

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 7th November 2024

Cut off for items for the next Newsletter is **Wednesday 13th November**

Please note: for the next two weeks the Newsletter will be sent out on **Wednesday**.

Items for inclusion will need to be with Gail by 11am on the Wednesday.

Light Party at Hoon Hay

The Hoon Hay parish hosted a very successful Light Party on Thursday, 31 October. Great weather always helps and we were blessed to have a calm and warm evening. Around 100 children and parents attended the two-hour event. Free BBQ food and ice creams were a hit and the Op Shop was open. Children completing a treasure hunt could choose a free gift from the Op Shop. The local Meccano Club set up a fabulous display which included creative and hands-on activities.



Bush Telegraph

The November edition of this PCANZ e-magazine can be found here: www.presbyterian.org.nz/publications/bush-telegraph/2024/november-2024



VACANCIES

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 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 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.

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**.



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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.

From the last Newsletter

- Notes from the meeting of Presbytery Council
- Tāima Kōrero: Time 2 Talk presentation

Coming Up

~~Garden Ramble, Hokitika:~~

9 November (St Andrew's Parish)
Cancelled due to Weather warning

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

Sister Eveleen Retreat House

Sister Eveleen Retreat House: A sanctuary for those who seek replenishment, a pause in the whirlwind of life, or a reminder that we are not merely what we produce or consume, but beings created for rest, for silence and for the joy of knowing God. Be welcomed in our place

If you have not been at Sister Eveleen before, you might want to have a look at our new video: <https://www.sistereretreat.com/post/in-a-world-that-often-pulls-us-in-so-many-directions>

Monthly Day of Retreat @ Sister Ev - every last Thursday in the month with different themes **This month:** Thur 28 Nov, 9:30 – 2:30 - facilitator: Antje Duda

Weekend (or 1-2 night) silent retreats in the first half of 2025 (For more details on any of these, go to www.sistereretreat.com/retreats)

- *Living from the Tree of Life*. Facilitators: Donald & Janice Scott. Sunday 19 to Tuesday 21 January 2025.
- *Final Steps: A Universal Spiritual Practice*. Facilitators: Eddie O'Connor & Annette Reinheimer. 14-16 February 2025.
- *Coming Home to the Father's Loving Embrace*. Facilitators: Carol & Colin Renouf. 7-9 March 2025.
- *The Contemplative Gaze*. Facilitators: Janis & Donald Scott. 4-6 April 2025.
- *A Pilgrims Soul*. Facilitator: Elinor Galbraith. 2-4 May 2025.
- *Reflect and Create - Autumn Retreat*. Facilitator: Glenda Joy. 9-11 May 2025.
- *Praying with St. Ignatius - Exploring major themes of the Spiritual Exercises and meeting God through them*. Facilitators: Colin & Carol Renouf. 23—25 June 2025.

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.