



Alpine Presbytery

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Induction

The induction of Rev Charissa Nicol as Chaplain at Rangī Ruru Girls' School will be held at the school on Monday 17th February at 1.45pm. Due to the involvement of the school the 'space' for Presbytery members will be extremely limited so anyone wishing to attend will need to check with Rev Barry Ayers to ensure there is space to attend. Messages of support can be sent via Barry.

60th Anniversary

The Rev Bob Coates will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday 2nd February at a small celebration. Those wishing to send greetings to Bob for this occasion can send them c/o Rev Nancy-Jean Whitehead revnj@outlook.co.nz

From the PCANZ Moderator - Australia, our neighbour in strife

Greetings in Jesus name.

Jesus said, "Love your neighbour, as yourself." Matthew 22:39

The bush fires that have devastated the beautiful continent of Australia are merciless and unrelenting. It is like a wild beast running amok in a supermarket. This fire's span has not been days or weeks. It has been raging and destroying for months. Many human lives have been lost, homes and neighbourhoods turned to ashes. The animal wildlife loss is insurmountable, immeasurable.

Australia is our closest neighbour, both geographically and we have many ties in times of peace and war. We have a real sporting rivalry, in all sporting codes. We bring the best out of each other. But when calamity takes place; when turmoil and disaster come upon either nation; we respond, with aid, assistance, and resources to each other's hour of need.

Our firefighters, and military (Army, Navy) personnel, and many others with the required skill set have done us proud. Aotearoa New Zealand, we have reached out and embraced, and supported our neighbour, Australia. Bravo.

In the Church sphere there is a special relationship between the PCANZ and UCA (Uniting Church of Australia), more than any other of our partner Churches. Apart from Uniting Church ministers and congregations working in the local communities, they are also providing disaster relief chaplaincy which is being coordinated nationally. Their community service agencies are also working locally in effected communities.

Let us continue to keep our neighbour Australia in our prayers.

There are also opportunities for us to support financially. I draw your attention to one - details below.

The Uniting Church have a National Disaster Relief Fund that donations can be sent to, and which donations will be put through for this disaster. You can make donations through the Assembly website, <https://assembly.uca.org.au/>

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



Also, if you wish to make a transfer of funds, please use the following:

National Disaster Relief bank account

Bank name: Westpac; BSB: 032003; Account number: 269941

Account name: ASM National Disaster

Blessings, *Fakaofu*

Stated Supply Minister Vacancy

The Mount Presbyterian (St Andrew's) Church in Dee Street, Mount Maunganui (Kaimai Presbytery) is seeking a part-time Minister on Stated Supply for a period of approx. 6 months commencing March/April 2020. It is expected that this part time position will be approximately a 0.5 FTE role.

Key tasks will include preaching on three Sundays a month, pastoral care and serving the sacraments as outlined in BOO 6.2-6.8. Other tasks and employment conditions are negotiable with the prospective applicant. The successful candidate will be accountable to the Parish Council.

St Andrews would value the wisdom and experience of a minister who can support and assist the congregation during this ministry vacancy as it seeks direction and options for its church and people into the future.

Please apply in the first instance to the Session Clerk, Mrs Shelley Gilmore, ph 021 158 9315, email shelleygilmore@gmail.com or to the Interim Moderator, Rev Ian Pittendreich, ph. 021 0245 7780, email minister@bcchurch.co.nz

Experienced Minister—a challenging yet exciting post in Sri Lanka

St. Andrew's Scots Kirk in Colombo, Sri Lanka, is a Presbyterian congregation of the Church of Scotland. The congregation dates from 1841, the building from 1907 and is set in the busy business district of Colombo. It is surrounded by 5-star hotels, it sits with the manse in a walled compound with gardens on three sides. The congregation is a member of the International Presbytery of the Church of Scotland and associated with the local Presbytery of Lanka. It prides itself as being Presbyterian, "international, interdenominational, open to all."

Approximately 70 people, with a good spread of age and backgrounds attend our Sunday morning service, many of whom have worshipped with us for over 10 years. We attract many tourists and numerous weddings. Worship and mission are central for us with several mission projects, meeting a variety of needs.

We have a vacancy for a minister who will challenge and inspire us deepening our Christian understanding and faith, a leader able to recognise, encourage and coordinate our individual gifts and supportive of our partnerships local and global. The political context remains challenging here with Christians making up only 7% of the entire island population.

St Andrew's profile is available at www.scotskirk.lk and interest in the position can be expressed to Interim Moderator Rev Ian Gilmour: IGilmour@churchofscotland.org.uk.

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

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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

or Presbyterian.

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 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

Te Raranga Events

Breakfast Hui for Church Leaders: Living the Treaty of Waitangi and the significance of te reo Māori

Wednesday 29th January, 7.30am to 9am, Fush and Chups Restaurant, 100 the Runway, Wigram. Still a few seats available—book now!

Please RSVP to reserve a seat, there are only 21 places available, so be in quick.. Cost is \$20 payable on the morning, but reservations are essential. Email briennedavies@gmail.com

Theology as Indigenous— with Dr. Terry Le Blanc, Mi'kmaq First Nations Canadian and Director of NAIITS - an Indigenous Learning Community (<https://www.naiits.com>).

Two events:

- Thursday 30th January, 10am - 11.30am, at North City Church, 95a Sawyers Arms Road
- Thursday 30th January, 6.00pm-9.00pm, at Te Waipounamu Cultural Centre, 290 Ferry Road. Koha (will be collected at the door)

For more information on these events go to: <https://mailchi.mp/55d21194d999/new-year-events-and-updates?e=66ddbe8ac3>

The Gentle Revolution - Emerging Green Churches of Europe

Sunday 16th 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.

From Last Week

- **New Years Honours List**
- **Alpine Presbytery Gathering: 27—29 March**
- **Mission Fund**—applications close Friday 28th February
- **Presbytery Grants**—applications close Friday 28th February
- **Australian Bushfires**
- **Lenten Study: Nurturing the Life of the Holy Spirit**
- **Coaching Course**—27–29 February
- **New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library**

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>

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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

Newsletter Items

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

Cut-off for items for inclusion in next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 30th January**