



# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

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## Newsletter 4th July 2019

### The Alpine Presbytery Hanmer Springs Centre

We are very excited to announce the funding from the Alpine Mission Fund for Phase 1 of this project. Following unanimous support from the Greymouth Presbytery Gathering the team have worked hard researching the detail required, and are looking forward to God's leading and provision for what is next in this fantastic opportunity.

The project has two main areas of focus:

**A presence:** A person (or persons) that provide a local presence in the community, offering hospitality while listening to the context and explore the early stages of a new faith community.

**A space:** For people to gather, to consider God, to listen to God and each other, to converse, and to reflect. The space would tell a story: one of who God is, and another of the town and the region. It would provide hospitality to the stranger, the sojourner, the seeker, the lost, and the weary. A place of connection between people, God, and the land.

The centre will have a spiritual focus, allowing for people to gather in Christian community, and visitors to come with a sense of pilgrimage. This provides the mission opportunity to connect with those who do not know God. We imagine:

- Recreation, restoration of the soul, integration of body, mind and soul
- A place that is integrated with what Hanmer Springs already offers, by adding a spiritual focus
- A place where there is space made for the traveller, the weary, the broken
- Manaakitanga – hosting kindness generosity support. We welcome you, see we've made a space for you now, we will host all of who you are. Manaakitanga is a Maori word that loosely translates to 'hospitality' – it is central to Maori society and inspires the way that travellers and journeying people are made to feel welcome.
- A place of pilgrimage with a kiwi flavour
- An opportunity for a new faith community, expressing church in a fresh way in response to the context

Phase 1 will include appointing a person (or persons) to be the host on a 3 year term. The recruitment process and advertising is currently being finalised and will be out soon via this newsletter. The manse will be upgraded to provide a hub for the activity in the town, including meeting rooms and short term accommodation. There will also be two accommodation units built which will begin a vital income stream for the long term sustainability of the project. During this phase the work required to investigate the next stage will be carried out, which includes determining the future of the St Andrews church building, and other social enterprise options.

We are extremely grateful to the Mission Fund Board for their support, and know that generations to follow us will benefit from this initiative. We also acknowledge the generous gift from St Andrew's at Rangi Ruru, which has made funding from the Mission Fund possible.

### Coming Up

- **Brave & Beautiful Girls dessert evening:** 20th July
- **Headspace: The Landscape & Language of Trauma,** 24 July
- **Putea Misioni (Alpine Mission Fund) -** next deadline for applications is 30 August 2019
- **Presbytery Gathering:** 27-29 September, St Paul's Trinity Pacific, Christchurch

### Newsletter Items

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

The deadline for items for next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 11th July.**



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## Undaunted

**The early life of Josh McDowell. Sunday 7th July, 7-9.30pm.** Hosted by Hope Presbyterian, 27 Amyes Road, Hornby. An unforgettable story of a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

**Cost:** \$20. Register online at [www.thinkingmatters.org.nz/undaunted-christchurch](http://www.thinkingmatters.org.nz/undaunted-christchurch)

Download poster here: [Undaunted](#)

## "Brave & Beautiful" Girls Dessert Evening

Hosted by Grace Women's Ministry. For: 10yrs-17yrs. **Saturday 20th July, 6:30pm-8:30pm**, held at St Paul's Trinity Pacific Church, 45 Fitzgerald Ave, Christchurch.

Theme: 'Real Love' Activities include: arts & crafts, music & dessert. Limited Spaces! No Cost! RSVP by Wed 17th July for catering purposes. Call Tina 03-3791036 or email [tina.trinitypacific@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tina.trinitypacific@xtra.co.nz)



## Intentional Leadership Coaching

Church Leaders face major dilemmas today, such as:

How can we hold on to our best traditions *and* engage people through new ways of discipling?

How can staff/clergy use their gifts to lead well *and* encourage lay leaders to use their gifts?

How can we serve the needs of the world *and* serve the needs of our members?

Intentional Leadership is a practical process that prepares you to leverage the cyclical nature of such dilemmas while factoring in who you are, who you're leading, where you are now where you want to go, and what obstacles unique to your situation might get in the way.

**Who is this for?** All Ministers, Pastors, Priests, Church Staff, Church Leaders (*Note: for Presbyterian Ministers this event qualifies as a 'Continuing Ministry Formation' (CMF) event and can be covered by that budget from your parish (ref PCANZ Conditions of Service Manual 2.5.8.3)*)

**When is this Workshop being offered?** Wednesday 4 September 2019 from 9 am – 4pm

**Where will it be held?** In Christchurch – the venue is yet to be confirmed

**What is the Investment for me?** \$60 pp (early bird fee) up to 4 August; \$80 pp from 4 August to Friday 30 August

**What to Bring?** Bring your own Lunch. Tea and Coffee will be provided. Morning and Afternoon Teas will be provided

Your workshop facilitator is **Dr Jane Kise**, author of Intentional Leadership and founder of Differentiated Coaching Associates. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to have Jane here and grateful that she is willing to give us this unique opportunity so we can continue to full our kete bag with helpful and relevant leadership tools. I encourage you to make this a priority for your on-going leadership development.

