



Alpine Presbytery

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Interfaith Hui

On Sunday a few of us from the Presbytery attended an Interfaith Hui organised by the Office of Ethnic Communities and hosted by the Minister Jenny Salesea. It was a very useful occasion and a great chance to meet leaders of other faith communities.

This [Message from the Muslim Community](#) (click to view) is from the Muslim Community leaders in regard to the March 15 attacks and one year anniversary. I thought it might be a helpful thing for others to have access to.

Rev Anne Stewart - Moderator Alpine Presbytery

Applications for the Mission Fund and/or Presbytery Grants

The first round of applications for each of these will close on Friday **28th February 2020**. Further information can be obtained from our Presbytery website (alpinepresbytery.org) or by contacting Barry Ayers.

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 Fakaofu 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/HqF7vCXoNVWuq7Az8>

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



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.
- **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.

Hammer Springs Hosts

The Hammer Springs Project team are very excited to announce the appointment of Ben and Philippa Necklen as our hosts in the Hammer Springs project. We believe they are ideal people to be present in the township as we enter phase 1 of this project, listening, serving, providing hospitality and paying attention to Gods leading.

They will live in the manse, which has had some renovations, and together with the team will prayerfully explore the future of this project. Please join us in prayer in support of the Necklans as we seek to be part of Gods mission in the region.

Hi! We are Ben and Philippa Necklen and we are on the move to Hammer Springs! We have been living in Geraldine for 5½ years and have 3 kids, Ada (4), Isaac (3) and Liam (1). Philippa's core role for the last few years has been a stay-at-home Mum, before that she studied at Laidlaw and was a Youth worker based in Hornby, Christchurch where we lived for 6 years. Ben has spent the last 15 odd years working in various forms of Outdoor Education, more recently co-managing the Outdoor Centre in Peel Forest and works part-time for Scripture Union as their Health & Safety Officer. We love recreation, in particular getting out on the bikes as a family or in the hills for a wander. Between us, we also dabble in a range of crafts:



woodwork, sewing, are keen vege gardeners and just generally enjoy being creative. We're looking forward to this new season and being part of the Hammer community. We feel honoured to have this opportunity to explore other forms of church and are excited to see what God has planned for Hammer Springs.

All Churches Power and Gas Tender - 2020

All parishes should have received information from the PCANZ Finance Manager regarding this year's All Churches Power and Gas Tender.

A copy of the information flyer can be downloaded here: [All Churches Power Tender](#)

Tenders close on 6th March

The Rocks Along Our Way: A Lenten Day Retreat to Kura Tawhiti/Castle Hill

Saturday, 7 March. Departing Christchurch 9.20am. Arriving back 5.00pm. We still have a few spare seats in the van.

Cost: \$15pp.

Registrations close Tuesday 3rd March. For further details ring or text 0223228645, or email nbu.tidemark@xtra.co.nz

Organised by Te Ara Hou - partnership of eastern churches - New Brighton Union, St Georges-Iona & Port Hills Uniting.

News from partner and other organisations

International Rural Churches Association - Oceania Conference

Theme: Bringing Hope in Challenging Times. At Longreach, Queensland, Australia.

The ecumenical conference will commence on **Sunday 23 August** 2020 with reception and dinner and conclude at lunch time on **Friday 28 August**, to enable participants to catch the afternoon flight out of Longreach. *There will be an option for people to stay on in accommodation until Saturday 29th August if they need to.*

Rural communities throughout Oceania - Australia, New Zealand, and the Islands of the South Pacific and Melanesia - are all experiencing challenging times. We have been facing challenges for some decades now and the 21st Century has only made this more daunting.

The conference will include:

- Inputs from invited speakers: Rev Linley Liersch, Uniting Church in Australia minister, on growing people and churches in faith and hope; Rt Rev Matt Brain, Anglican Diocese of Bendigo, on trialling ways to sustain ordained ministry in rural locations; Captain Elizabeth Johnson, Salvation Army, bringing statistical insight into rural and remote ministries; Rev Canon Greg Harris, Bush Church Aid, on financing ministry to rural and remote places. Plus a panel from a wide range of denominations sharing a workshop on approaches to the current difficulties in rural and remote ministry
- Field trips to local points of interest, with opportunities to meet local people living with the land
- Time for participants to share stories of challenge and hope in their own home place
- Meeting as IRCA-Oceania to consider our purpose as a network and make plans for the future

Cost: AUD1,250; early bird price AUD1,100 if paid by 30.04.2020. This covers accommodation, meals, conference expenses (including field trips).

A **registration form** with payment portal is being prepared and will be uploaded once it is finalised. Watch <https://irca.online/network/oceania/irca-oceania-2020/>

Download the flyer here: [IRCA Oceania Conference](#)

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 contact Rev. Glenda Hicks at gmhicks@snap.net.nz; ph 0277114166

From last week

- **Presbytery Moderator**
- **Community Activity Coordinator**
- **Moderator's message: Lent Season**
- **New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library**
- **KidsFriendly eNews**

Dropbox link for documents mentioned in this newsletter: control & click, or copy & paste the link to your browser: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5k528skz4niqhg/AABDjLatKU2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>

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Newsletter Items

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