



Alpine Presbytery

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Induction - Rev Bob Reid

On Sunday morning 25th February we are inducting Rev Bob Reid for a fixed-term (2-year) part-time (50%) appointment at St Kentigern's, Burwood Parish. The service will be at 10am at the church at 45 Rockwood Road, Christchurch. We realise that many people will be engaged in their own morning services at that time, but if you are available we would love to see you there to celebrate with Bob and the parish. Bob has already been working at St Kent's for some time as their Supply Minister. For those who can make it there will be a short formal Presbytery meeting immediately prior to the service at 9.45am. If you cannot attend please send your apology and greetings to the Presbytery Executive Officer so that we can share that with Bob and the parish.

Induction of Rev Mark Gibson at Port Hills parish

On Wednesday 7th February the local Port Hills congregation, members of the Methodist Synod, Presbytery, Minister colleagues and visitors gathered to celebrate with Mark and his family as he was inducted into a part-time (50%) position as Minister of the Port Hills parish. Mark shares his role at Port Hills with his other half-time role at New Brighton Union. Mark was warmly welcomed. Rev Sheena Dickson preached from John 3:1-17 on a "new birth" for Mark and the parish with opportunities that lay ahead. Mark noted his long family association



with the area as many of his relatives had lived and grown up in surrounding parts of Redcliffs and close areas. The congregation is looking forward to their future work with Mark as he gets underway with his ministry there.

Mark being presented with the Symbols of Ministry by members of the Port Hills Parish.

Opening of St Paul's Trinity Pacific

Thursday 8th February was a bright, sunny evening which saw an overflowing church celebrating the beginning of a new phase for the St Paul's Trinity Pacific Church family. The Very Rev Bruce Hansen cut the ribbon, the Alpine Moderator David Coster led people into the new building and the PCANZ Moderator Richard

Coming Up

- **Induction of Rev Bob Reid to St Kentigern's Burwood:** Sunday 25th February
- **Alpine Presbytery Gathering:** 27-29 April 2018, at The Village Church
- **Ordination and Induction of David Sang-Joon Kim at St Mark's, Avonhead:** 5th April

Dawson encouraged the people to **believe** as they entered a new phase of life as a community of faith. St Paul's has had a long, hard journey through earthquake, fire and the loss of a valued senior minister. It has been a tough time. The current Senior Minister, Rev Makesi Aletimu, encouraged the parish to face the future with confidence as they gave thanks for the support and generosity of many other

churches and the community. The church also looks to the second part of its building journey as work begins on plans for the nearby community hall facility. Despite challenge and hardship, it was a time to celebrate new beginnings!



Photos show Rev Makesi Aletimu, Rt Rev Richard Dawson, & Rev David Coster at the opening of St Paul's



Opening of The Village, Papanui Church building

Another story of courage and determination emerged as a large crowd gathered at the new Village Presbyterian Church, Papanui, Christchurch, on Sunday 11th February. With a combination of stories and prayers from local people and input from the Presbytery Moderator and PCANZ Moderator a story of hope and community-facing engagement was celebrated in the midst of a building which will be very versatile and helpful for its surrounding mission context. Moderator Richard Dawson spoke of **human touch** (from Psalm 8 & Luke 2: 1-7) and encouraged the congregation to find meaningful engagement with each other and the community surrounding them.

The celebration of this new church building also acknowledged the support and sacrifice and legacy of many who had gone before and now provides a platform of future engagement in community ministry.

Photos: Top—Rt Rev Richard Dawson preparing to unveil the plaque.

Right: Rt Rev Richard Dawson with Revs Dan Spragg, David Coster, Martin and Anne Stewart



The Presbytery wants to acknowledge and encourage these people and projects and prays for God's blessings in the years ahead!

