



Alpine Presbytery

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Alpine Presbytery Gathering:

27—29 March at St David's Union Church Ashburton

Register for this important event as we gather from across the Presbytery. With General Assembly planned for later in 2020 this Gathering will be our *only* Gathering during 2020.

The **draft Programme** can be downloaded [here](#)

Key aspects of this Gathering will include:

- * Launching of our Alpine Mission Fund "Have a Go" project;
- * Updates from our Hanmer & Prestons new mission projects;
- * Presentation and adoption of our revised Alpine Presbytery Strategic Framework;
- * PCANZ Moderator Rev Fakaofa Kaio's reflections on his term as Moderator;
- * Keynote Speaker Rev Spanky Moore on Culture & the Church;
- * Choice of workshops (see below for more details)
- * A special social time for our outgoing Executive Officer
- * Appointment process for our incoming Presbytery Moderator;
- * Information on Resourcing events coming up in 2020;
- * Combined worship at St David's on Sunday morning;
- * Great opportunities to connect with people from across our Presbytery!

Register for the Gathering here - <https://forms.gle/d6NjWnjoW9aimrBB9>

Workshops will be held at the Gathering on Saturday afternoon and will be repeated after afternoon-tea subject to demand.

The Workshops are also open to people who might not be attending the whole Gathering, but registration is required so that we can plan venue spaces and resources. If you are only attending the Workshops register here: <https://forms.gle/HgF7vCXoNVWuq7Az8>

Workshop Details are:

- **Multi-Generational Discipleship** - led by the incoming PCANZ Moderator Rev Hamish Galloway (this will be his key theme in the time ahead);
- **Care for Creation** - led by Rev Dugald Wilson - a practical workshop that will give some ideas on how we can live out our calling to be people who care for our common home.
- **Pastoral Care** - led by Rev Dr Geoff New - a recent workshop that Geoff has created to help us be better at caring for one another.
- **Ministry to the Third Age** - a panel coordinated by Clare Ayers - looking at practical ways of connecting with the sometimes 'forgotten' older generations and how we can develop wonderful relationships and show dignity and respect to those who are our mature treasures.

Coming Up

- **Mission Fund and Presbytery Grants applications closing dates:** 28 February
- **Induction of Rev Dennis Flett to Hope Church:** 15 March
- **Presbytery Gathering:** 27—29 March, Ashburton

Presbytery Directory

[Click here](#) to download the latest directory, dated January 2020

Any amendments or corrections should be advised to Gail in the Presbytery Office.

Alpine Presbytery Strategic Framework

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



- **Outsmarting Porn** - Matt Chamberlin from PCANZ Youth Ministries - looking at how we can deal with the widespread pressure of pornography.

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.

Presbytery Moderator

You may or may not have picked up from our last Council meeting minutes that Rev Barry Ayers has been elected by the Presbytery to be our next Moderator.

Apart from this being very good news there are a few small complications around this, that Council also considered at their last meeting. The normal practice would have been for Barry as incoming Moderator to take over from the first Gathering—this year to be 27-29 March, in Ashburton. However, Barry is not due to retire from his current role as Executive Officer until the end of June this year. It is clearly not good process for someone to hold both the EO and Moderator roles at the same time!

Therefore I have agreed to continue in the Moderator's role until Barry is ready to begin. He has agreed that that time will be in September this year, which gives him a two month break in which to let go of one role and prepare for the next. This changeover is a less arduous task given Barry's intimate knowledge of the Presbytery that he has gained from being the EO, however they are very different roles and we want to assist him in making this change as best he can.

At the March Gathering there will be an opportunity on the Saturday evening to celebrate Barry's work as EO. This is early but we wanted this to happen while the Presbytery is together and everyone can be a part of it. It will take place at the Sinclair Centre in Ashburton, which is part of the St Andrew's site in central Ashburton. There will be a meal and some insights about Barry and his work will be shared.

In August we anticipate a service being held (around the time Council meet) to more formally welcome and commission Barry as Moderator. Details of this will be made known nearer the time but it will be open to the whole Presbytery.

Rev Anne Stewart (Moderator)

Community Activity Coordinator

Alpine Presbytery, the collection of all Presbyterian Churches in the Upper South Island, are looking for a part-time person to lead our community activities in Prestons, Christchurch. Initially this will be the upfront leader of our weekly "Movin to Music" pre-school music programme, with other possible activities dependent on available time.

The role is 4 hours a week, fixed term to December 17, 2020, most of this time on a Thursday morning. We are looking for a vibrant, enthusiastic person to have fun with the preschoolers and their caregivers.

Previous experience in this type of activity preferred, although those with the right skills will be considered. The successful applicant will align with our organisations ethos and values.

For a role description, or any further information email darryl@alpinepresbytery.org.nz.

Applications will be received by **5pm Monday 24 February 2020**.

Moderator's message: Lent Season

Lent is the season of preparation and discipline, which begins on Ash Wednesday, 26 February, and concludes at sun-down on Holy Thursday 9 April. During the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, the Church remembers the sacrificial life and ministry of Jesus leading to the cross, and renews its commitment to Christian discipleship.

