



Alpine Presbytery

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Health Updates

Rev Dr Alan Missen has appreciated the prayer support of so many following the February notice that he was facing open heart surgery. He had a double bypass on 11th February.

After increasing angina he was back in hospital in late March and one of the bypass grafts was found to be blocked. He had a successful angioplasty on 29th March and returned home on the 31st.

He is now back at work and feeling much better.

Rev Hamish Galloway is recovering well following his bike accident before Easter, although still suffering discomfort from his broken ribs and elbows.

He thanks everyone for their concern and prayers, and for their support.

Presbytery Retreat

Sunday 2nd & Monday 3rd May 2021, with an optional extra day on Tuesday 4th May.

Venue: Hanmer Springs Forest Camp, 243 Jollies Pass Road, Hanmer Springs 7334

Sunday evening meal & Monday lunch provided.

Accommodation: own arrangements

Speaker: Malcolm Gordon

Theme: Speech for the Speechless: Exploring Lament as God's Gift in the Midst of Suffering.

Rev Malcolm Gordon will invite us into a series of reflections on the Biblical practice of lament, rooted in both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Lament is a practice that provides an alternative to fatalism—that whatever *is* happening must be *meant* to happen—and engages our relationship with God in circumstances which would otherwise deny or stifle it. It is a practice that can enrich our own spiritual lives, as well as deepening our pastoral capacity to "walk through the valley of the shadow of death."

Malcolm will draw upon his song-writing and creative worship leading as part of the retreat. He is currently in the final year of his doctoral study on the spirituality of suffering in Early Christianity, and continues to teach in worship and Presbyterianism at KCML.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/JxHmDm2r9wznhaWA7>

(Registrations close 29th April 2021)

Vacancies:

Presbytery Representative on the St Andrew's College Board of Governors

Board Composition

The Board places importance on a balance of skills and experience that matches the strategic direction and needs of the College. The emphasis is on attracting the best qualified person for each position.

The best qualified person will normally mean the candidate whose skills and

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Ministers' Coffee Groups: 16th & 22nd April

Coracle—weekend for explorers: 30 April—2 May

Presbytery Retreat at Hanmer Springs: 2—4 May

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 emailed to gail@alpinepresbytery.org

Cut off for items for next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 22nd April**.



experience best meet the assessment of the skill profile for the particular vacancy.

Basic competencies that all Board members are required to possess and develop:

- Experience and knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of a governor and ability to distinguish governance from management.
- Able to communicate clearly, take a critical perspective on issues, possess integrity, a strong sense of ethics, and be able to recognise conflicts of interest.
- Business skills and financial literacy.
- Commitment to the special character of the College.
- Organisational, educational and strategic awareness.
- An ability to add value, and work collegially.

Every effort will be made to fairly recognise gender balance and the demographics of the St Andrew's communities.

The nominated candidates may be required to provide information to the Remuneration and Nominations Committee prior to the election and will be subject to final approval by the Christchurch Presbytery.

This is a voluntary role.

Any expressions of interest to Martin: executiveofficer@alpinepresbytery.org as soon as possible.

St Andrew's on the Terrace, Wellington—Ministry Vacancy

A vibrant church; A place of welcome; A spiritual, cultural, & intellectual hub in Wellington
St Andrew's on The Terrace are seeking expressions of interest or applications from ministers in good standing within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ); also from other ordained ministers in New Zealand or overseas who, after due process, are able to become ministers of PCANZ.

All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence.

Applications close 14th May 2021

To receive the Parish Profile and other supporting material, please contact the Convenor of the Ministry Settlement Board: Rev Reg Weeks OEF, ph: 027 491 5947; email: third.age@xtra.co.nz Further information about St Andrew's on the Terrace can be found on our website at www.standrews.org.nz

St Martin's Presbyterian Church

Is God challenging you at the moment?

We at Saint Martin's Presbyterian Church are looking for a nationally ordained minister to lead our congregation, provide support for our church family and the wider community.

