



# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 23rd July 2020

### Presbyterian Children and Families Ministry team

The Presbyterian Children and Families Ministry team (previously KidsFriendly) now have their new website ([www.pcfm.org.nz](http://www.pcfm.org.nz)) underway. There are resources and links on the website to assist you in your ministry to children and families.

### Presbytery Directory

Now that our Database is on Infoodle we will no longer be producing a printable Presbytery Directory. We have given a directory only logon to all Parishes for which we have office email addresses, so if you need specific contact information you can ask your parish office to access it.

If you have a genuine need for it, you can apply for your own logon (email Gail at [gail@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org)), but please bear in mind that we do need to be aware of our obligations under the Privacy Act.

### Lay Worship Month

The Canterbury Lay Preachers Association invites you and your congregation to celebrate Lay Worship Month in August. This is an opportunity for clergy and their congregations to acknowledge the contribution of lay people to the life and worship of the church, and to encourage increased lay participation in weekly services.

Information and Resources are available from the New Zealand Lay Preachers Association website: <https://nzlpa.wordpress.com/>

### Engagement with the TELT report

In April of 2019 the Council of Assembly commissioned a Task Group to conduct a review of Theological Education and Leadership Training in the PCANZ. This report is now available for Presbyteries to give feedback on the 24 recommendations to go to the next General Assembly.

This is a major report with significant and far reaching implications for the formation of ministry practitioners and leaders in our church in the years ahead and as such deserves our close attention and critique.

To this end, we are proposing 3 ZOOM meetings focusing our attention on key themes of the report. Feedback from these meetings will be collated into a report to be presented at the forth-coming Presbytery gathering in September.

ZOOM meetings will be Wed 29th July, 5th Aug, 12th Aug 1pm. If there is sufficient demand we can also do evening meetings.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85350703633?pwd=alB1bUQyU1VzNXpJbHE4Uk9tOEM3UT09>

Meeting ID: 853 5070 3633

Password: 3TAPPD

Please ensure you have read the report, which can be found on the [PCANZ website here](#), prior to the meeting.

### COMING UP

**Cashmere Sings:** 2nd August, 3pm, at Cashmere Presbyterian

**Presbytery Gathering:** 11-12<sup>th</sup> September, in Christchurch

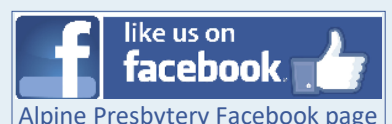
**Presbytery Retreat:** 11-12<sup>th</sup> October, in Hanmer Springs

### 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](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org)

Cut off date for next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 30th July**.



## Praying for Children week: 2nd—8th August

For the past few years, Presbyterian Support Northern and PCANZ's Children & Families Ministry have developed Praying for Children resources to share with congregations.

This year's overarching theme is about 'sowing seeds of love' and being inclusive of all children particularly those that are different. Each day we invite you to think and pray about ensuring that we include and nurture all children in our churches, in our communities and in our homes.

There is a suite of resources for the 'Praying for Children' week, which complement each other, and they can be found here: [pcfm.org.nz/praying-for-children-karakia-mo-nga-tamariki/](http://pcfm.org.nz/praying-for-children-karakia-mo-nga-tamariki/)

## The Hope Seminar for care for creation

**Sunday 16 August**, 4—8.30pm, Hope Presbyterian, Hornby. A partnership with A Rocha  
**Theme: "Don't let it go to waste!"** A conference for people who want to make a difference that is not just rubbish!

**Costs:** Koha for the sessions plus a contribution for the dinner

Download flier here: [Creation Care Poster](#), and a one-and-a-half minute promo video is available here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJdsgGTr6IM&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJdsgGTr6IM&feature=youtu.be)

More details and registration at:

<https://hopechurch.net.nz/event/creation-care-the-hope-seminar> &  
[www.facebook.com/events/196439408413758](http://www.facebook.com/events/196439408413758)

## New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library

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

[Christianity Today, Vol 64 No 7, July/August 2020](#)

[Sojourners, Vol 49 No 8, August 2020](#)

Email [hewitson@prcknox.org.nz](mailto:hewitson@prcknox.org.nz) if you would like copies of any of the articles scanned and sent to you.

## Cashmere Sings!

**Sunday 2nd August, 3—4.30pm**, at Cashmere Presbyterian Church, 2 Macmillan Ave.

Join us at this community event, to sing popular songs, old & new—from the Shows, from the charts, & from the Music Halls.

Entry by Gold Coin, or donation.

## Thinking of Living in a Retirement Village?

The Office of the Retirement Commissioner will be presenting a **free** seminar about the legal, financial and personal implications of retirement village living contrasted to other retiree options at the Cashmere Club, Colombo Street, on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August from 10am – 11.30am**.

The Commission is an impartial Crown agency and **this is NOT a marketing event**. They will deliver robust and objective information and practical tips to help people make better decisions.

The seminar is free, and refreshments are served for registered attendees from 9.30am. Seats are limited and we encourage registration. You can register for free online here: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/thinking-of-living-in-retirement-village/christchurch>, or by phone to Paul on 021 565 321.

## From last week

- **Alpine Presbytery Gathering & Presbytery Retreat**
- **Mental Health First Aid**
- **West Papua Action Canterbury Forum**

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>

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## Alpine Presbytery

### Strategic Framework

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

## 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/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/resources/)