**Numbers will be limited** in order to allow for maximum learning opportunities for those attending

Download more information here: [Intentional Leadership Coaching](#).

Register here: <https://forms.gle/LnUKcLy5UxwvGD347>

If you have any questions, please write to [clare@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:clare@alpinepresbytery.org)

## Other Newsletters:

- [Bush Telegraph, July 2019](#)
- [PCANZ Treasurers News July 2019](#)

## Update from Presbytery Council Meeting –Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019

*Moving in the wrong Spirit...*

Luke 8: 26ff tells the story of the healing of the demoniac.

What do we *notice* in the passage?

The area where this story took place apparently had a historical background of violence. It is obvious that *fear* the

gripped people – both about the demoniac and also his deliverance!

What has happened *before* this story? It came just after the calming of the storm – there had been a string of demonstrations of Jesus' power over various elements; then after this Jesus sent his disciples out to work in the same power.

What *forces* occupy and control *us* and the people we move and minister to/with?

As followers of Jesus we still operate, even in our modern world, amidst 'powers & principalities'...

What 'powers & principalities' are at work while we work???

We need to consider carefully that we are in a battle!

We need to call on God's discernment, wisdom and insight as we struggle with things that are not always *flesh & blood* – we need to be careful to not move in the wrong spirit.

Our meeting was opened and constituted in prayer.

The Moderator gave a brief verbal report of his activities over the past month. It included being involved in the ordination of Rev Jonathan Barb at Linwood Avenue Union Church; preparation for the Presbytery Retreat; attending the Heads of Denominations meeting at the Christchurch Anglican Centre; several meetings with the Executive Officer and others.

**Comprehensive Motion:** To shift our process into more of a "governance/strategic" role we gathered most of our regular business into a comprehensive motion.

Matters agreed under this motion included:

- Apologies from our meeting – *Anne Stewart, Jon Parkes, Maureen Bishop*;
- Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Council meeting;
- Ratification of matters decided by email since our last Council meeting – the approval of Presbytery for Rev Dawn Daunauda's induction (under Anglican appointment) at the Amuri Cooperating Church;
- The approval of the agenda;
- Correspondence report, plus any late correspondence;
- The Resource Team Leader's report;
- The Resource Minister's report;
- The Executive Officer's report;
- HR Committee report – including:
  1. That Neville Jones' training to officiate over Communion in the Wairau Parish, Blenheim, be approved.
  2. That the St Alban's Ministry Settlement Board be thanked and discharged.
  3. That Rev Hugh Perry and Anne Edgar be appointed as Presbytery representatives for the St Ninians Ministry Settlement Board.
  4. That Iain Murray be approved to replace Rev John Drylie as West Coast representative on the Presbyterian Support Upper South Island Board.
  5. That Murray Dickinson be approved to the Board of Governors at Rangī Ruru School.
  6. That Nick Letham be approved to replace Christine Janett as Staff Nominee to the Board at St Andrew's College, Christchurch.
  7. That Hope Church be given approval to set up a Ministry Settlement Board with additional members to reflect the multi-congregational nature of Hope.
  8. That the Hope Church elder representatives: Mark Henderson, Ruth Velluppallai, Jess Dreadon and Rev Marty Redhead be approved on the Ministry Settlement Board.
- Property & Finance Committee report:

Recommendations:

  1. That the report be received.
  2. That Presbytery approves the Alpine Financial Statements for the period ended 31st May 2019.
  3. That Alpine Presbytery increase the Treasurer Honorarium for the 2019/20 year onwards to \$3,000 per annum
  4. That in recognition of the increased Treasurer workload, an additional honorarium payment of \$750 be paid by Presbytery, for the 2018/19 year.
  5. That Alpine Presbytery lease office space at Level 2, 648 Halswell Junction Road from Hornby Presbyterian Community Trust on a casual basis at a cost of \$6.00 per hour incl of GST, for hours used monthly; initially for the period 1 July to 1 October 2019.
  6. That Alpine Presbytery:
    - a. Approve the application from Kaikoura Parish to sell their land at 15 South Bay Parade Kaikoura by way of private sale to the current leasee at a price not less than 10% under the registered valuation obtained.
    - b. Agree on the suggested response to the strategic ratings and question in the CPT form

In addition to our Comprehensive motion we also discussed several other important matters:

General Business:

**Additional Matters from HR:**

Rev Makesi Aletimu has indicated that he would prefer to be relieved from his position as Interim Moderator for St Alban's Uniting parish. It was decided to table the motion that we appoint a new Interim Moderator until further discussion is held with the parish.

