minister to serve and lead its parish, and to help us in making Jesus Christ known on beautiful Banks Peninsula and beyond. The newly formed Community Church of Akaroa Banks Peninsula is a joint venture between the former Presbyterian and Anglican congregations of Akaroa and Banks Peninsula.

We are a motivated Parish, on a journey which we believe God has called us to. We are seeking a leader who can offer encouragement, energy and enthusiasm to help us as we attend to the Holy Spirit's leading. We are looking for a leader with a passion for people, a heart for Jesus, and the ability to lead new initiatives. He or she will need to be comfortable in rural and small-town ministry, open to contemporary and traditional styles of worship, confident to drive over Peninsula roads for ministry in the surrounding Bays, and active in building networks in the wider community.

We are open to expressions of interest from Anglican and Presbyterian ministers or ordained ministry leaders of other denominations who would be comfortable with being part of our Community Church. The Parish has a committed and experienced Governance team and will initially be under Presbyterian oversight.

Highlights of the area include a vibrant community that is great for families, with well set up local schools and health



Saturday
7th December
10am-2pm

You are welcome to finally check out the new John Knox Community Centre!



**Drop in for Sausage Sizzle,
Balloons and Light Refreshments.**

Cnr High and King Street.
Commissioning Service 10am, Sunday 8th December

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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.

facilities, a beautiful natural environment, harbour, heritage and recreational opportunities.

Could God be calling you to join us? Or, do you know of a colleague who might appreciate hearing about this?

Please email Martin Stewart at martin@alpinepresbytery.org for a copy of our Parish Profile. Expressions of interest are invited and can be made, in confidence, prior to **10 December 2024**.

Full-Time Minister: Brooklands Church, New Plymouth

Brooklands Church is excited to announce a unique opportunity for a full-time Minister to lead our community of faith. We are looking for a dedicated leader & team-player who can both honour our church's rich history and inspire a renewed vision for the future under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

About the Role: This position is integral to the life of our church and community. The Minister will take a key role in nurturing the existing faith community while envisioning new ways to grow and serve. With a strong commitment to following Jesus and a deep love for people, the Minister will help lead Brooklands Church on a journey of spiritual growth and outreach. The Minister will work closely with the Parish Council and other ministry leaders.

We are Seeking a Minister Who:

- Has a vibrant Christian faith and a passion for mission, driven by a desire to share the love of Jesus with others.
- Can build and nurture a welcoming, inclusive community of faith, encouraging spiritual growth and discipleship.
- Possesses effective leadership skills, and the ability to collaborate effectively with the Parish Council, church ministry leaders, and denominational partners.
- Has a heart for the local community and is committed to building connections, especially with younger families, both within the church and beyond.
- Brings experience or a deep commitment to overseeing pastoral care, leading worship, and guiding outreach initiatives.
- Has appropriate theological training and is ordained as either a Presbyterian or Anglican minister, or willing to explore ordination in one of these.

Key Responsibilities:

- Leading and inspiring the congregation in worship, prayer, and Bible teaching in a way that embraces both our Anglican and Presbyterian heritage.
- Providing pastoral care and spiritual guidance, building a supportive environment for all members.
- Embrace and develop a 'team approach' to ministry and implement a vision for the future alongside the Parish Council.
- Supporting and empowering church ministry leaders, ensuring effective communication and accountability.
- Engaging with the wider community, inviting others into the life of faith, and supporting local outreach initiatives

If you feel called to this role and are excited about helping Brooklands Church grow in faith, fellowship, and outreach, we'd love to hear from you! (Applicants should already have the right to work in New Zealand).

Please contact bishopsoffice@Wt Anglican.nz for if you would like to receive the parish profile and details of how to apply.



Prayer For World Peace

27 November 6:00am—6:00pm at St Mary's Church, Martindales Rd.
The church will be open and we invite you in to light a candle for

From the last Newsletter

- Call to Luke Blackbeard
- Vacancy: Minister—Akaroa

Coming Up

Closure of Mayfield Presbyterian Church: 24 November

Garage Sale: Iona Presbyterian Church, 30 November

Christmas Market: Cashmere Presbyterian Church, 1 December

John Knox Presbyterian Church, Rangiora, Open Day: 7 December

Licensing of Luke Blackbeard: 8 December, in Timaru

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

victims of conflict, for refugees, for the wounded, for those mourning, for the homeless, for medical personnel, for aid workers and more. For anyone who touches your heart in these devastated areas. *"If we have no peace it is because we have forgotten we belong to each other". Mother Teresa*

Garage Sale plus Local Arts and Crafts

Baking; Wood Carving; Bits'nBobs; Omarua Stone; Secondhand clothes, shoes, toys etc; Pounamu pendants; Artwork & Crafts; Christmas Treats

Saturday 30th November, 10am (Rain or Shine)
304 Breezes Road, Iona Presbyterian Church

Sunday 1st December

CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2 Macmillan Ave, Cashmere

Featuring finely crafted Christmas decorations, Christmas Baking, Jams, Pickles, Gifts
EFTPOS available

CHRISTMAS MARKET
11.30am – 3pm

For more details, contact the Church Office:
Ph: 03 332 7129; email cashmere.church@xtra.co.nz

West Papua's National Day "Morning Star" Flag Raising

12 noon Sunday 1 December, Bridge of Remembrance, Cashel St West

Keynote Speaker: Kahurangi Carter MP

Stand in solidarity with suffering West Papuans—Learn what you can do—An inter-agency occasion

Organised by West Papua Action, Canterbury

Coordinator:

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Sister Eveleen Retreat House

SERH has a new resident host, Hannah Frauenstein, so they open to overnight retreats again. Book via the website—www.sistereretreat.com/book-a-room

Carols at Sister Eveleen Retreat House

Friday, 13th December 6pm
6 Whitewash Head Rd., Scarborough, Sumner

Please let us know if you would like to attend, as we have limited space at the house.
RSVP: enquiry@sistereretreat.com