



Alpine Presbytery

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Next two Newsletters

Gail is on leave for the first two weeks of February, so Barry will be doing the Newsletters. Please forward any requests for inclusion to him at barry@alpinepresbytery.org

Abi Trevathan is now on Maternity leave for the next 5 to 6 months. In the meantime the Resource Team continues steadily and any inquiries re Resourcing can be directed through Darryl Tempero (darryl@alpinepresbytery.org ph: 027 556 0055)

Youth Hui - 27th March

If you currently work with young people in Alpine, we want to hear from you. You are invited to come along to a Hui at St David's Church in Ashburton on the 27th March from 10am - 2.30pm to meet and connect with others working with youth and to help us discern what is next for us in this area of ministry.

Registrations are now open here: <https://forms.gle/9zRByx2uSycDtr3x7>, and Presbytery will cover travel and food costs for the day.

Parish Statistics

In order to calculate how many people this Presbytery can send to General Assembly this year, we require a copy of the Statistics for each parish, which should have been sent through to Wellington by end of August last year. Can we please ask you all to send a copy of your statistics forms through to Gail (gail@alpinepresbytery.org) - and ensure that they have also been sent to Wellington!

Pastoral email - Shirley Murray

We have been advised of the death of Shirley Murray on 25th January 2020.

A prolific writer of hymns, her works have been translated into numerous languages and are represented in more than 140 hymn collections. Tributes to Shirley have been posted from around the world

A service to celebrate Shirley's life will be held 11am on Friday 31 January at the Raumati Church of the Kapiti Uniting Parish, 10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach.

Messages may be emailed to the family at either serenam3131@gmail.com or arohanui61@gmail.com

East Side Multicultural Games event

Crossway Community Church, North Avon Baptist and Delta Community Support trust are working together to present the East Side Multicultural Games event—where culture and fun meet. Come and enjoy unique games from different cultures – there's something for everyone. From relaxing, stimulating games, where you can sit and chat

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

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Alpine Presbytery Strategic Framework

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



and learn, to those that will give a bit of a workout. Then enjoy a taste of ethnic food. All this and more with a vibrant multicultural community at your doorstep. Everything is free!

Nationalities from other Presbyterian congregations are invited to join them in bringing this fun community event to the community. They are looking for music, singing, and also some people to contribute with games from their culture which are unique to NZ. Contact Julia de Groot at jewelsdg@gmail.com

Download the poster here: [Eastside Multicultural Games](#)

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 to the Session Clerk, Mrs Shelley Gilmore, ph 021 158 9315, email shelleygilmore@gmail.com, or to the Interim Moderator, Rev Ian Pittendreigh, 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.

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Update from Presbytery Council Meeting –Thursday 23rd January 2020

Devotions: *Dealing with Opposites!*

In Richard Rohr's book "*The Naked Now*" he challenges our tendency to engage in dualistic thinking! In that pattern of thinking everything is separated into opposites. In the West we are encouraged to debate everything. We call "the others" *wrong or untrue*. We forbid the "dark side" from being explored.

However, when we acknowledge the 'Jesus way' such thinking and acting is the opposite of the time-honoured practise of contemplation, which is what the Holy Spirit draws us to.

The apostle Paul encourages us to "*continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving*" (Colossians 4:2). What would our lives and work be like if we spent more time in contemplation and silence?!

Dualistic thinking lacks humility and patience, whereas contemplation allows us to stop taking sides and allow the Holy

Spirit to guide us. It helps us to slow down and discern more deeply.

The hurly-burly world of social media confuses and blinds us! We don't always think deeply and wisely enough to hear what God is saying and discern what is really happening.

That can lead us to the essential question: *What is prayer?* So often we end up *telling* God what to do!

It would be good for us to recognise and learn to avoid dualistic thinking, to slow down and develop practises to help us hear the voice of God more clearly.

Anne Stewart opened and constituted our meeting in prayer.

Business Section of our meeting:

Comprehensive Motion

Decisions made:

1. Apologies from our meeting – *Andrew Nicol, Phyll Harris for lateness; Ann McMillan for leave during meeting;*
2. Minutes of the 28th November Presbytery Council meeting be approved
3. The approval of the agenda along with any late items;
4. Correspondence report, plus a letter from Trust Power
5. The Resource Minister's report plus Netherlands CWM report
6. The Executive Officer's report
7. HR Committee report:
 - 1) That permission be given, provided it is agreed to by a congregational meeting on the 26th Jan, to change the terms of call for Rev. Gene Lawrence at Trinity Temuka from full stipend to 0.75.
 - 2) That the small changes to the PSUSI constitution be amended.
 - 3) That the crit service for Steve Talbot be received and his work endorsed.
 - 4) That Rev Alan Missen at Hurunui be given permission to enter into a ministry exchange with Rev Peter Lyth from Sept-Nov 2020.
 - 5) That Rev Hamish Galloway be appointed IM at Cashmere Presbyterian.
 - 6) That Rev Dugald Wilson be approved as IM at Hoon Hay.
8. Property & Finance report:
 - 1) That the report be received
 - 2) That Presbytery approves the Alpine Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December 2019
 - 3) That Alpine Presbytery confirm the previous decision of July 2016 to sell the Trinity Nelson site at 64 Nile Street Nelson by way of 'deadline sale' based on a valuation from a registered valuer; accepting that the proceeds are subject to the terms of the Trust Scheme as approved by the High Court in Nelson on 12th December 2019

People Matters:

