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Ministers' Deaths

Sadly, we have to advise of the death of two of our Emeritus Ministers this week.

Rev Ivan Pierce died on 26th April. He was for many years a member at Cashmere Presbyterian church, and his funeral will be held there on Tuesday 3rd May, 2pm. Our condolences go to Cecile and their family.

Rev Kim Bathgate also died on 26th April. He was a member at Knox, Christchurch, where his funeral will be held on Monday 2nd May at 1.30pm. Our condolences go to Lola and their family.

Special Assembly

For news on what is happening at the Special Assembly (which finishes tomorrow, 29th April), go to the PCANZ website's Special Assembly page:

www.presbyterian.org.nz/about-us/general-assembly/special-assembly-2022

The Pathways Programme: Blenheim 9th June 2022

Pathways is a programme which offers intentional pastoral and spiritual care to individuals within congregations. Designed by Rt Rev Hamish Galloway and Dr Anne Shave, the programme provides opportunities for individuals to reflect on their stage of life, spiritual growth and areas of gifting and service. *Pathways* was successfully trialled at Cashmere Presbyterian Church during 2021 and is now being offered throughout the Alpine Presbytery.

What does it involve? Each participant:

- Has a one-to-one conversation with their minister or another church leader to explore 'where they are at' in terms of their stage of life, spiritual growth and areas of service
- Attends a full day seminar/retreat
- Has a follow-up one-to-one conversation aimed at exploring 'next steps'

"Taster days" for clergy and other church leaders have already been held in Christchurch and Ashburton and the programme is now up and running in several parishes in Canterbury. Clergy and church leaders from churches within the Nelson/Marlborough region and Kaikoura, who would like to experience the programme – perhaps with a view to introducing it to their own parishes – are now invited to attend a day to be held in **Blenheim on Thursday 9th June**. This programme is fully funded by the Alpine Presbytery.

What now?

Please register interest by contacting Anne Shave: pathways@alpinepresbytery.org or phone 027-4667-199.

Service for Ukraine

On Sunday, 10th April Greymouth Uniting Church held a service of Prayer For Peace, a

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Youth Pastors/Youth Key Leaders' get together: 3rd May

Pathways Programme: Blenheim, 9th June

Newsletter Items

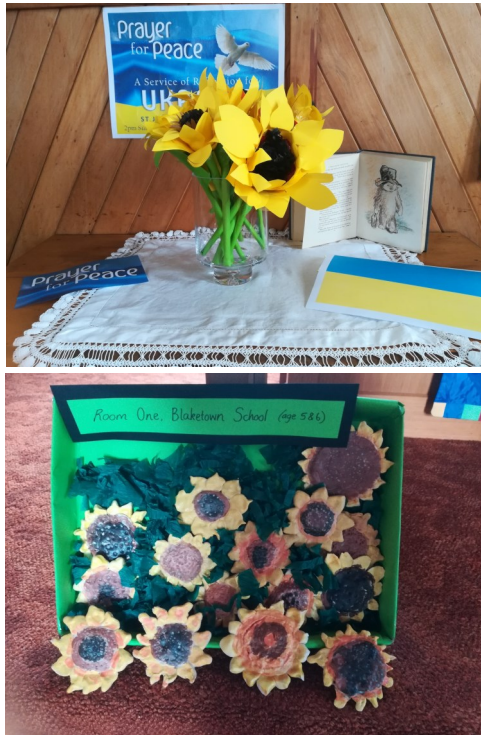
Please share this Newsletter around your Parish, especially with members of Session/Parish Council and all office bearers.

Details of events, or requests to be added to the distribution list, should be emailed to gail@alpinepresbytery.org

Items for inclusion in next week's Newsletter should be sent in by **Thursday 5th May**.



Service Of Reflection For Ukraine, at the little Moana Community Church. One of the organisers is a teacher at the Shantytown School, which hosts classes and engages children in older style teaching and learning methods such as slates and actual encyclopaedias, so they sent out a request and resource links to the local schools for contributions to the service and for display afterwards at the local library. We received pictures of sunflowers; poems about refugees; salt-dough sunflowers; and messages of welcome to Ukrainian children coming to New Zealand. Service material came from the Iona Community in Scotland; a hymn by Carolyn Gillette called We Pray For Peace, and, in recognition of the disproportionate impact on women and children, a hymn based on words from Isaiah 49 called A Woman's Care. People were there from a range of different denominations. A takeaway sheet had links to two Ukrainian recipes and to a number of organisations accepting and distributing donations for humanitarian aid for refugees, children, and families.



