



# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 12 March 2020

### Inductions

This week we have the Induction of the Rev Dennis Flett as Senior Minister of Hope Church at 10am on Sunday 15th March at the Lincoln Events Centre. There will be a brief Presbytery meeting at 9.45am. Those not attending and wishing to send greetings for Dennis and Hope Church can send them to Rev Barry Ayers at [barry@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:barry@alpinepresbytery.org)

Last week's Presbytery Council Update had a mistake in the date Rev Martin Harrison's induction at Kaikoura. It will be held **Saturday 18th April**.

### Presbytery Gathering - and Coronavirus

If anyone is wondering whether the Gathering can go ahead in light of the increasing measures being taken world-wide in regard to the Coronavirus pandemic we advise as follows:

We continue to follow the guidelines set out by the Ministry of Health regarding the Coronavirus pandemic. As we are still not in the community transmission stage we are advised that there are no restrictions on public gatherings. If this should change before the Gathering starts we will advise as soon and as widely as we can. We are advised that there is still no need to panic, however it would be prudent to take measures around personal hygiene as the government has been recommending.

*Rev Anne Stewart, Moderator*

### Council of Assembly advice on COVID-19 virus

Council of Assembly have issued a draft template for communication with PCANZ staff, ministers, chaplains, parishes, and presbyteries on the diagnosis of COVID-19 virus in New Zealand, which has been sent to all parishes. It is intended as helpful guidance on how at this difficult time we can manage the life of our Church, stop coronavirus from spreading, and help those in our communities who are most at risk. This template will be updated as information comes to hand.

Download a copy of the document here: [COVID-19 Update](#)

### Alpine Presbytery Gathering:

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

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

Register for the Gathering here - <https://forms.gle/d6NjWnjoW9aimrBB9> **Cut-off date for registrations for those wanting meals is Friday 20th March.**

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

### Coming Up

- **Induction of Rev Dennis Flett to Hope Church:** 15 March
- **Presbytery Gathering:** 27—29 March, Ashburton
- **Science and Christianity—** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, in Akaroa
- **Induction of Rev Martin Harrison to Kaikoura:** 18 April

### 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



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/HqF7vCXoNVWug7Az8>

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

Those working with young people in the Alpine Presbytery are invited to come along to a Hui at St David's Church in Ashburton, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 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.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/9zRByx2uSycDtr3xZ>, and Presbytery will cover travel and food costs for the day.

## Science and Christianity—Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Science and Christianity are often seen to be in opposition to each other, but are held by many scientists to be complementary ways of seeking truth. The Combined Church of **Akaroa, Banks Peninsula** is holding a public forum to discuss these ideas on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 11am – 12.30 in Trinity Church Hall, Akaroa**. The forum starts after the 9.30am morning service and morning tea.

The main speakers in this discussion will be scientists Steve Chambers and Brian Butterfield. Steve Chambers is a professor at the University of Otago, Christchurch, Medical Director of the Pacific Leprosy Foundation and a leader in research on leprosy and its impact. Brian Butterfield is an Emeritus Professor of Biological Science and former Head of Plant and Microbial Sciences at the University of Canterbury.

The forum is part of the series held on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, when the Combined Church invites the local community to join them to discuss contemporary issues. Previous forums have discussed: concepts of God in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; current end-of life legislation; church unity; income inequality in NZ. Contributions from the audience are welcomed.

## KCML message concerning staff change

Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership (KCML) have announced the news that Rev Dr Mark Johnston is leaving his role at KCML to take up a teaching role overseas, and joins his wife, Rev Dr Carolyn Kelly, who has been appointed to a university chaplain role in Scotland.

Mark has provided twelve years of dedicated, pioneering and innovative service as a KCML Fieldwork Co-ordinator and ministry formator. As the inaugural Auckland Co-ordinator, Mark played a significant role in establishing KCML nationally.

At KCML, Mark has taught worship and mission and overseen internships. His attention to the whole person in formation has strengthened the development of the NOM internship programme. He has also led workshops, professional development opportunities and assisted presbyteries, PYM, PressGo, Presbyterian Support, and the Presbyterian Development Society.

While at KCML, Mark completed his Doctorate of Ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary. This investment in study led to further innovation, particularly in developing practices around New Mission Seedlings and training through Lighthouse, Listening in Mission and Experimenting in Mission. These have gained international affirmation, with requests for materials from Netherlands, United Kingdom and Ethiopia.

## News from partner and other organisations

### ICHC Hospital Chaplaincy Vacancies

The Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy (ICHC) comprises a broad composition of Churches, committed to promoting, maintaining and developing, relevant, flexible, and competent Chaplaincy services within the Aotearoa New Zealand healthcare environment. The primary purpose of their ministry is to foster good health through excellence in pastoral care. The Chaplains stand alongside other healthcare professionals in the hospital setting. Spiritual care and support is provided by Christian Chaplains in the most appropriate way for all healthcare clients, regardless of religious denomination, faith-orientation, beliefs, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. Clients are at liberty to access the spiritual care of their choice, with the Chaplains' role being to coordinate that process.

More information on the following vacancies can be found on the ICHC website [www.ichc.org.nz](http://www.ichc.org.nz), and they are also advertised on [www.seek.org.nz](http://www.seek.org.nz)

- **Waitemata DHB, North Shore Hospital:** Full-Time Hospital Chaplain based at North Shore Hospital; Waitemata DHB. Closes: 4 pm Friday 13 March 2020
- **Northland DHB, Whangarei Hospital:** Part-Time (0.7 FTE) Hospital Chaplain based at Whangarei Hospital; Northland DHB. Closes: 4 pm Friday 13 March 2020
- **Hawkes Bay DHB, Hastings Hospital:** Full-Time (1 FTE) Hospital Chaplain based at Hastings Hospital; Hawkes Bay DHB. Closes: 4 pm Friday 20 March 2020
- **Canterbury DHB, Christchurch Hospital:** Part-Time (0.75 FTE) Hospital Chaplain based at Christchurch Hospital; Canterbury DHB. Closes: 4 pm Friday 27 March 2020
- **Southern DHB, Southland Hospital - Invercargill:** Part-Time (0.5 FTE) Hospital Chaplain based at Southland Hospital (Invercargill); Southern DHB. Closes: 4 pm Friday 27 March 2020

### From last week

- **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**
- **March 15 National Remembrance Service**
- **Update from Presbytery Council Meeting –Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020**
- [Bush Telegraph](#)
- **South Island Ministry Conference May 2020**
- **St Matthew Passion**
- **New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library**
- **Online Donation Tax Credit Claims**

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### Newsletter Items

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

Cut-off for items for inclusion in next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 19th March**