

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Cut off for items for next Newsletter is **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

### 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 22nd February 2025**

**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 22nd March 2025**, venue TBC.

More details and Registration can be found at [alpinepresbytery.org/leading-together/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/leading-together/)

### 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](mailto:hanmer.springs@alpinepresbytery.org)

### Bush Telegraph

Presbyterian Church  
of Aotearoa New Zealand

The **February 2025** issue of Bush Telegraph, the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand's monthly newsletter, can be read here:

[www.presbyterian.org.nz/publications/bush-telegraph/2025/february-2025](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/publications/bush-telegraph/2025/february-2025)

### A ROCHA AOTEAROA NZ

A Rocha Aotearoa NZ/Eco Church E-News for February 2025 can be downloaded here: [www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/509ysetcaupe1jrmiaiv5p/A-Rocha-newsletter-January-2025.pdf?rlkey=mflm5lgkqarsshil8mqgdgy42&dl=0](http://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/509ysetcaupe1jrmiaiv5p/A-Rocha-newsletter-January-2025.pdf?rlkey=mflm5lgkqarsshil8mqgdgy42&dl=0)

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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.

### Come Away and Rest a While

In the busyness of life, it can be hard to hear God's voice. A silent retreat offers sacred space to step away, be still, and rest in God's presence. In the quiet, we can rediscover the peace Christ promises, allowing The Holy Spirit to renew and guide us. *"Be still, and know that I am God."* — Psalm 46:10

*Special Invitation to our longer silent retreats this year - by the way all retreats include daily spiritual direction:*

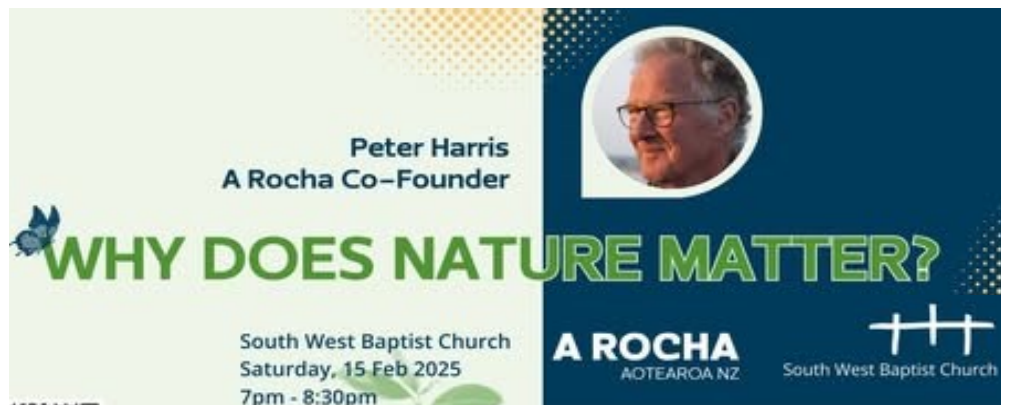
**7-Day Silent directed Retreat** - facilitator: Glenda Prosser, **Date:** 16-22 March 2025 (*only 1 space left*)

**Participating in the Trinity** - 5-7 Day Silent directed Retreat - facilitators: Donald & Janice Scott **Date:** 17 - 23 August 2025

**Evelyn Underhill a 7-Day Silent directed Retreat** - facilitator: Glenda Prosser **Date:** 14-20 Sept 2025

**7-Day Silent directed Retreat** - facilitator: Glenda Prosser **Date:** 22-29 November 2025

Details of all Retreats can be found at [www.sistereretreat.com/retreats](http://www.sistereretreat.com/retreats)



A Rocha Co-Founder, Peter Harris will examine the beliefs that underlie the conservation effort, which range from a conviction that we need nature to survive, to more mystical explanations about its intrinsic value. Find out how the Christian faith provides a beautifully coherent explanation of why nature matters, and explore potential reasons why despite that Christian communities have often been slow to engage with our current crises in the biosphere, if at all.

You can read more about Peter Harris here: [arocha.org/en/about/people/peter-harris/](http://arocha.org/en/about/people/peter-harris/)

### WHY DOES NATURE MATTER?

**South West Baptist Church, 244 Lyttelton Street, Spreydon, Christchurch**

**Saturday, 15 February 2025, 7pm - 8:30pm**

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RSVP here: [bit.ly/peter-harris-2025](https://bit.ly/peter-harris-2025)

### From the last Newsletter

- Ordination of Luke Blackbeard
- PCANZ Moderator's Waitangi Day Message
- Rev James (Jim) Soper
- New Years' Honour: David Hodder

### Coming Up

**Building & Leading Healthy Teams Workshop:** 22 February

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

**Presbytery Gathering:** 9-10 May

**General Assembly:** 13—16 October