- Do you have a strong Christian faith?
- Do you enjoy preaching from the word of God, and building relationships to encourage & pastor people?
- Do you listen and pray, and are you empathetic, humble, kind and loving?
- Can you still have fun and be willing to explore new avenues?

We are looking for someone who can dream and discern the heart of God for the families of St Martin's Presbyterian church, St Martins, Christchurch and the wider community. We are an active church with many outreaches e.g. Crafty Crafters, Meditative Prayer, Exercise Group, Elder Care and Menzshed. We have totally renovated our iconic church after the earthquakes and it is a wonderful modern environment waiting for you to lead our eager congregation into the future. The position is for .7 in the initial stages with the potential to grow as the need arises.

If you would like further information, or have questions, please contact Rev Heather Simpson on 0272433233

Temporary Office Assistant Required: Knox Church Ōtautahi Christchurch requires a part-time office assistant for a fixed term of one year. Hours of work are a total of

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seven hours per week covering Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Email office@knoxchurch.co.nz for further details.

Omokoroa Community Church

Based in the Bay of Plenty, we are seeking an evangelical, committed, and energetic Children's and Youth Pastor for the Omokoroa Community Church. This is a vibrant, growing and friendly fellowship of committed believers of various denominations. Must be able to teach from a sound theological understanding of the Word of God.

Full details can be found here: <https://www.theocc.org.nz/pages/latest-news/449-position-available-childrens-youth-pastor>

Ministers' Coffee Groups

Our next groups are meeting at the following dates/times:

- Friday 16th April @ 10am, Esquires Homebase in Shirley
- Thursday 22nd April @ 10am @ Black and White Coffee in Rolleston

Other News links

- [PCANZ Council News March 2021](#)

In Asia's Half of the World: Collaboration, History, Reflection & Study Forum and book launch to prepare for 'Asia Sunday' (23rd May)

Venue: Knox Centre, 28 Bealey Ave

Date: 22nd May, 2pm

Hear our partners in frontline work in Asia as they work to "rescue, restore, organise & heal", including panel speakers Pauline McKay from Christian World Service, and Amanda Gegan from Caritas.

Book launch for *Cranes Ever Flying*—book by John England which offers a fresh perspective to Asian Christian History and Theology, with panel speakers Dr Kathleen Ruston, Prof. Michael Grimshaw, Rev Brian Turner, Rev Dr Matthew Jack.

Download the flyer here: [In Asia's Half of the World](#)

Notices & News from other organisation

New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library

Here are the contents pages from the most recent issue of:

[Christianity Today, Vol 65 No 2, March 2021](#)

[In God's Image: Journal of Asian Women's Resource Centre for Culture & Theology, Vol 38, 2019](#)

[In God's Image: Journal of Asian Women's Resource Centre for Culture & Theology, Vol 39, 2020](#)

[Sojourners, Vol 50 No 4, April 2021](#)

[Tui Motu-Interislands, Issue 258, April 2021](#)

Email hewitson@prcknox.org.nz if you would like copies of any of the articles scanned and sent to you

From the last Newsletter

- **Rev Donald Malloch**
- **Vacancies:**
 - **An exciting new possibility in Alpine Presbytery**
 - **Families Coordinator Position—John Knox Rangiora**
- **Enneagram Workshop—23 & 24 April**
- **Bush Fire Newsletter**
- **South Island Ministry Conference 2021**

Dropbox link for documents mentioned in this newsletter can be accessed via this link: control & click, or copy & paste the link to your browser:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5k528skz4niqhg/AABDjLatKU2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>

Presbytery Directory

If you need to obtain information from the Presbytery Directory, please initially ask your Parish Office, as most of these have been given a log-on to Infoodle.

If you do need for your own logon access, send your request to Gail at gail@alpinepresbytery.org.

Please do bear in mind, though, that we need to be aware of our obligations under the Privacy Act.

Resources

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

Alpine Presbytery Culture & Strategic Framework

[Click here](#) to download this document, updated September 2020