

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

*Cut off for items for the next Newsletter is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December*

### Mayfield Trust

On Wednesday 20 November, Annette Syme from Staveley and Liz Depree from Rakaia represented Three Peaks Mission (ex Plains Presbyterian Parish) at a celebration in Mayfield Trinity Church organised by the Mayfield Trust. The Trust was formed over 60 years ago as a fundraising arm of the Mayfield Church. The Trustees were members of local farming families, many of whom were church members. They aimed to raise funds from excess farm produce, but the majority of the funds came from farmers donating one or two calves to be raised on farms, which were then sold off at a profit when they matured. This innovative scheme was well supported not only by church members but others in the Mayfield district. Regular annual donations were distributed to Mayfield Trinity Church and subsequently, Plains Presbyterian Parish once Mayfield, Methven and Rakaia were amalgamated. Donations were also given to other community organisations where needs had been identified.

Current Trustees have decided to wind up the Trust, partly because of the downturn in farming and the challenges faced by Mycoplasma Bovis but also because of the requirements to re-register the Trust as a Charity. A special morning tea was organised to bring together groups that were chosen to benefit from the distribution of the remaining funds. The largest recipient is Three Peaks Mission, with the proviso that the money be used for Ministry rather than buildings. Other recipients are Presbyterian Support, Hato Hone St Johns, Mayfield and Mt Somers Fire Brigade, Westpac Helicopter, Opuke Wellbeing, Mayfield Playcentre, Mt Somers/Staveley Playcentre and Peel Forest Preschool.

The Mayfield Trust has had a long story that needs to be told and acknowledged. People of the land often 'do church' in different ways and this is an example of an amazing form of the community undergirding the ministry of their local church.

Three Peaks Mission gives thanks for this generous donation, and assures the Trust, that it will be wisely used to further its mission of outreach into their communities.



*Top: Annette receiving the donation on behalf of Three Peaks Mission  
Below: photo of current trustees in front row, recipients behind.*

### Animals in church

Recently an official complaint was made about a dog being in a service of worship at one of our churches. The complaint was not upheld.

There are three comments I would like to make:

1. If there is such a written complaint from someone, seek advice before you respond. It's not always immediately clear what the motivations of the person complaining are.

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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.

- If there are animals in church services please encourage whoever has them to see that they suitably restrained. Obviously this might be an issue with cats if mine are any kind of gauge!
- Maybe there are some animals that might not be suitable for worship events... can you think of any? Ostriches immediately to my mind, I simply do not know why!

### **Ministry Conference 2025**

If you are busy planning your calendars for 2025, you might want to know that the Ministry Conference team have invited Chris Marshall as the keynote speaker for Ministry Conference 2025, to be held at East Taieri Church **13-14th May 2025**. Chris was NT lecturer at Laidlaw College before teaching in the Religious Studies Dept at Victoria University. He is now retired. He is a good thinker who can relate to ordinary people.

The title will be: Against All Odds – lessons from the past, hope for the future.

Chris will focus on the life of the early church, identifying what it meant for those Christians to be faithful in difficult circumstances and what were the keys to the church's growth, applying those to our modern context."

After receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback about the workshop session this year, we are brainstorming ways to include two workshop options in 2025.



**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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[admin@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz](mailto:admin@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz) - PO Box 74, RANGIORA 7440

### **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.

### From the last Newsletter

- Closure of Mayfield Presbyterian Church
- Vacancy: Minister—Akaroa
- Prayer for World Peace
- Sister Eveleen Retreat House

### Coming Up

**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

**Induction of Rev Craig Allan to Mackenzie Cooperating Parish:** 16th December, 7pm at St. Columba Church, Fairlie

### 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

- 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@Wtanglican.nz](mailto:bishopsoffice@Wtanglican.nz) for if you would like to receive the parish profile and details of how to apply.

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> November, 10am (Rain or Shine)**  
**304 Breezes Road, Iona Presbyterian Church**



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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: Brian Turner - 021 129 4305, [bhturner41@gmail.com](mailto:bhturner41@gmail.com)