This is the explanation of the Season of Lent according to the Common Lectionary.

Key words jump out: “preparation, discipline, remembers, ministry of Jesus, leading to the cross, renews commitment to Christian discipleship”. We as Christians are each called and challenged to prepare and to discipline ourselves as we remember the sacrificial life and ministry of Jesus. Death on the cross is brutal and humiliating. Jesus died on the cross for you and for me.

It is a time also for renewing our commitment to Christ, and for our Christian discipleship. In every season we are challenged and put on the spot about our acceptance and belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Lent, for me, is reminding us that our lives are measured, examined, re-examined and renewed in our commitment to Jesus Christ.

Forty days reminds me of the Israelites' forty years in the wilderness. It reminds me also of the Lord Jesus' forty days in the wilderness during his temptation. It speaks to me of all our life, our years. "Forty" is a long time. Our lives, our days, matter to God's plans for each one of us. Jesus is God's Way, Truth and Life, for you and I.

Simply put, in preparation for Jesus this Easter, unclutter, clear out, put down what you do not need to carry and unnecessarily burden yourself with. Clear your mind, let go of lingering issues, free up yourself (physically and spiritually). Lent Season reminds us that Jesus suffered and died. We need to focus on this in preparation.

Discipline in this Lent Season, for me, is about changing my life so that the Holy Spirit may be able to transform. Giving up whatever is in the way of a quality lifestyle, ie particular food, television, hoarding, idleness, over working etc. The Christian life, at all times, is a disciplined life. It must be managed well both physically and spiritually.

Safe travel this Lent Season.

Yours in Christ's service

Right Reverend Fakaofa Kaio—Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

EASTER SEASON Retreat on Stewart Island (for Ministers and spouses)

Monday 20th April– Friday 24th April

Stewart Island has many features that make it a great place for a contemplative retreat - memorials and monuments, bush, beaches and birdsong. In fact the Island becomes the vessel that holds the retreat. I grew up on Stewart Island and following 2 successful Easter season retreats in this special place, I am again offering the opportunity for clergy and other Church workers to receive spiritual refreshment following Easter ministries. Easter themes will be interwoven with the physical features of the environment. Spouses are welcome. Numbers limited so be in quick.

A moderate level of fitness is required for retreatants as we utilise the natural environment, and there are hills to walk up and down. Ask if concerned.

For information please contact: Rev. Glenda Hicks at gmhicks@snap.net.nz; ph 0277114166

News from partner and other organisations

New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library

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

[Burning Bush, Vol 26 No 1, January 2020](#)

[Tui Motu InterIslands, Issue 245, February 2020](#)

[Word & Worship, Autumn 2020](#)

Here is a new list of [recent print additions](#) to the Hewitson Library, Presbyterian Research Centre, Dunedin, who are taking the opportunity to highlight some titles from their [JSTOR Ebook Collection](#). This edition of the newsletter includes some titles relating to climate change

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

KidsFriendly eNews

You can subscribe to the KidsFriendly eNews here: <https://kidsfriendly.us17.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=35d39f9b43b8390646929fd5b&id=70408af05f> .

Their latest eNews includes:

Resources for Lent

- Create a Lenten Wreath <http://kidsfriendly.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Lent.Wreath.KidsFriendly-1.pdf>
- Resources from Illustrated Ministry
For families https://store.illustratedministry.com/products/lent-for-families-giving?_pos=2&_sid=3b606f6b1&_ss=r&variant=31257612124258
For Churches <https://store.illustratedministry.com/collections/lent>
- Resource for Ash Wednesday https://store.illustratedministry.com/products/an-illustrated-labyrinth-meditation-ash-wednesday?_pos=1&_sid=067ccbefc&_ss=r
- Lenten Calendar: <https://40acts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/40-Family-Wallchart-2020-v2.pdf>

Childrens Day NZ

Children's Day is Sunday, 1 March 2020. There are a wide variety of events around the country (and the days that they are celebrated on). Have a look at the Children's Day website to find one near you! <https://www.childrenday.org.nz>

Training Opportunities

WAY2GO 2020 (<https://www.sunz.org.nz/children-and-families/>). Dunedin 23 May; Auckland 6 June; Wellington 20 June

Children's Ministry Network

Further training opportunities can be found on the [Events](#) page of the [New Zealand Children's Ministry Network](#) website. Look for upcoming training offered by Baptist Children & Family Ministries, CBM, Strandz, and Scripture Union NZ Children's Ministries

From last week

- **Presbytery Resource Team**
- **Book Launch—9th March**
- **Opportunity to engage in feedback** (Burial and Cremation Act 1964)
- **Induction Service**
- **Telling our Stories—videos**
- **Inter-church Hospital Chaplaincy Vacancies**
- **An invitation from Knox Church, Christchurch**
- **Update from our Staff Team!**
- **Closing Dates for the next round of Alpine Mission Fund/Presbytery Grants—28 February**

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Other items can be sent to Gail Weaver, Office Support, at gail@alpinepresbytery.org

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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 **Thursday 27th 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>