

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 22nd May 2025

Cut off for items for next Newsletter is lunchtime on **Wednesday 28th May**

Snap-shot of Our Legendary Ministers! (40 years in Ministry coming up)

Laurence Ennor was ordained in November 1984 at St Lukes Union in Nelson.

In 1988: called to Hoon Hay Presbyterian Church, and was there until 2000. Music Director and choirmaster at St Christopher's Anglican Church. 2003 Malvern Co-operating until 2013. Also, part-time chaplain at Nurse Maude Hospice, for about 12 years.

Laurence Ennor, appointed to Oxford Union 4 years from 2019 to 2022. Currently, Sunday supply around Canterbury. Plays the piano for the service on the first Sunday of each month at St Albans Uniting Church. Part-time chaplain (10 years-plus) at Laura Fergusson Trust - largely leading church services. Also (under the auspices of St Christopher's) leading monthly services at Summerset Avonhead, as well as occasional pastoral duties such as room blessings. Laurence will be turning 79 years next month.

Keep up the inspiring mission Laurence!

Rev Sheena Dickson

Rev Sheena Dickson died on Tuesday 6 May. Sheena was a UK United Reform Minister who served at St Georges Iona (Linwood/Aranui) in Christchurch from 2007 - 2022.

Sheena was a great advocate for all kinds of people with a heart for the poor. She was a founding member of Ecu-Action Canterbury and provided supply ministry at several churches in recent years. Sheena has various degrees and was a graduate of Oxford University. Sheena is survived by her daughter Kelly and partner Georgie. Her funeral was held at Knox Church in Christchurch on 15 May.

PART-TIME VACANCIES

St. Mark's Church Office Administrator

St Mark's Presbyterian Church and Community Centre, Avonhead, Christchurch, is looking for a Church Administrator to work 15 hours a week, preferably Monday to Friday, 9am - 12noon. We will be paying a Living Wage.

This administrative role will require working with the Minister, the Parish Clerk, the Community Enabler, and other key leaders, however, our church is currently without a Minister, and during the vacancy you will be working closely with our Parish Council and the Community Enabler .

The role includes

- Familiarity with Microsoft Office and OneDrive, and general computer skills
- Familiarity with Infoodle Church Management Software and Xero Accounting Software, or willingness to learn
- General office tasks, such as photocopying, ordering supplies, compiling reports, answering phone enquiries, maintaining building warrant of fitness

The ideal applicant will have a friendly and welcoming attitude and be self-motivated to undertake tasks, often without supervision. We would welcome a person who can see what needs to be done and do it, but who is also not afraid to ask for guidance or assistance as necessary.

If you would like to apply or would like more information please email Jill White, Parish Clerk, at parishclerk@stmarks.net.nz. Application closes **Friday 23 May, 2025**.

The successful candidate will start as soon as possible.

Presbytery Administrator - Alpine Presbytery

Location: Christchurch (with occasional travel within Alpine Presbytery), approximately 15 hours per week.

This is an opportunity to join us as we work to support the various congregations and ministries of Alpine Presbytery.

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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.

The Alpine Newsletter is a weekly email update of activities in and around the Presbytery. It is intended to inform, connect, and encourage, and its content does not necessarily represent the views of Presbytery Council or staff, and the inclusion of articles, advertisements, and other content does not imply endorsement or agreement.

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/

We are seeking a competent and organised Administrator to provide essential support to our Presbytery, Executive Officer, and staff. This is a diverse role in a high-trust, interdependent environment, ideal for a self-motivated team player.

Your key responsibilities will include:

- Managing the Presbytery database and minister records.
- Producing and distributing our weekly newsletter.
- Tracking minister supervision and parish reporting.
- Managing website content and official communications.
- Providing administrative support for meetings and other events within the Presbytery.
- Assisting with compliance in Health & Safety and Child Protection.

The ideal candidate will:

- Possess strong administrative and organisational skills.
- Demonstrate competence with computer-based work; proficiency with Google Workspace and Infodile database management is an advantage.
- Have experience in website content management.
- Have excellent communication and interpersonal abilities.
- Be able to work independently and as part of a collaborative team.
- Maintain confidentiality and operate with integrity.
- Align with the cultural and strategic framework of Alpine Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand's Code of Ethics.
- Demonstrate an understanding of and comfort with working within a Christian faith-based context.

If you, or someone you know, is looking for a rewarding role where you can contribute to a meaningful purpose, we encourage you to apply.

The possibility of combining the advertised administration role with St Mark's, Avonhead, can be considered if the total hours of the two roles is beneficial and a suitable candidate is identified.

To learn more and apply, please supply your CV to Dan Spragg at minco@alpinepresbytery.org

Applications close Friday 6 June 2025.

Catalysing Christian Communities: Conference in Dunedin

Save the date: 21-22 August 2025

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 & 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.

From the last Newsletter

- Eco Church Kōrero

Coming Up

Presbytery Retreat: 17—19 July

Coracle: 12—14 September

Plant Sale, St Stephen's, Timaru:
13 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



Project: Hope Church Rolleston

Entrant

Bushnell Builders

Project Partners

Bushnell Builders (Construction Company), Dalman Architects (Architect/Designer), Hope Presbyterian Church Rolleston (Client Representative), Quoin Structural Consultants (Engineer)

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Hope Rolleston Presbyterian Church



The Hope Church Rolleston project showcases innovative problem-solving and meticulous planning, resulting in a modern church with a 400-seat worship hall, office, and kitchen. The worship hall incorporates energy-efficient heating, acoustic treatments, and flexible gathering spaces. Budget constraints necessitated the use of simple yet striking materials, with white brick and metal cladding framing a central glazed foyer. Delivering the project brought significant challenges, including funding uncertainties and discrepancies in council water mains records. Bushnell Builders worked closely with the Church to negotiate solutions, modifying a council water line to prevent costly disruptions. The team successfully delivered a space that balances practicality, sustainability, and architectural appeal through collaboration and adaptability.



Hope Rolleston Award

The Rolleston church building project received a gold award at last Friday night's New Zealand Commercial Project Awards. Congratulations to all involved!

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



A gathering for people involved in Eco Churches and people interested in being an Eco Church. RSVP to:

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

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

Study Theology at the University of Otago

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers many opportunities for the study of Theology, Biblical Studies, Church History, Ministry, and Pastoral Theology (including Chaplaincy). You can study either on-campus or across Aotearoa New Zealand through our distance study programme. We are committed to serving Christian communities throughout the country. Semester 2 starts on July 14th.

For details of papers, go to: www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/

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