



# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 15th July 2021

### 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/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/preaching-the-parables/). **Registrations close 19th July.**

### Hanmer Project Working Bees

The Hanmer team are full swing into a refit of the manse as a base for retreats and respite. We are looking for some assistance with interior decorating (wallpaper stripping, painting, sanding etc) and would love to hear from anyone that is interested in joining us! This is a great opportunity to do a service project with your team, friends or join us on your own.

Timing is flexible within the month of August so contact Ben for more information on 021 2237546 or [hanmer.springs@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:hanmer.springs@alpinepresbytery.org)

### General Assembly 2021—Ministers' Resourcing Day

A Ministers' Resourcing Day will be held on Wednesday 29th September, in the St Andrews College Centennial Chapel prior to the start of General Assembly.

The theme for the day will be "Refreshing the Ministerial Soul" and the day will run from 9.30am – 4.30pm.

The registration fee for this event has been set at \$10 due to the generous sponsorship grants from PDS and the KMCL Ministers Life-long Learning Fund.

More details, and the link to register for the Resourcing Day, can be found here: <https://ga2021.nz/ministers-resourcing-day/>

### Council of Assembly News

View the newsletter here: [Council News June 2021](#)

This newsletter is part of Council of Assembly's programme to keep the wider Church up-to-date with its work. If you wish to subscribe to receive it direct, you can do so on the PCANZ website here: <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/publications#signup> (scroll to the end of the page)

### COMING UP

**Preaching the Parables Workshop with Geoff New:** 24 July

**General Assembly Ministers' Resourcing Day:** Christchurch, 29th September

**General Assembly:** Christchurch, 29th September—3rd October

### 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](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org)

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



## Parish Annual Reports & Financial Statements

As in previous years, we ask each parish to send a copy of their Annual Report and Financial Statements to the Presbytery Office. Where possible, these should be sent by email to [gail@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org); alternatively, they can be posted to: Alpine Presbytery, PO Box 42120, Tower Junction Post Shop, Christchurch 8149

## 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](https://eventbrite.co.nz/e/understanding-and-responding-to-suicide-tickets-151575086163)

### Ignatian Spiritual Direction

Rev Dr Mary Allan is involved in Ignatian Spiritual Direction and would like to invite ministers, elders, church leaders, and others to embark on this incredible opportunity to explore their life in the Divine.

Mary has created a video explaining what Ignatian Spiritual Direction is about, and this available on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvv9UQumdlc>

There is also a short flyer that gives information about this form of Spiritual Direction: [Spiritual Direction in the Ignatian Tradition](#)

### From the last Newsletter

- Scam Alert
- A safe reflective space for Lament
- New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library

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## 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/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/resources/)

## Alpine Presbytery Culture & Strategic Framework

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

## 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 have a need for your own logon access, send your request to Gail at [gail@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org).

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

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/5k528skz4niqhgq/AABDjLatKU2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>