

Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 8th May 2025

Cut off for items for next Newsletter is lunchtime on Thursday 15th May

Mission Discernment



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Mission Plans are required in our life in a few situations - in a Ministry Settlement Board process, or when applying for larger capital projects, for e.g.

Beyond that, going through a discernment process to discover what God might be calling you into, can be (is always?!) highly useful - if it is well formed and kept alive!

I'm offering two options for attending a workshop where we'll go over Alpine's mission discernment tools. This will be an interactive time, and your questions are welcome! The aim is that you'll be able to use these tools effectively with your Church Council and Key Leaders. Or, if you're looking for someone to facilitate a process with you for your Mission Plan, or simply to explore the 'where are we?/what shall we do?' question, then we can chat about that too.

The workshops will be held over video call and will last for around an hour.

Please follow this link and fill out the form to register for your preferred workshop option:

forms.gle/KwP5xETMQ8FHUKSc9

Dan Spragg - Kaihautū Whakatipu - Ministries Coordinator

Linwood Avenue Union Church
(Cnr Tilford St & Linwood Ave)

ANNUAL FAIR

Saturday 10th May

10am to 12 noon

Bargains for Everyone—Buy Your Mothers Day Gifts!!

Books—Jams & Pickles—Baking—Cards—Sweets—
Crafts—Toys—Plants—Steptoe Goods

We really appreciate the Community support
and hope you come along and enjoy looking
for a bargain

If you have goods you would like to donate
the Church office is open Mon-Fri from 9am-noon
Ph 3895 303

Sorry we are unable to take 2nd hand clothes beds or
electrical goods (including TV's)

Youth Workers Hui with Andrew Root

An opportunity to come and hear from the author of
"The End of Youth Ministry".

Monday 12th May, 10.30am—1.00pm, 75 Hansons
Lane, Christchurch, (Lunch provided)

RSVPs to Sage (sage@whakatupres.co.nz)

Bush Telegraph

The May 2025 edition of the monthly newsletter from
PCANZ can be found here: [www.presbyterian.org.nz/
publications/bush-telegraph/2025/may-2025](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/publications/bush-telegraph/2025/may-2025)

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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/

Part Time Job Vacancy: 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.

Kowai-Cheviot Parish Preaching Roster

Robert Robati-Mani, Minister of Kowai Cheviot Parish (Amberley) is planning to take annual leave from **27 May 2025 to 16 June 2025**. During this time the parish is seeking willing individuals to assist with leading worship and preaching on three Sundays.

In addition to cover whilst the Minister is on leave, the parish is also seeking willing and gifted individuals to consider assisting with their bi-monthly services in the future, particularly during periods when the minister is serving with the Waikari Parish.

If you feel called to assist, please contact one of the below with details of your availability for the upcoming months, and with any questions, suggestions, or ideas on how to collaborate effectively.

Jan Chisnall, Parish Clerk: phone 0276104112; email janchisnall@gmail.com

Rev Robert Rabati Mani: phone 0272080031; email rrobotimani@orcon.net.nz

From the last Newsletter

- 2025 Autumn Gathering
- Feedback Session - Hanmer Springs
- Harvest Thanksgiving at Linwood Avenue Union Church
- Dementia Workshop
- Notes from Presbytery Council meetings

Coming Up

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

Sister Eveleen Retreat House

Day of Retreat— Thursday 29 May, 9:30 - 2:30

Join us at Sister Eveleen Retreat House for a quiet day of reflection, prayer, silence and sharing.

Once a month we invite you to pause and take a little time out for yourself, inspired by the church and earth seasons.

This day is a simple retreat, but a special treat for yourself. Manageable in between school runs and before life might get hectic again at home. This is also for you if you would like to have a taster of a retreat. This day is a simple retreat, but a special treat for yourself.

Theme for this month: *The Trinity*

For more information and to register, go to: www.sistereretreat.com/event-details/2025-a-day-of-retreat-sister-ev-may

Raising Resilient & Secure Children

Yvonne C – Psychologist

Asian psychologist at Petersgate
Counselling Services
UK & NZ Registered Psychologist
PhD in Psychology

Judith K – Counsellor

Guidance Counsellor at Aidanfield
Christian Primary School
BA (Hons), PGCert in Education
Bachelor of Counselling

Learning Outcomes

Role of 'emotions' in
brain development

Safety is "Felt"

Parenting Strategies for
'Mixed Cultures'

5-12 yo childcare



bit.ly/Event17May25

17/05 (Sat)
2pm



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City Council



Asian Community
Transformation
Trust