Alpine Presbytery Strategic Framework

[Click here to download the Strategic Framework](#)

Presbytery Directory

[Click here to download the latest version of the directory. Please continue to advise amendments or corrections to Gail in the Presbytery Office. New versions are uploaded around the end of each month](#)

Alpine Presbytery Gathering

27th-29th April 2018. Now to be held at ***The Village Church in Bryndwr*** (cnr Ilam Road & Aorangi Street). Registration for this important event will soon go live, and all parishes are encouraged to ensure that they are represented.

Commissioners for General Assembly

Presbytery has been asked to work through the 'formula' of deciding who could go as Commissioners to this year's General Assembly, which will meet in Christchurch from 3rd to 7th October at St Andrew's College. Our Office will soon be in touch to confirm the number of **full members** (i.e. *not* including associate members) in your parish. Presbytery then apportions one Commissioner per 100 members, however at the same time trying to maintain a fair geographical spread for parishes and ministries concerned. Please check your membership and if Parish Clerks can confirm your current membership *before* Gail gets in touch they might receive a chocolate fish reward!

Interns in Presbytery

As the year gets underway and KCML Ministry Interns return from their first Block Course we want to remember in our prayers our second-year interns: *Esther Sabey* at Halswell Union Church in Christchurch; *Charissa Nicol* based at St Margaret's Bishopdale Christchurch and involved in a 'seedling ministry' exploration at Preston's; *Jonathon Barb* based at Hope Christchurch. We also welcome *Donald Gordon* who will be commissioned this weekend as a first-year Intern at Pleasant Point parish in South Canterbury. We wish all these trainee ministry interns well as they serve the church and develop their skills in the coming year.

St Andrews, Blenheim—Training Workshops

Saturday March 24th. St. Andrews Church in Blenheim invites you to a training workshop including:

- Leadership/ Eldership— Relevant to any church that uses team leadership
- Child Protection policy—Why we need this/Review of our policy and explain it's application.
- Expressions of Worship—Creating a worship programme. Exploring what is important in worship and how we go about it.
- Communications and Committees—Share and learn ideas on creating good communications within our committees and church.

Cost: \$10 P.P. All welcome. Enrolment forms and full details to follow.

Grant Applications

The next closing date for grant applications is fast approaching, being the **28th February**. This is the small grants administered by Presbytery (not the Mission Fund). Please refer to the attached information sheet for details of the funds and amounts available. Any queries please contact Ann McMillan (ph. 027 325 0397; email: galatos.mcmillan@gmail.com)

[Alpine Grants Information Sheet February 2018](#)

The Easter Story: Fact or Fable?

Why was the long-promised Messiah Jesus brutally executed on a crude Roman Cross? What was the early apostles' experience of Jesus post the Crucifixion? Was Jesus physically raised from the dead? These two seminal events of the Christian tradition will be examined in the light of the latest research and biblical scholarship, especially the Jesus Seminar. The Easter events, their place in history and their relevance for today will also be noted.

It will be a six-week course of 2-hour sessions held on Thursday afternoons, 2pm –

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Other items can be sent to the Office email address:
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4pm, commencing on 8 March 2018. The course will be facilitated by Charles Manning and Reverends Rodney Routledge and Sheena Dickson, and be interactive in format.

VENUE: Iona House, Aranui.

Enrolments by 2 March by email to office.stgeorgesiona@gmail.com or 355 6601 (leave a message please)

Presbyterian Women newsletter

The latest copy of BushFire can be [downloaded here](#)

There is a recommendation that a retiring collection be taken on Sunday 11 March, the nearest Sunday to International Women's Day, to support the ongoing advocacy of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand locally, regionally, internationally, and at the United Nations.

PWANZ have provided a short video for you to share (<https://www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenaotearoanewzealand/videos/2016470451900281/>), and also an [open letter to parishes](#), a [poster](#), and a [letter to assist Treasurers](#).

