



Alpine Presbytery

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Newsletter 1st July 2021

General Assembly

Registration for General Assembly 2021 is now open. Those Commissioners advised to, and approved by, Presbytery should look out for an email from Assembly Office, or go to ga2021.nz

Preaching the Parables

Saturday 24th July, 9am – 3.30pm, at New Brighton Union Church, 24 Union Street, New Brighton. Cost: \$10 per person (includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea)
A one day workshop for emerging and experienced preachers with Rev Dr Geoff New (Dean of Studies at the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership).

Explore the power of Jesus's parables, how they work and how to understand them. The focus will be how to preach so people engage with the parables as if hearing them for the first time. This workshop involves practical exercises and a comprehensive handbook is included.

[Register here](#) or via the Presbytery website: alpinepresbytery.org/preaching-the-parables/

Bush Telegraph: Click here to read the [July Bush Telegraph](#)

Vacancies:

The Hanmer Springs New Mission Seedling is looking for a new team member to be part of the oversight team with special responsibility for Finances.

This role includes:

- Supporting our leaders, Ben and Philippa, in managing the budgets
- Liaising with the Presbytery Treasurer as and when required
- Working with the team to develop stewardship and sustainability of funds in support of the long term success of this new mission

The team meets once per month usually via video conference with one or two face to face meetings per year.

This is a volunteer position! Expressions of Interest with a summary of relevant experience to the convenor, Dan Spragg - dan@villagechurch.nz, 021770112

Christian Families Coordinator: John Knox Rangiora is seeking a Christian Families Coordinator to lead our Children and Youth ministries and provide pastoral support for our church families and wider community.

We are looking for someone with a strong Christian faith who knows the challenges and blessings associated with young families in a local Church community.

The Families Coordinator will work with our current Children and Youth ministries and pre-school music group to support and resource those involved. Their primary role will be pastoral care for Children, Youth and Families while providing leadership and guidance where needed.

COMING UP

Preaching the Parables Workshop with Geoff New: 24 July

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 8th July**

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



We are looking for someone who can:

- **Dream:** discern the heart of God for families at John Knox and wider communities
- **Lead:** teams of volunteers in the Children and Youth Ministries
- **Be Hands-on:** in activities and services that bless our current and new families.

The position is for 20 hours per week which can be managed around both set and flexible times. For Job Description, Application Pack or for any further questions, contact Jason: jason@johnknoxrangiora.co.nz, ph 027 452 7546

Applications Close 21st July 2021

Ministry Opportunity (Lay or Ordained) - St David's Marchwiell Union Church, Timaru

We would welcome someone to lead us in a part time capacity. This would involve 2 worship services a month and other pastoral work as negotiated. The position may suit a recently retired person or perhaps someone exploring a call to Ministry. We are open to explore all options.

St David's is a vibrant congregation of around 35 people who engage with the community mostly through our support of a local primary school. We gather on Sundays for worship at Woodland's Rd Methodist church having no buildings of our own.

We would also welcome the offer of a Lay Preacher who could take one service every quarter.

If reading this has sparked your interest, or if you know someone who might be, we would love to hear from you. Contact Phil 022 1261353 revphilipbettany@gmail.com or Margaret 027 7132925 marjohn35@kinect.co.nz

Associate Children & Families Director: Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

The Presbyterian Children and Families Ministry exists to see communities of faith inspired to share God's big story by engaging authentically with children and families. We are currently advertising for an Associate Children and Families Director (0.5FTE) who will join the team in:

- Leading the PCANZ into authentic engagement with children and families.
- Advocating for children and families so that they are woven into the fabric/DNA of the church and have authentic participation.
- Encouraging, equipping and supporting church leaders and those who work with children and families.

Role Responsibilities

- Lead, develop and maintain the ministry that reaches children and families in the PCANZ.
- Collaborate and help lead relevant national special projects as determined by the PCANZ.
- Support regional children and families enablers.
- Advocate for churches to be engaging and discipling children and families.
- Encourage, equip and support children of the PCANZ in their faith and to use their gifts to minister to others.
- Encourage, equip and support parents and caregivers of the PCANZ to role model faith, to teach faith at home, engage in faith forming activities and take responsibility for the discipleship of their children.
- Ensure there is adequate training and resourcing for families as well as church members to support the discipleship of children and young people.
- Provide advice to children's and family leaders, parishes, presbyteries and PCANZ team members on children's and families' ministry.

The Candidate

The successful candidate will have:

- A theological degree or similar qualification
- Work history preferably within a religious context
- Membership in a Christian Church and would naturally be supportive and identify with the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church.
- A demonstrable work history in children and families ministry, preferably including experience in ministry resourcing and leadership development.
- Experience working across cultural diversity.
- Professional credibility to inspire confidence, together with a proven ability to provide high quality work within deadlines and timeframes; a strong calibre of leadership, a focus on collaboration, support and communication.

Location: Be based in a major city in New Zealand; preferably based in Christchurch or Wellington.

Click here for a complete [job description](#). **Applications close: 19 July 2021**

For further information and to apply, contact Robin Humphreys, robin@presbyterian.org.nz

Notes from Alpine Council Zoom Meeting – 24th June 2021

In Barry's absence, it was agreed that Rev Jon Parkes take the chair.

