



Alpine Presbytery

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Thank you Alpine!

I want to express my grateful thanks to everyone across the Alpine Presbytery as I come to the end of my role as your Executive Officer. I have greatly enjoyed these past 6 years and that is largely due to all of your friendship and support. Thank you so much!

It is hard to ascribe particular thanks at the risk of missing someone but I do want to mention...

- Darryl Tempero - who mentored me into life in Alpine Presbytery while I found my feet in a new context;
- Hamish Galloway - who helped us settle into life in Christchurch at wonderful accommodation (and thanks Stephanie Wells!);
- Gail Weaver - who has been 'rock steady' as our Admin Support and always watches our complex details;
- David Coster and Anne Stewart (along with Deputy-Moderator Andrew Nicol) who have led the new Presbytery so well and created a positive, healthy climate for us all to grow and develop as a Presbytery;
- All current and former members of the Presbytery Council who have been so great to work with along with Committee Convenors who have given so much time to Presbytery;
- Church Partner leaders - Kathryn Walters and Bishop Peter among them;
- Ministry & Elder colleagues across the Presbytery who have such a range of gifts and wisdom to engage our churches and ministries in Mission;
- Abi Trevathan, Clare Ayers and Gene Lawrence who joined the Resource Team over the past 2 years and have put significant energy into resourcing and encouraging so many;
- Our amazing church/ministry family over this vast and beautiful Alpine region - thank you!

It has been a privilege to serve you all.

If you are passing Lake Hood do get in touch; we would love to see you!

I do wish Martin well as he brings his significant skills and expertise to the Exec Officer role. I believe he will serve you all well in the time to come. Go well Martin - especially from next Wednesday when I 'disappear'!

God bless! Kia kaha Alpine!

Barry Ayers

Returning Staff Member

Letting you know that Abi Trevathan, our Resource Team Leader, will return from maternity leave on Monday 20th July. Welcome back Abi!



Newsletter Items

Please share this Newsletter around your Parish, especially with members of Session/Parish Council and all office bearers.

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

Cut off date for next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 2nd July**.

Resources

A selection of resources – and links to resources – to assist you with your work and outreach can be found on our website here: alpinepresbytery.org/resources/

If you are preparing material that could be shared with other congregations please let us know the details and we can include it on this page.



Queen's Birthday Honours Recipient

Peter Smale, Parish Clerk at Motueka Uniting Church, has been appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to seniors, the community and horticulture. Queen's Birthday Honours.

Peter has been a Director and Chairperson of Abbeyfield New Zealand, an affiliate of the United Kingdom-based Abbeyfield Society, a housing charity that provides sheltered housing for the elderly and was a UK trustee for three years. He was involved in the establishment of 10 of the 14 New Zealand homes and played a key role in restructuring the management of two houses, enabling them to remain viable. In 2018 he received the Royal Patron's Award for his services to Abbeyfield and is a New Zealand Life Member. He served three terms as a Trustee on the Motueka High School Board. He was a driving force behind the opening of a short-term accommodation house in Motueka and has been volunteer Secretary of the Trust involved. He is involved with St Andrews Uniting Church and an Official of Nelson Marlborough Swimming. He is a current member of Motueka Rotary Club and a past Rotary District Governor. During his career he made significant developments to new crop introductions as a horticultural researcher and advisor for several Government organisations and State Owned Enterprises. Peter is a past member of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture.

Read the Stuff article here: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/121665344/abbeyfield-model-beautiful-says-honourwinning-backer>

The Garage Series

Today we hear from Christine Harding from Fairfield Presbyterian in Hamilton, and Kaimai Presbytery. Christine adds some thoughts from her coaching experiments about what questions are helpful. Also Glenn Livingston from St Kentigern's Burwood United in the North East of Christchurch

Episode 14: <https://youtu.be/2oixibupesc>

Episode 15: <https://youtu.be/tWj6N9TCZCI>

See previous episodes and subscribe to the YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN1zIOMYMjvI78CclqMRcVQ>

Other Newsletters:

- [The Buzz](#)—PYM Newsletter

Articles include: Scripture Union winter camps, both online and offline; Free study at Victoria Uni, Wellington; Whanau faith formation resources; Post COVID Retreat Resource for Youth Groups; Black lives matter

- [Council of Assembly News June 2020](#)

Theological Education and Leadership Training (TELT) Report

Council of Assembly established the Theological Education and Leadership Training Task Group in March 2019. This is a significant wide-ranging report looking at leadership formation across the PCANZ and has some significant recommendations for us to consider.

The report is open to **everyone** to read and consider. Presbytery Council will be in touch regarding engaging people in this review process. Feedback should be sent to Presbytery by **21st August**.

You are requested to constructively frame your response in three ways:

- Comments about the five streams identified in the executive summary and the direction outlined.
- Note any areas where the report is missing key information or omitted important material
- Detailed comments about the report

The report can be downloaded here: [Theological Education and Leadership Training](#), and there are additional resources to assist with your considerations here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CmslYflOv-2WKcr-GNQOXqj9ocoKhZi?usp=sharing>

New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library

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

[Refresh, Vol 21 No 1, Winter 2020](#)

[Journal of Presbyterian History, Vol 98 No 1, Spring/Summer 2020](#)

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

More Musings & Thoughts from Lockdown

A while back we invited churches to reflect and discern what God might be saying in this unusual time. What are we finding helpful? What is hard? What *new learnings* and *possible new ways of being and doing church* might we take into the future?

We have featured some feedback previously in the Newsletter, and some more is given below. If your parish has thoughts that you want to share, please do send them in (gail@alpinepresbytery.org)

“There was a feeling that perhaps it is a little premature to compile the list as we are still working through issues as a result of COVID-19. Our list is more of an interim one – a work in progress – rather than a finite one. As we progress through the early post COVID-19 period we do not want to miss the opportunity to identify further areas where we can re-think and adapt to a new way of being and doing church.”

New Ideas that worked:

- Congregation’s willingness to continue to be church by embracing new technology. We will continue Zoom church at least over the winter.....this will enable those with frailer health to participate from their home rather than not participating at all.
- Congregation adapted really well to the new circumstances. Is this an indication that the congregation is more willing to embrace changes than originally thought?
- Good pastoral care system enabled us to keep in touch and where necessary offer to do shopping for those requiring it. This highlighted the importance of maintaining an up-to-date pastoral care system.
- Spending time in Breakout Rooms after the sermon enabled people to get to know others better and to discuss a point from the sermon. We are looking at ways we can build on this such as encouraging more small groups and the possibility of periodically incorporating small discussion groups within the Sunday service format.
- Zoom enabled people from other towns/cities to join in our worship service. Is this an opportunity we can build on?

Challenges we have become aware of:

- Keeping the community together.
- Letting the community know it was only the buildings that were closed.
- Not being able to meet people face to face during the Lockdown.
- Some members not being able to/confident enough to operate Zoom. How do we encourage them in their faith during Lockdown? Should the Government require all new housing developments to provide internet connection in order to reduce the feeling of isolation particularly in times of crisis?

From last week

- **Alpine Moderator’s Message**
- **The Garage Series**
- **Other Newsletters:**
 - [Presbyterian Church Property Trustees - June Newsletter](#)
 - [Bush Fire](#)
 - [Vaughan Park eNews for June](#)
- **Position Available: Christian Education Network CEO**
- **New books in the Hewitson Library**

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Presbytery Directory

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Alpine Presbytery Strategic Framework

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

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>