

Alpine Presbytery

resourcing the braided river

Newsletter 16th January 2025

Cutt off for items for next Newsletter is Thursday 23rd January

Ordination Service for Rev Luke Blackbeard

2.30pm on Sunday 26th January at The Village, Bryndwr on Ilam Rd.
The Presbytery will convene at 2.15pm for a short meeting

Staff Leave

Martin Stewart will be on leave from 20 January to 3 February

New Years Honours List

It is a custom that our PCANZ Moderator writes a letter to any Presbyterians who have received a New Year's honour. Please advise Gail (email: office@alpinepresbytery.org) of the name/s and full contact details of any folk from the Alpine Presbytery region who have received a New Year Honour and any background information about the person and the reason for the honour. We will then pass these on to the Moderator, who will write on the Church's behalf.

VACANCIES

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?

For a copy of our Parish Profile, please email Martin Stewart martin@alpinepresbytery.org. Expressions of interest are invited and can be made, in confidence, prior to **10 February 2025**.

Exciting Opportunity: Ministry Team Leader for a Restart Mission in Rural Mid-Canterbury

Alpine Presbytery is seeking a **Team Leader** to spearhead an inspiring new ministry initiative in the Methven-Rakaia-Mayfield areas of Mid-Canterbury. This **half-time ministry position** (initially for five years) is rooted in the vibrant communities that were part of the recently closed Plains Presbyterian parish. The closure marks a bold step toward reimagining what church can look like in this new season. With a renewed vision and a willingness to explore fresh approaches, we're "casting the net on the other side of the boat."

We are looking for someone who is:

- Energetic and organised,

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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.

- Thoughtful and faithful,
- Pastoral at heart, and
- Passionate about finding creative ways to "be church" in a changing world.

Key Details:

- You will work closely with the Presbytery-led Development Team.
- The role is based in Mid-Canterbury.
- A related half-time, Methven-based seedling ministry is also being planned, providing additional opportunities for collaboration and growth.

If this sounds like a calling for you, we would love to hear from you! Note that there is an additional half time ministry role in Ashburton that this role could be paired with.

For more information contact **Abi Trevathan** (resourcing@alpinepresbytery.org)

To express your interest, send your application to **Executive Officer Martin Stewart** by **20th January 2025** (executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org)

Ministry Opportunity: Alpine Presbytery Youth Enabler

Alpine Presbytery is seeking a **Youth Enabler** to play a pivotal role in fostering vibrant and collaborative youth ministries across the Presbytery. This position focuses on building connections, providing strategic support, and empowering local churches to develop and sustain effective youth ministry programs.

About the Role:

This part-time position (15 hours per week) is based in Christchurch, with regular travel across the Presbytery region for meetings and events. Flexible working arrangements, including some evening and weekend commitments, may be required.

We Are Looking For Someone With:

- Strong relational skills and the ability to foster connections and collaboration.
- Experience in youth ministry leadership or support.
- Strategic thinking and planning capabilities.
- Effective communication and representation skills.
- Pastoral care abilities and a heart for supporting ministry leaders.
- Strong organizational and budgeting skills.
- Familiarity with the Presbyterian Church context, or a willingness to learn.

How to Apply: For more information or to apply, please contact **Abi Trevathan:** resourcing@alpinepresbytery.org

Office Administrator Community— St Paul's Trinity Pacific, Christchurch

The key areas of accountability for this position are in Leadership Support, Leadership in Mission, Pastoral Care, Spiritual Nurture, and Health & Safety

This position will support Property and Finance, Rev Makesi Alatimu and the Church Council to:

- Work in harmony with our Ministry Teams, to support Reverend Makesi Alatimu and have a firm grasp on the purpose, values and strategy of St Paul's Trinity Pacific Presbyterian Church and align key leadership teams with its mission: "Connecting Christian faith with everyday life in the heart of the city"
- Seeks to provide support to Ministry groups in church such as youth leaders and youth ministry.
- Communicate effectively with our young people.
- St Paul's will support you with professional development and training in line with our church purpose, values and mission.

For more information or to apply contact maa.trinitypacific@xtra.co.nz

To download the Position Description, go to tinyurl.com/ykjm58d

From the last Newsletter

- Alpine Moderator's Christmas Message
- Hoon Hay Carols
- Spam emails
- PCANZ Response to the Recommendations of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care
- Vacancy: St John's, Hawera

Coming Up

Ordination of Luke Blackbeard: 26 January, 2.30pm, at The Village, Bryndwr

Closing Service for St Kentigern's Burwood Uniting Parish: 23 March

Presbytery Gathering: 9-10 May 2025

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

A Word on Statistics

BY [WISŁAWA SZYMBORSKA](#)

TRANSLATED BY JOANNA TRZECIAK

Out of every hundred people

those who always know better:
fifty-two.

Unsure of every step:
almost all the rest.

Ready to help,
if it doesn't take long:
forty-nine.

Always good,
because they cannot be otherwise:
four—well, maybe five.

Able to admire without envy:
eighteen.

Led to error
by youth (which passes):
sixty, plus or minus.

Those not to be messed with:
forty and four.

Living in constant fear
of someone or something:
seventy-seven.

Capable of happiness:
twenty-some-odd at most.

Harmless alone,
turning savage in crowds:
more than half, for sure.

Cruel

when forced by circumstances:
it's better not to know,
not even approximately.

Wise in hindsight:
not many more
than wise in foresight.

Getting nothing out of life except
things:
thirty
(though I would like to be wrong).

Doubled over in pain
and without a flashlight in the dark:
eighty-three, sooner or later.

Those who are just:
quite a few at thirty-five.

But if it takes effort to understand:
three.

Worthy of empathy:
ninety-nine.

Mortal:
one hundred out of one hundred—
a figure that has never varied yet.