Paper and salt-dough sunflowers were amongst the items on display at the local library.

A 'Small church' conversation

As part of my study leave I hope to host a conversation open to anyone in Alpine Presbytery on the topic of 'small church' and what a new way of thinking about how we organise ourselves and where our energy is best directed.

At The Village over the past few years we have experienced the emergence of what could crudely be described as a 'network' of congregations, groups and locations coming into and becoming part of our life. In the wider church scene globally there is a growing amount of literature and content being made public about the idea of 'small' church ('*missional communities*', '*micro church*' - to name a couple). Alongside this there seems to be an increasing desire for groups 'on the ground' to have more autonomy and less reliance on the large institution for decision making ability. We are experiencing this in the church as Presbyteries are handling more work and are being more proactive rather than deferring to our national structures. The business world is also experiencing this. I would like to use a block of study leave to explore how we as a parish and as a presbytery can capitalise on what already seems to be happening to the ways that we organise ourselves and direct our energy as people in the 21st Century. Can we reimagine our theology, our organisation, and our mission to best suit this time that we find ourselves in?

Would you join me in throwing this around?

Tuesday May 24th, 10am - 3pm, In the newly renovated Manse at Hanmer Springs. Accommodation available at the Manse Monday 23 - Wednesday 25 May (for a koha) for first in first served if you would like to make this more than a day trip. Link to register - <https://forms.gle/VFL5LKPj8XmcXYao9>

Dan Spragg - 021 770112, dan@villagechurch.nz

Youth Pastors/Youth Key Leaders get together

Tuesday 3rd of May, 10am-12noon, at 75 Hansons Lane, Upper Riccarton.

Morning tea provided. Please RSVP to youth@alpinepresbytery.org. This is an

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

Online Worship Options

Visit the "Resources" page of our website to view the links from those of our churches offering this.

Presbytery Directory

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

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.

opportunity to gather and meet other youth pastors in our Presbytery. We will also have Matt and Gordon from PYM to hear a bit of their vision for 2022 and beyond. Hope you can make it.

Newsletter Items

Please continue to send your items for inclusion in the weekly Newsletters. Send us news about what's been happening in your congregations, and details of events that are upcoming—both in the wider Presbytery and limited to your local area, and including events organised by partner and linked organisations as well as from our own Parishes.

Email to gail@alpinepresbytery.org

News from Partner and Other Organisations

Hospital Chaplaincy vacancy

Hospital Chaplain (Women's and children's Health 0.8 FTE) Christchurch 32 hours based at Christchurch Women's Hospital, Canterbury DHB.

More details at <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/56713143>

Closes: 4pm, Friday 13 May 2022

Prison Chaplaincy Vacancy

Christchurch Men's Prison (0.5 FTE—20 hours per week)

Can you help us show the love of God inside the prison walls? Be willing to support all prisoners with a non-judgemental heart? Support the Department of Corrections' goal of reducing re-offending? Use your ministry skills to coordinate religious services and provide pastoral support?

You will have the opportunity to journey with prisoners as they encounter the challenges of prison life and separation from loved ones and whanau.

We need someone who has a deep faith, pastoral experience and who has knowledge of te reo and Tikanga. You must be confident in providing group and individual services, pastoral support, as well as leading and coordinating volunteers. Experience working with mental health issues would be advantageous.

Significant ministry and pastoral counselling experience are required for the role, as is an appropriate level of mental and physical agility. Your ability to be adaptable and flexible is important, and you will preferably either have a formal theological qualification or have made significant progress towards one

Good IT aptitude is essential, with the ability to use Office 365 (experience using SharePoint will be advantageous)

For more details, go to www.prisonchaplancy.org.nz/job/prison-chaplain-christchurch-mens-prison-0-5-fte/

Applications close Wednesday 25th May

From the last Newsletter

- **Presbyterian Church Property Trustees - March 2022 newsletter**
- **Special Assembly Website**

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/AABDjLatKUt2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>

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