

Alpine Presbytery

resourcing the braided river

Newsletter 20th February

Cut off for items for next Newsletter is **Thursday 27th February**

Rev Jess Dreadon was commissioned as Site Pastor at Hope Rolleston on Sunday 16th February. The service was a combined Hope Presbyterian service held at the Selwyn Sports Centre with over 600 people attending. As people can imagine, that's quite a logistical challenge and it all went without a hitch.



Opening of Pā Whakaoranga

The opening of Pā Whakaoranga the new/refurbished building within the ministry and mission in Aranui, Ōtautahi-Christchurch is on Saturday 15th March, 336 Breezes Road, Christchurch, starting at 1pm. People from within the Presbytery are very welcome.

The name Pā Whakaoranga has recently been approved by Ngai Tahu. Zenn Rarere, one of the Iona mission leaders, shaped up the new name

Pā Whakaoranga:

Pā = means a village; Whakaoranga = to heal, revival

Pā Whakaoranga is a place that has many programmes or activities that contribute to a person's /healing/restoration of their faith, or life, and well being.

Healing or revival through:

- Maara kai with Manawa (gardening)
- Whakairo with Raph (carving)
- Worship & prayer gatherings
- Out the Mudd with Zarn (working with young men finding their way into a different way of life)
- Fellowship with brothers through monthly bbqs
- Bible studies with Kev and Zenn
- Mentoring with rangatahi for whanau struggling with their teens

Pā whakaoranga to us means a 'place of healing and revival'

This is a great opportunity to see around the facilities and enjoy kai together!

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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.

BUILDING AND LEADING *Healthy* TEAMS

SATURDAY 22ND FEB 10.30AM - 2.30PM
 ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN, GERALDINE

This workshop is an opportunity to grow in our appreciation of what it means to lead and be part of teams. More precisely, what does it look like for me, as a disciple of Jesus, to join with others participating in God's mission and ministry? What are the challenges? What does a healthy team look like? How can we navigate theological differences? Come and wrestle with these key questions (and more!) in an encouraging and stimulating context.

The Facilitator will be Rev Dr Andrew Nicol

Mid/South Canterbury - Saturday 22 February

Time: 10.30am - 2.30pm **Cost:** \$10 koha

Venue: St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 10 Cox Street, Geraldine

A second session is planned for **Top of the South** on **Saturday 5 April**, at St Ninian's in Blenheim

More details and Registration can be found at alpinepresbytery.org/leading-together/

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

Presbytery Moderator

Nominations from Church Councils and/or members of Presbytery for the Moderator of Alpine Presbytery are being sought and should be in to the Executive Officer of Presbytery executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org by Friday 28 February 2025

Caravan/Motorhome Parking at The Manse, Hanmer Springs

We're pleased to offer a **powered** caravan/motorhome parking spot at The Manse, right in the heart of Hanmer Springs.

This site is available for **self-contained vehicles** at a modest cost of **\$25 per night, per vehicle.**

For more information or to make a booking, please contact Tina at hanmer.springs@alpinepresbytery.org

From the last Newsletter

- Why Does Nature Matter?
- Free Palestine Public Meeting

Coming Up

Building & Leading Healthy Teams Workshop (Christchurch): 22 February

Opening of Pā Whakaoranga:
Saturday 15th March

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

Building & Leading Healthy Teams Workshop (Blenheim): 5 April

Presbytery Gathering: 9-10 May 2025

General Assembly: 13—16 October

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



Every March, Neighbours Aotearoa offers a great opportunity for churches to connect with the people in your neighbourhood and community. The 2025 theme is, 'Let's Celebrate with our Neighbours'.

Neighbours Aotearoa message from the Moderator

The church is passionate about hospitality; it has a long tradition of gathering to feast and graciously making people welcome. When we share a simple tea or coffee with our neighbours, we are enriched through fellowship. Sharing in small ways can lead to sharing the big, and often joyful events in our communities, as well as the harder times when we are grateful our neighbours are there for us. I encourage you to intentionally offer hospitality to your neighbours during Neighbours Aotearoa month and join other churches throughout the country nurturing local connection.

