



Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 23rd January 2025

Cut off for items for next Newsletter is Thursday 30th 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

VACANCY

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**.

New Vacancy at Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa

Applications are invited from anyone who is interested and has enhanced pastoral skills and a solid practical theology.

All applications need to be submitted via the seek website. To be considered, please submit your application via the Seek website, including the following: CV; Cover letter; Application form

Hospital Chaplain (Full Time 1FTE)

Dunedin Hospital, Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora Southern

Closes: 4pm, Friday 14 February 2025

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/81572826?ref=cm-ui>

Request from Gail for Supply for an Anglican Parish

Although I work for the Presbyterians, I am an Anglican, worshipping with the Mount Herbert Anglican Parish (settlements in the Lyttelton Harbour basin).

Two of our churches - St Cuthbert's Church in Governors Bay and St Andrew's Church in Diamond Harbour – have a Covenant whereby on the first Sunday of each month we have a service in either the Methodist or Presbyterian tradition, usually a Communion service. We have all the Methodist Sundays covered, but still need people for the Presbyterian services. Some things to note:

- The services are at 9.00am at Governors Bay and 10.30am at Diamond Harbour
- Dates for 2025 are
 - 2 March
 - 4 May
 - 6 July
 - 7 September
 - 2 November
- Remuneration rate is set by the Anglican Diocese so is \$250 for the two services, plus mileage.

If you might be willing to help, can you please contact me at my home email address sr.g.weaver@actrix.gen.nz

Retreats at Sister Eveleen Retreat House

Need to pause and to retreat?

Wanting to hear God's voice a bit clearer?

*You are warmly invited to join us and experience the hidden treasure on the hill -
Sister Eveleen Retreat House*

Details of upcoming Retreats can be found on the website:

www.sistereretreat.com/retreats

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

New Years Honours List

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

Alpine Presbytery Youth Enabler

**Office Administrator Community—
St Paul's Trinity Pacific**

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