Due to Rev Stephanie Wells accepting a new position (50%) with the PCANZ the Church Partners have been in discussion with her and the Parish Council at Kaiapoi Cooperating Church to establish an agreement of finding a way ahead.

Recommendation #7 from the HR team regarding approval for revised *Guiding Principles* for John Knox Church, Rangiora, was tabled until after further discussion was held with the parish leadership. Barry and Christine were appointed to meet with the church leadership.

**St Andrews at Rangi Ruru:**

Information was received from the Parish Council of St Andrews Parish outlining the potential closure process.

**Putea Misioni (Alpine Mission Fund)**

The Board met on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to consider two full applications and one EOI received since our last meeting. The Board recommended that two applications be approved:

- St Paul's Trinity-Pacific Christchurch: seeking additional funding for the final completion of their Youth Hall complex. The Board saw this completion as critical to their ongoing mission and noted the high usage by their congregation of their new facilities already. Some requested items fell outside the brief of the Mission Fund so the Board settled on items that were within the guidelines.
- Hanmer Project: the Project Team had returned with helpful updated information on this project. The Board noted that throughout this process the wider support of the Presbytery has been given and the Board believes this new missional opportunity now needs full support.

We also noted that all our current Board members (6 voting members) are able to be re-elected, if they so choose to make themselves available, by the next Presbytery Gathering (i.e. end of September 2019) and that we will be seeking additional Board members hopefully from the West Coast and the Nelson/Marlborough regions. We are able to increase the Board to 8 voting members under the current terms of reference. We will indicate soon which Board members choose to make themselves available for re-election.

The Board plans to once again update the application forms. From now on for future applications the Board will ask that applications are co-signed by at least *two* members of the applying entity.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. The deadline for applications to be considered by the Board will be **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019**.

Decisions made included:

- 1. That Alpine Presbytery Council approve a grant from the Alpine Mission Fund of \$32,981.88 for costs associated with the final completion of the St Paul's Trinity Pacific Youth Hall complex.**
- 2. That Alpine Presbytery Council approve a grant of \$465,000 for the Hanmer 'Host' and Build projects. Included in that approval would be the requirement for the usual applications to Church Property Trustees for building matters and the oversight of Presbytery (with all due HR matters) in the appointment of the 'Host' person/people.**

**Terms of Reference for a Presbytery Conflict Advisory Work Group:**

The Executive Officer produced a draft of a possible terms of reference. After feedback the EO will bring a revised copy to the next Council meeting in July.

**Venue:** Council is reviewing the location of its monthly meetings.

**Next month's meeting:** Council plans to set aside an additional day in its July meeting to continue discussion on the Presbytery Review process – particularly the review of the Alpine Presbytery Strategic Framework which will be sent to parishes shortly for feedback.

**Press Go Review:** Council discussed the Summary document of the current Press Go review and noted some feedback and suggestions.

Council adjourned for lunch

**Council of Assembly Update – visit from Rev Charissa Nicol:** Charissa reported on her attendance at the recent Council of Assembly meeting and discussed various matters which have also been circulated to the wider church in

the recent Council report. Our Presbytery Council is very keen to maintain a good level of communication with Council of Assembly and we are grateful for Charissa's involvement in that body.

We noted that Kos Lier and Pat Griffin (Church Property Trustees) will be retiring from their respective roles.

It was decided that

**Presbytery send greetings and note our sincere appreciation to Kos and Pat for their work with our Presbytery and the wider church through challenging circumstances.**

**Parish Concerns:**

Further follow up of a mediation situation in a church is being planned.

Some questions around church process is being responded to in another one of our churches.

**Property & Finance:**

With the loss of some members from this Presbytery Committee we are seeking people with certain skills to assist with this team. People with property, financial management and construction skills would be helpful for this team.

**Next Meeting:**

Presbytery Council will meet again on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July** starting at 9.30am in Christchurch.

Dugald Wilson led us in prayer.

The Council meeting closed with the Benediction at 2.30pm.

A full copy of the Minutes of this meeting [can be accessed here](#).

## **AED-Defibrillator Offer to all Churches and places of worship**

In April we advised you of an offer from St John, available via the Methodist church's website, of **25% off their defibrillators to ALL churches, denominations and places of worship**. The cut off date for registrations of interest has been extended to the end of August 2019.