- The Rev Brendan O'Hagan has moved to Palmerston North to begin a new Hospital Chaplaincy role;
- Induction of Rev Charissa Nicol as School Chaplain is set for Monday 17th February at Rangī Ruru Girls' School;
- Induction of Rev Dennis Flett as new Senior Minister of Hope Church is set for March 15th at combined Hope service at the Lincoln Events Centre;
- Commission at Cashmere has completed its task. Rev Purdie's last Sunday is February 9th;
- New appointments for both the Prestons (North-East ChCh) and the Hanmer Project are both pending and awaiting final sign-off of contracts of employment;
- It was noted that the Rev Bob Coates will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of his ordination on February 2nd. Letters of greeting can be sent via the Rev Nancy-Jean Whitehead;
- The Rev Phyll Harris reported that the process of electing the Moderator-Designate of Presbytery has been completed and **The Rev Barry Ayers** has been chosen as the next Moderator. Due to his current role as Executive Officer concluding at the end of June and a brief break after that he will begin his role on 1 September 2020.

Informational:

- Presbytery received a letter from Wayne Matheson regarding the Press Go Review – to be referred to the Mission Fund Board;
- letter from Rod Watts (Northern Presbytery EO) regarding progress with the new Minister Development Plan pilot (MDP);
- emails from Wayne Matheson regarding notifications of people who may have received New Year's Honours so

that the PCANZ Moderator can acknowledge them; the process of appointing Commissioners to GA20 and arrangements for a Te Reo event;

- Charissa Nicol is exploring with Council improvements of communication between Presbytery and Council of Assembly;
- email from Wayne Matheson regarding the General Assembly Moderator-Designate election process which will be beginning soon;
- request from Wayne Matheson for additional members for the Insurance Advisory Group to be advertised to the wider Presbytery;
- The Alpine Mission Fund is developing a special project this year to encourage more creative and innovative thinking from parishes around missional projects. Called "Have a Go" we expect the Mission Fund Board to release this project to the wider Presbytery at the March Gathering in Ashburton.

Other Business:

- The Presbytery Resource Team gave a verbal report concerning our plans while Abi is on parental leave from this week for 6 months. The team is reallocating some roles internally and also seeking to utilise some more time-capacity from current staff. Darryl's working time was slightly increased.
- A recent request for a change in personnel on the Hokitika Local Ministry Team was that Michelle Urmsen replace John Warner on the Administration Team.
- Phyll Harris reported that a shortlist of two applicants for the Presbytery Executive Officer position will be interviewed in February.
- Council and Committee membership – with a change of Moderator coming up later this year it was decided to reconstitute a Nominating Committee to oversee required changes.

Discussion Topics:

Council engaged in three in-depth discussion sessions on:

#1 – Supporting Ministers & Parishes through times of stress/conflict.

#2 – Review of the Strategic Framework.

#3 - Strategic Assessment of Projects.

The next monthly Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 27th February 2020 meeting from 9.30am at The Village, Papanui.**

The meeting was closed with the Benediction at 4.55pm

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

News from partner and other organisations



In 2020, Hope Project we will run two national media efforts in partnership with local churches across the nation. These are (1) Hope Project Easter and (2) Hope Project Christmas.

They are asking for your participation - with your own church and community in view

What is the Hope Project?

For anyone unfamiliar with the Hope Project media efforts - here its a summary.

- The Hope Project is a multimedia Christian communications effort coordinated by the Shining Lights Trust.
- Three annual media projects are envisaged to represent Christian messages in the public square - only two of which currently happen: Hope Project Easter and Hope Project Christmas
- 2020 is the 6th run of the Hope Project Easter, with a range of fresh media (including the booklets) each time.
- Hope Project Christmas is about uniting churches nationally to return nativity scenes to Christmas.
- Hope Project Easter is a larger project. It's three goals are
 - i. To put Christ back into Easter through public media
 - ii. To re-educate many on the Christian dynamics behind our bicultural history and values history (where our values came from)
 - iii. To 'seed' the nation annually with the Christian message of hope in a gentle, respectful and clear-thinking way

If you would like to receive free monthly updates, these connect you - as a church leader, to information, ideas and resources related to these national efforts. Just let them know

More information can be downloaded here: [Hope Project 2020](#)

God-talk update January 2020

This can be downloaded here: [God-talk update January 2020](#) and includes ideas and resources for Youth and Youth Leaders.

New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library

Here are the contents pages from the most recent issues of:

[Journal of Presbyterian History, Vol 97 No 1, Spring/Summer 2019](#)

[Sojourners, Vol 49 No 2, February 2020](#)

Email hewitson@prcknox.org.nz if you would like copies of any of the articles scanned and sent to you

Christchurch Camino Group

The next meeting of the Christchurch Camino group will be held on Monday 24 February between 7 and 9pm in the Sydenham Room at the Southern Learning Centre 66 Colombo Street. Entry is via the Night Entrance. Registration commences at 6.45pm. The purpose of our group is to provide a platform to discuss all things Camino.

Please contact Deb by email for further information—chchcaminogroup@gmail.com

Public meeting with Brother Peter Bray

Sunday 16 February, 7pm, at WEA, 59 Gloucester Street, Christchurch.

Brother Peter is Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University. [Download Poster here](#)

From Last Week

- **Induction of Rev Charissa Nicol**
- **60th Anniversary—Rev Bob Coates**
- **From the PCANZ Moderator - Australia, our neighbour in strife**
- **Full Time Vicar/Minister: Combined Parish of Akaroa-Banks Peninsula**
- **Te Raranga Events**
- **The Gentle Revolution - Emerging Green Churches of Europe**

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Other items can be sent to Gail Weaver, Office Support, at 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

Newsletter Items

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

Cut-off for items for inclusion in next week's Newsletter is **Wednesday 5th February**

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>