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of God's household." Ephesians 2:19

I encourage you to see our Church website for Neighbours Aotearoa resources which include an offer for churches to enter a draw for supermarket gift cards, a poster to download for noticeboards, lots of examples of how churches can celebrate with communities, and links to Presbyterian Support regions events.

Ngā manaakitanga

Right Rev Rose Luxford - Moderator PCANZ

Enter draw for one of 17x \$50 supermarket gift cards

PresCare - PCANZ and Presbyterian Support New Zealand - have 17x \$50 supermarket gift cards to help our churches to share hospitality with their local communities. To enter the draw **email name of your PCANZ church, contact person, physical address, and how you will use a \$50 card by 5pm, 25 February 2025** to angela@presbyterian.org.nz

Gift cards will be allocated to 10 PCANZ parishes located anywhere in NZ, and also one per the seven Presbyterian Support regions.

Ways for your church to participate in Neighbours Aotearoa: Celebrate with neighbours during March in whichever way best suits your community: host a BBQ; picnic; pizza party; potluck; beach day; host or contribute to a foodbank; hold a crop swap; share baking and muffins; host a dinner/lunch/brunch/breakfast/morning tea or afternoon tea; share parish veggies, seedlings; host cooking /preserving / fermenting lessons... there are so many ways to share hospitality, get creative!

Events: Share your events with us during March and they will be added to the Church website and Facebook page! On 15 March, Presbyterian Support Northern's Communities Feeding Communities Initiative and The Storehouse, a Northern Presbytery faith community, will host a morning tea and crop swap.

See the PCANZ website for full details of Neighbours Aotearoa 2025 resources & events www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-ministers/prescare/neighbours-aotearoa-formerly-neighbours-day/neighbours-aotearoa-2025

Te Waiora Re-dedication

All are welcome to come for the Re-dedication of the Te Waiora Ministry

Sunday 2nd March 2025, 2:30pm
at Te Waiora House

Followed by an afternoon tea
(please bring a plate to share)

Lets remember what God has been able to do through the people involved at Te Waiora House as we also look to the future and ask God to bless the ministry going forward as Baptist Resources Limited continue the stewardship of the house. It will also be a chance to meet the BRL team.

There will be overflow parking in the paddock you can access to the right as you come up the driveway

Sister Eveleen House

An Invitation to Silence – 7-Day Directed Retreat

"In God we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28.

Silence can feel a bit daunting at first, but in time, it can become a deep and peaceful gift, and with overlooking the ocean, the rhythm of prayer and stillness can be shaped by the sound of waves and open sea views.

This retreat offers time to step back, be present with God, and listen in a deeper way.

With daily spiritual direction and the beauty of creation surrounding you, settling into quietness will come naturally.

Date: Sunday 16 March (5:30pm) to Saturday 22 March (1:30pm)

Retreat facilitator: Glenda Prosser

More information and registration at www.sistereretreat.com/event-details/2025-7-day-silent-directed-retreat-march

School of Emotionally Healthy Leadership

The School of Emotionally Healthy Leadership (SEHL) Aotearoa is an intensive spiritual formation experience designed exclusively for pastors and leaders. In this transformational journey, you will learn and engage with the foundational principles that underpin Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, as well as practices and skills that underpin the Emotionally Healthy Relationships course. This course is augmented by additional reading, daily devotions and leadership specific applications by Pete Scazzero. The SEHL Aotearoa course will be facilitated by Dallas Harema and an experienced team of Table Leaders. This SEHL experience will revolutionise the way you live and lead others.

Courses are run on Zoom and places are limited.

Early bird discounts are available until the 1st April 2025.

More info: www.perko.company/sehl-nz



9am-2pm
Saturday 22nd March
Rain or shine!



Plants, baking, preserves and heaps of second hand stalls!

Car Boot SALE

St Andrew's Church hall & carpark (10 Cox St) Geraldine

Outdoor Sites \$10
Indoor Sites \$20

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