Jon reflected on aspects of the way the love of God is explored by Rev Dr Andrew Callander in his book *Finding Love*. Noting that love is the heart and essence of God's being and the motivator in how God is towards us. There is no manipulation and no coercion with God.

Key Decisions of Council

From correspondence items

- That the appointments of Peter Nelson and Stephanie Bain to the St Andrew's College Board be confirmed.
- That the appointments of Sarah Clarke and Chris Porter to the Board of Governors at Rangi Ruru Girls School be confirmed.

From the Executive Officer

- Noting the closure of St Lukes Christchurch North and the integration of its people, finances, and property into The Village Church.

From the Human Resources Team:

- Various people are being asked to take on Ministry Settlement Board roles for Plains (Mid-Canterbury), St Andrews Ashburton, St Ninians Christchurch, with the Executive Officer to brief the teams.
- Andrew Nicol to take on responsibility for baptism training for Jess Dreadon and Mark Ambundo at Hope.
- Approve of the proposal of St Andrews, Blenheim, to establish a half-time lay supply role to be filled by Marion Rowe for a year as a lead up and preparation for possible LOM training.
- Approval of Rev Stephanie Wells' study leave request.

From the Property & Finance Team:

- Council approved the Alpine Financial Statements for the period ended 31st May 2021
- Increasing the Administrator's hourly rate in line with the latest stipend increase information.
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between St Martin's Presbyterian Church and the St Martin's MenzShed located on their site.
- Approved the additional costs of up to \$47,000 for the Hakatere Parish Thomson Street project.
- Supported the Kaiapoi Cooperating Parish application to the Methodist Church for a Property Development Grant of up to \$50,000

From the Putea Misioni - Alpine Mission Fund

- That up to \$10,000 of the costs of a feasibility study to explore a Youth Café option at John Knox Rangiora be approved.
- Approved the *Have A Go* applications (\$1000 each) for Cashmere, Hakatere and Halswell.
- Approved a grant of \$159,010 over two years for the Local Mission Ministry position at Whakatu.
- Approved a grant of \$5,960 to the St Martins (Christchurch) South Elder Care Day Programme.

From the Resourcing Team:

- Rory Grant presented a verbal report alongside the Resource Team Leader's written report.
- The new team has only just met.
- The sense of what the role for this team is will emerge but the responsibilities stated in the formation document fit into three categories: Innovation, Formation & Support. Parish Reviews are an essential part of this. There is some discussion about some preliminary ways a base connection/relationship with parishes can be established, as well as an experiment of a person operating in the resourcing space in a region.
- Rory identified an important way of seeing Presbytery as 'us' not 'them.'
- Abi, in her Resource Team Leader's report shared news of Rev Sage Harris beginning in the very much part-time Youth and Young Adults Enabler position; news of Rev Dr Geoff New's Preaching Workshop on the Parables being held on the 24th July at New Brighton Union; the successful Zoom session with Robin Humphreys on the topic of Intergenerational Ministry; and work on ideas for acknowledging the work of Lay preachers and worship leaders in August.

Other matters:

- St Ninians church strengthening application. It was agreed that a small group be formed to meet with the St Ninians Parish Council to discuss this and other matters.

The next Council meeting is 22 July in Christchurch.

Notices & News from other organisation

Understanding and responding to suicide

Friday 23 & Friday 30 July, 9.30am – 3pm each Friday

Location: All Souls Church, 30 Church Lane, Merivale

A two day workshop to strengthen knowledge, understanding, skills and ministry practice, with **Tricia Hendry**.

Food provided.

Download Poster here: [Understanding Suicide](#)

Register here: eventbrite.co.nz/e/understanding-and-responding-to-suicide-tickets-151575086163

The Rubbish Challenge: 10 Steps to Less Waste in 10 Months

A resource for churches and whanau. Please copy and share (free copyright). More material and videos at: www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html

Step 6) July: Paper Towels

Bible verse: Luke 21:1-4 *Jesus saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them."*

'Big Idea': Paper towels are the biggest single item filling our rubbish bins. A paper towel is small and seems insignificant, but it adds up to a huge impact. Placing them into organic waste is a simple humble act of service.

Questions - for reflection & discussion

How do you respond to the idea that Jesus admires small acts of love?

How does this relate to how we deal with the rubbish?

Watch video at www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html

Action Step for July

Set up a simple system to get paper towels into organic waste collection.

Each paper towel dispenser needs to have, right underneath it, a 'Paper Towel Only' bin, with no plastic bag liner, which gets emptied into the organic waste.

What other paper waste could be put into composting?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, your ways are humble and good -

May we be your hands in service to your world.

May we show your heart to care, even in little ways,
for others and for this earth you made so well.

From the last Newsletter

- **From the Executive Officer: Covid-19 is still with us**
- **Pews for sale**
- **Knox Singers concert**
- **Lunchtime seminar on Climate Change and Mental Health**
- **A Faith-based Approach to Climate Change**
- **New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library**
- **[Connect](#)—newsletter from Presbyterian Support Upper South Island**

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/5k528skz4nqhgg/AABDjLatKU2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>

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If you do have a 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.