View information about defibrillators, St John's offer, and funding options, and register your interest in this offer, here: [http://www.methodist.org.nz/caring\\_for\\_our\\_people/defibrillator\\_offer](http://www.methodist.org.nz/caring_for_our_people/defibrillator_offer)

## **Mind Over Mood**

**A one night seminar held at City Church Christchurch which will also be available to view by LIVESTREAM.** Feelings, emotions, and moods govern our lives whether we are aware of it or not. Many feel they are at the mercy of their feelings and that their situation will need to change for them to feel differently. The good news is that we are able to train our feelings. Richard Black has worked with many people to help them re-train their emotions, grow emotional intelligence, and learn to own their zone emotionally.

In this evening seminar, you will learn how emotions work, what they are telling you, and how to re-train them when they are unhelpful or overwhelming. You will learn what is behind powerful emotions of depression, anxiety and anger, and learn the skills needed to heal emotions that are limiting or damaging your life. For those who struggle with emotional reactivity, you will learn how to ease the emotional pressure so you can think and function calmly and constructively.

**24 July, 7 - 9pm, City Church, 346 Manchester Street, Christchurch**

**Presenter: Richard Black**

**\$30pp for event/livestream or \$20pp earlybird (closes 3 July)**

## **Free Counselling for Kids**

Strength to Strength are now offering free counselling for kids in Christchurch and Wellington through the [I AM HOPE NZ](#) funding scheme. Click on the link to find out more.

## **HeadSpace**

**The Landscape and Language of Trauma: How to have difficult conversations about trauma and how to respond**  
**Wednesday 24 July 2019**, Location: Cashmere Presbyterian Church, Cnr Dyers Pass Road and Macmillan Ave, Cashmere. Gold coin donation for expenses welcome

The Bible tells us that stories of trauma can be a means to find the centrality of God in the midst of brokenness and the way forward to recovery. In the aftermath of difficult times in Christchurch sometimes what we need is storytelling as a means of healing.

Our next HeadSpace looks at two topics (come to one or both):

Helping people recover from trauma by recognising and listening to their stories; what heals and what can cause damage in storytelling?

The Church Mental Health Initiative in Christchurch: how to join in; how to become a 'mental health coach'.

Full details, and registration, at [https://www.influence.org.nz/upcoming-events/event/241-headspace?utm\\_source=Influence&utm\\_campaign=5ea04e285c-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2019\\_06\\_24\\_08\\_49&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0acf469329-5ea04e285c-431413317](https://www.influence.org.nz/upcoming-events/event/241-headspace?utm_source=Influence&utm_campaign=5ea04e285c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_06_24_08_49&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0acf469329-5ea04e285c-431413317)

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## Shipwrecks and saving graces

*A weekend retreat at Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington*

**Friday August 23rd** starting at 7pm to **Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> 2019** ending at 3pm.

**Cost:** \$210, includes all meals. Single rooms with individual bathrooms.

### Who is this retreat for?

Anyone who feels battered or 'cast adrift' by their experiences in life and/or ministry. Anyone who wonders where God is in the midst of the hard times. Anyone who wants to reflect on those experiences within the rhythm of Jesus' story found at the heart of Christian faith: "dying, lying and rising".

### What can you expect at the retreat?

In time together both as a gathered group and on our own there will be the invitation through talking, praying, writing, drawing, walking etc to explore: *Whole hearted community*: 'showing up' to one another and being real as we tell our story; *Honest to God*: thinking about lament and 'being real' with God; *Belonging and being*: discovering practices to carry us deeper into the heart of life lived faithfully with Christ.

Download [poster here](#). For more details and registration visit [shipwrecksandsaving-graces.home.blog/shipwrecks-and-saving-graces/](http://shipwrecksandsaving-graces.home.blog/shipwrecks-and-saving-graces/)

## Fundraising Institute of New Zealand

**Southern Learning Lunch: Dr Seán Barnes from Ākina will be talking about Social Enterprise and Changing Business**

Wednesday 10 July, 12pm – 1.30pm at NZ Post, 10 Sir William Pickering Drive, Christchurch.

The cost for Non-Members is \$35 and for members \$25.

[For more information and booking please click here](#)

## From last week:

Access previous Newsletters here: [www.alpinepresbytery.org/newsletters/](http://www.alpinepresbytery.org/newsletters/)

- **Presbytery Office**
- **Office for Rent—Christchurch**
- **Claim the Future - build peace together**
- **Resilience for life and ministry.**
- **Ko wai tātaou? A Discussion on Treaty Identity**
- **Summer in the Forest**
- **Women of Faith Gathering—26-28 July 2019**
- **Other Newsletters:**
  - [PCANZ Treasurers' News](#)
  - [Council News June 2019](#)

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## Presbytery Directory

[Click here](#) to download the latest directory, dated May 2019

Any amendments or corrections should be advised to Gail in the Presbytery Office, and these will show in the next printed version. (New versions are uploaded about once a month.)

## Alpine Presbytery Strategic Framework

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

## 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:

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