

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 15th May 2025

Cut off for items for next Newsletter is lunchtime on Thursday 22nd May



Rev Dr Sam Wells
Priest, theologian, missiologist

Catalysing Christian Communities

Two-day conference at First Church of Otago
Public lecture at University of Otago

Thursday 21 and Friday 22 August, 2025

The one event you can't miss this year!
Watch this space for more information

SAVE THE DATE – 21-22 AUGUST
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Rev Canon Sam Wells
Vicar of St Martin's-in-the-Fields, London
Author of: "Living God's Future Now", "Act Justly", "Being With", "How then Shall We Live?", "Finding Abundance in Scarcity" and more.

Catalysing Christian Communities 21-22 August 2025 – Conference in Dunedin

PressGo (PCANZ) is working with the University of Otago Theology Department and First Church of Otago, along with the Dunedin Anglican Diocese, to host a visit of Rev Dr Sam Wells (St Martin's-in-the-Fields, London), on 21 and 22 August 2025.

Following on from the "Investing for Mission" Conference in 2023, we will offer a 2-day conference event. Sam will be the keynote speaker and conversation partner and will also give a public lecture at the University of Otago on Thursday 21 August at 5.15pm.

Sam is a well-known author, speaker, theologian and missiologist. His framework of Community, Commerce, Culture and Congregational Initiatives is part of his work on an incarnational theology of church culture, innovation and presence in a secular society.

This is a "don't miss" event. Further details will be available soon, so watch this space or email lisa.wells@xtra.co.nz to ensure you receive updates. An event hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin will be on the previous day, Wednesday 20 August and we expect attendees will be able to register for this event as well. Travel subsidies may be available.

SAVE THE DATE: "Catalysing Christian Communities", Thursday 21 to Friday 22 August, 2025.

A Rocha Eco Church Gathering

Ōtautahi Christchurch Eco Church Gathering

Tuesday, 17 June 2025
7pm - 9pm
South West Baptist Church
(Cobham Street Hall behind the church)

Nelson Whakatū Eco Church Gathering

Thursday, 24 July 2025
7pm - 9pm
Whakatū Presbyterian Church
34 Champion Road, Richmond



ECO CHURCH
A ROCHA AOTEAROA NZ

A gathering for people involved in Eco Churches and people interested in being an Eco Church. With input from presenters about creation care topics and space to talk and share about the why and how of being on the eco church journey.

RSVP:

Christchurch: arochanz.infoodle.com/form_process?g=4be51125-1607-48dd-a4ed-83b68fdb4c8c

Nelson: arochanz.infoodle.com/form_process?g=dfab8836-9037-4547-82d9-8babfd4867c2

ECO CHURCH. *Kōrero* A ROCHA AOTEAROA NZ

Eco Church Kōrero – How your church can engage with Matariki

We'd love you to join us for our once-a-term online Eco Church kōrero on Monday 19th May at 7pm. We're excited to have Dr Jay Mātenga (World Evangelical Alliance) and Brendon McRae (Flagstaff Community Church, Dunedin) who will share wisdom and practical ideas about how churches can engage with Matariki.



If you're involved with helping your church on their eco church journey, this online kōrero is for you! As well as input from our presenters, there will be time for sharing in groups with other eco church champions from churches around the country.

Monday 19 May 2025
7pm - 8:30pm
via Zoom

Register to receive the zoom link.



From the last Newsletter

- Mission Discernment
- Youth Workers Hui
- Bush Telegraph
- Linwood Avenue Union Church Annual Fair
- Kowai-Cheviot Parish Preaching Roster
- Vacancy: St. Mark's Church Office Administrator
- Sister Eveleen Retreat House
- Raising Resilient & Secure Children

Coming Up

- Presbytery Retreat:** 17—19 July
- Coracle:** 12—14 September
- Plant Sale, St Stephen's, Timaru:** 13 September
- General Assembly:** 20—23 October

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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

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alpinepresbytery.org/resources/