

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 27th March 2025

Cut off for items for next Newsletter is lunchtime on Thursday 3rd April

Little Revolutions 2025

Little Revolutions is a conference for leaders, church-planters, and those who still believe the local church can be a force for good in the world. This is a national event happening across two locations and drawing together a wide coalition of denominations and independent movements that share a common heart for renewal of the local church and the neighbourhoods we serve.

A couple of us from Alpine attended last year's event and can say it was worthwhile attending. Martin and Dan have interacted and met with one of the contributors, Bree Mills, whose experiences and thoughts on missional communities are very good.

Te Whanganui-a-tara (Wellington)

Monday 23 - Tuesday 24 June
Prefab Hall

Ōtautahi (Christchurch)

Friday 27 - Saturday 28 June
Tūranga Library

Contributors: [JR Woodward](#) will be with us this year from Seattle. JR's book, '[The Church as Movement](#)', has been an enormous help to many of us. JR has been involvement nimble and creative expressions of church for over 30 years, as is currently the National Director of the [V3 Church Planting Movement](#).

Also returning will be our friend from across the ditch, [Bree Mills](#). Bree is an ordained Anglican minister, and a doctoral student in Missional Leadership. Bree is a seasoned church-planter and network leader. She is passionate about raising up women leading missional churches.

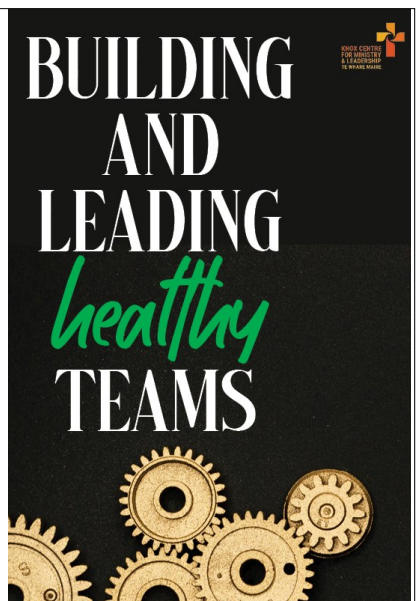
Alongside our international visitors, a wide range of leaders and communicators from throughout Aotearoa New Zealand will be coming to join us again.

Young Leaders: This year's conference has a particular emphasis on young leaders. With this in mind, we will be offering 30 places at each event to those 30 or under at half-price. We think it's important that young leaders are in the room to shape the conversation for the church they are inheriting.

Register: Last year sold out quickly, and with only 150 spots available at each site we encourage you to register quickly. You can sign-up now at www.littlerevolutions.co.nz

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 Ivan Martinez, Dean of Studies at KCML



Top of the South - Saturday 5th April 2025
Venue: St Ninians, 14 Alabama Road, Blenheim

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

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Resources

A selection of resources and links to resources to assist you with your work and outreach—including Online Worship Options— can be found on our website here: alpinepresbytery.org/resources/

Ministry Conference 2025: 13 & 14 May, East Taieri Church

This year's theme, **AGAINST ALL ODDS: Lessons from the past... hope for the future**, promises to inspire and equip you with profound insights and practical tools for ministry.

Keynote Speaker: Chris Marshall

A renowned scholar and captivating speaker, Chris Marshall brings decades of expertise in New Testament studies, Christian theology, and restorative justice. His talks will:

- Unpack the origins of the church as a kingdom community in the New Testament.
- Explore the remarkable growth of the early church and its lessons for today.
- Illuminate a biblical vision of hope in a world grappling with despair.

Engaging Workshops:

- Tailored to address real-world challenges, you'll have two opportunities to attend workshops led by local people, with local knowledge:
- *Ministry of Presence: Service Out in the Community* with Sarah Auld
- *Daniel's Faithfulness in a Foreign Land Against All Odds* with Peter Dunn
- *How Can We Bring Hope to an Anxious Culture* with Inge de Kruif
- *Excited About Evangelism* with Peter Cheyne
- *Christ, the Gospel, and Care of Creation* with Selwyn Yeoman

Connection and Worship:

Enjoy an evening of drinks, nibbles, and extended worship on Tuesday night—a perfect time to connect with others and/or recharge spiritually.

This conference is more than an event; it's an opportunity to learn, grow, and be inspired to bring hope and transformation into your ministry, with plenty of time to network and connect with others who share your passion for ministry.

Mark your calendar and join us as we explore how God's faithfulness empowers us to thrive *against all odds*.

Please click this link for more information:

etchurch.co.nz/ministry-conference/

If you don't need anymore information and would just like to register, click this link: forms.gle/JjMtD152XMgQgrSqZ

Vacancy: Tapanui Presbyterian Church—Church on the Way

Church on the Way, Tapanui, is searching for the Minister God calls to lead us on the next stage of our journey.

In the heart of West Otago, it's not a big church, but it is special, with a strong evangelical and charismatic heritage.

We seek a Nationally Ordained minister for a full time position. Someone who can prayerfully and passionately encourage and challenge our faith community with God's word, while also engaging the wider West Otago community as an ambassador of the Gospel.

This leader will:

- love Jesus Christ and put God first
- open the Word for us and show us how to apply it
- love people and enjoy all generations
- be a 'connector' and 'bridge builder'
- be comfortable in a rural, small town setting (or willing to learn to be)

From the last Newsletter

- Pā Whakaoranga Opening
- Rev Dan Yeazel
- PCANZ Ethics & Risk Management Workshops
- PSUSI Connect Newsletter
- From Church Property Trustees
- Consultation Process on Charities' Tax by IRD

Coming Up

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

Pre-Gathering Kōrero and Dinner: 8 May

Presbytery Gathering: 9-10 May

Presbytery Retreat: 17—19 July

Coracle: 12—14 September

General Assembly: 20—23 October

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.

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Culture & Strategic Framework

To download this document, updated September 2020, go to: alpinepresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/culture-and-strategic-framework-september-2020.pdf

- empower others as a team builder, enabler and lead with humility
- laugh with us, cry with us, and roll up their sleeves with us
- be part of a leadership that discerns God's vision for Church on the Way, while helping others to connect with it.

Is it you?

If you would like to know more or make an expression of interest please contact Ministry Settlement Board Convenor, Rev. Rob Pendreigh on 027 485 9893 or clutharev@gmail.com

Sister Eveleen Retreat House

"The heart is a mirror, which reflects whatever is held before it."

Amma Theodora

A Day in the wisdom of the Desert Mothers and Fathers:

Thursday 10 April, 9:30 - 2:30 pm

Join us at Sister Eveleen Retreat House for a Day with ... the wisdom of the Desert Mothers and Fathers. This day will be a quiet day of reflection, prayer, silence, and sharing....as we explore the spirituality of the desert Mothers and Fathers. These early Christian ascetics sought an intentional awareness of God's presence, a quest that continues to resonate today, offering us an ancient treasure nearly forgotten. This retreat day invites you to pause and take a little time out for yourself- drawing inspiration from the teachings and spirituality of the Desert. More info and registration at www.sistereretreat.com/event-details/a-day-in-the-wisdom-of-the-desert-mothers-and-fathers

Here is a short clip on this retreat day: youtube.com/shorts/jmEijDR3YR0?feature=share