



# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 16 January 2020

### New Years Honours List

It is a custom that our PCANZ Moderator writes a letter to any Presbyterians who have received a New Year's honour. Can you please advise the Presbytery Office of the name/s and full contact details of any folk from the Alpine Presbytery region who have received a New Year Honour and any background information about the person and the reason for the honour. We will then pass these onto the Moderator, who will write on the Church's behalf.

### Alpine Presbytery Gathering

St David's Union Church, Ashburton

From 2.30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, concluding with shared worship on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Please note this in your diaries now. We will be opening registrations soon, so look out for details in upcoming Newsletters.

### Mission Fund

The first round of applications to the Alpine Mission Fund will close on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. There will be four closing dates during 2020 so please ensure that you file any applications in time for consideration. Further information can be obtained from our Presbytery website ([alpinepresbytery.org](http://alpinepresbytery.org)) or by contacting Barry Ayers.

### Presbytery Grants

The first round of applications for general Presbytery Grants close on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. Please remember that there are only **two** application rounds for these grants (the second in August) per year so it would be prudent to be aware of any project applications as early as possible. Further information on our website or from Barry Ayers.

### Full Time Vicar/Minister: Combined Parish of Akaroa-Banks Peninsula

The Parish of Akaroa-Banks Peninsula embraces much of Banks Peninsula and is a predominantly rural area, with the largest settlement being the picturesque village of Akaroa.

The Anglican and Presbyterian Parishes of Akaroa and Banks Peninsula are a church community undergoing change as the two parishes merge into one combined church.

We need our new ministry leader to foster the ecumenical nature of the new entity, and help us draw closer together. Much has been achieved over the past five years, and much remains to be done. People skills will be a necessary quality. We would like to choose the best minister for the position, regardless of whether they are Anglican or Presbyterian.

### Coming Up

- **Mission Fund and Presbytery Grants applications closing dates:** 28 February
- **The Gentle Revolution—Emerging Green Churches of Europe:** 16 February, at Chapel of the Waves
- **Induction of Rev Charissa Nicol as Chaplain at Rangī Ruru:** 17 February
- **Induction of Rev Dennis Flett to Hope Church:** 15 March
- **Presbytery Gathering:** 27—29 March, Ashburton



A parish profile and an expression of interest form are available by emailing the Executive Assistant at the Diocese of Christchurch: [bishopsea@anglicanlife.org.nz](mailto:bishopsea@anglicanlife.org.nz) or by phoning 03 348 6701.

Applications, which must include a CV, a response to the profile of not more than four pages, and a statement about your faith and personal approach to ministry, are requested by **5pm Monday 10 February 2020** and are to be sent to [bishopsea@anglicanlife.org.nz](mailto:bishopsea@anglicanlife.org.nz)

## Australian Bushfires

There are many agencies doing an excellent job of helping the people and animals affected by the bush fires in Australia. Unfortunately, we have also become aware of potential scam activity, so we advise you to be cautious when supporting these causes, and ensure that any requests for money received by email are legitimate and trustworthy—especially so when there is a request to purchase some sort of gift card and advise the authorisation code to the sender of the email.

## The Gentle Revolution - Emerging Green Churches of Europe

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 4pm—5.30pm @ The Chapel of the Waves** (Corner Collingwood St and Union St, New Brighton)

Mark Gibson, the minister of two East Christchurch parishes, recently took a short Sabbatical in Europe and visited Eco and Green churches in Scotland, England and Denmark. Hundreds of mostly small local churches are transforming their life in response to the global ecological and climate crisis. One church has slashed its carbon footprint by two-thirds, at another over a hundred people cycle to worship every Sunday. The Green Church movement in Denmark is transforming church graveyards into bio-diversity hotspots. Come and hear these wonderful stories, and many more. Could Aotearoa NZ evolve our own Green Church movement? There will be a power point presentation which includes photos of churches visited and people he met. Plenty of time for questions afterwards. There will be a koha taken for the work of the Centre. All welcome.

## Lenten Study: Nurturing the Life of the Holy Spirit

Silvia Purdie has written a study guide for March-April 2020, which can be used as a personal reflection resource, small group discussion and/or basis for a sermon. Eight studies cover the topics: worship, repent, ask, give, wait, suffer, rest, share, with Bible readings (mostly from the Lectionary), prayer activities and questions for discussion.

*"An invitation to you, from the heart of God, in the breath of God, with the presence of God."*

Designed as an A5 printed booklet or weekly sheets.

Download from Silvia's website, [www.conversation.net.nz](http://www.conversation.net.nz), or from our Dropbox: [Nurturing the Life of the Holy Spirit](#)

## Coaching Course

Rev Christine Harding of Fairfield Presbyterian Parish is offering a Coaching Course in Christchurch from 27–29 February, at 64 McFaddens Road, St Albans, Christchurch.

The COACH Model is a radically different approach to leading people. Rather than provide answers, leaders ask questions to draw out what God has already put in others. Learn how to create powerful conversations to assist others to solve their own problems, reach goals and develop leadership skills in the process. Our 3 day course incorporates a faith-based perspective to serve Christian leaders. It incorporates the best of adult learning practices — with self-directed, communal, experiential learning where discussion, practice and application are maximised.

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## Presbytery Directory

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

The full cost for the 3 days is \$200, but Presbyterian leaders are being offered a discount of 20% (\$160 for 3 days).

For more information regarding the background of this course visit the website—[www.creativeresultsmanagement.com](http://www.creativeresultsmanagement.com)

Download the flyer, with more details, here: [Coaching Course Christchurch 2020](#)

## New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library

Here is the contents page from the most recent issue of:

[Art & Christianity, No 100, Winter 2019](#)

[Asia Journal of Theology, Vol 33 No 2, October 2019](#)

[Christianity Today, Vol 63 No 10, December 2019](#)

[Sojourners, Vol 49 No 1, January 2020](#)

Email [hewitson@prcknox.org.nz](mailto:hewitson@prcknox.org.nz) if you would like copies of any of the articles scanned and sent to you.

## Newsletter Items

We encourage you to send us details of any events in your area that you think may be of interest to others—both in the wider Presbytery and limited to your local area. This can include events organised by partner and linked organisations as well as from our own Parishes.

Email Gail at [gail@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org)

## 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:

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

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Details of events, or requests to be added to the distribution list, should be emailed to Gail Weaver at [gail@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org)

Cut-off for items for inclusion in next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 23rd January**

Dropbox link for documents mentioned in this newsletter: control & click, or copy & paste the link to your browser: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5k528skz4nighgg/AABDjLatKUt2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>