NZ Christian Network

This newsletter can be [downloaded here](#)

Nominations for Presbyterian Support South Canterbury

With Jim Pearce's retirement at the end of last year, there is a Presbytery nominee vacancy on the Board of Presbyterian Support South Canterbury (PSSC). The [PSSC Board Member Job Description](#) is available in the Dropbox.

Other useful information for interested people is that this year Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month from February until December, and normally run from 3pm to 5pm. The meetings rotate round PSSC sites in Timaru and Temuka.

Further information can be obtained from the PSSC Chairman: Eoin Powell, pres4eoin@gmail.com, Ph 03 688 5851, Cell 021 0275 7275.

Labyrinth at St Ninians, Riccarton.

There is a labyrinth painted on the ground at St Ninians, Riccarton. If you walk up the driveway you will find it between the tennis courts and the hall. Anyone is welcome to pop in and walk it especially during Lent. Please note that It has a few bumps and hollows and uneven footing so watch your feet. Consider it a highly symbolic meditative experience of the ups and downs and detours of life.



CWS Appeals for Tonga

With winds of over 233 km per hour and heavy rains, Cyclone Gita caused extensive damage, especially in Tonga. People have lost their homes, gardens and livelihoods. Christian World Service has launched an [appeal](#) to help in Tonga. Funds raised will go to the Tonga National Council of Churches and long-term partner Tongan Community Development Trust to help with relief and recovery operations.

Donations can be made [online](#) or sent to CWS, PO Box 22652, Christchurch 8140.

Please pray for those affected by the storm in American Samoa, Fiji, Samoa and Tonga.

More information on the appeal, and how to donate, can be found here: [CWS Tonga Appeal](#)

Share the News!

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

Forward the email, or print out copies for people to take and read. If anyone wants to go on the distribution lists to receive the Newsletter directly, please forward their details to Gail in the Alpine Office:
alpinepresoffice@gmail.com

From Presbyterian AFFIRM—End of Life Choice Bill

Many people may be only dimly aware of the Seymour "End of Life Choice Bill", and may not realise that submissions to the select committee are about to close.

If this bill is enacted, the State will allow doctors to actively end the lives of those who request to be killed and meet certain criteria, by giving them "a lethal dose" of "medication". The ramifications of allowing euthanasia in our society are far-reaching and extremely serious, especially in the longer term.

Those wishing to make submissions must do so by **midnight on 20th February** by one of these three methods:

on-line: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCJU_SCF_BILL_74307/end-of-life-choice-bill

or emailed: ju@parliament.govt.nz

or posted: Committee Secretariat, Justice Committee, Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6160

Essential information to include in your submission:

- *Addressed to:* Committee Secretariat, Justice Committee, Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6160
- *Heading:* SUBMISSION – End of Life Choice Bill
- *Your own details:* Name of Individual / Family / Organisation, Address, Phone, Signature
- *Verbal submission:* I/We wish to appear before the Committee to speak to my/ our Submission YES / NO
- *Your views:* make it clear whether or not you support the bill, and give reasons

The New Zealand Christian Network, have an article on their website concerning this Bill, which can be viewed here: <https://nzchristiannetwork.org.nz/churches-and-individuals-urged-to-organise-submissions-on-the-end-of-life-choice-bill/>

From last week

- **Moderator's Waitangi Day Message**
- **PCANZ Moderator-Designate voting**
- [**Kids Friendly e-News February 2018**](#)
- **Hymn Books**
- **Other Newsletters**
[**The Buzz**](#)—newsletter of PYM (Presbyterian Youth Ministry)
[**Presbyterian Church Schools' Resource Office Newsletter**](#)
- **Vacancy—Ranui Pacific Islanders Presbyterian Church,**
- **New Zealand Christian Network—National Director vacancy**

Newsletter Items

Details of events, or requests to be added to the distribution list, should be emailed to the office.

Deadline for items for the next Newsletter is **Thursday 22nd February**

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<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5k528skz4nighgg/AABDjLatKUt2-C2reVHA6hvza?dl=0>