



# Alpine Presbytery

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### Supporting Ohau

Our Moderator, Rev Barry Ayers, has the following request with regard to the recent fires at Ohau.

“I’ve just been talking to someone supporting people who’ve lost everything with the Lake Ohau fire. They’re looking at community building and would love garden vouchers to beautify the village again. There is nothing like a beautiful garden to support good mental health in tough times.

The best way to do this to support the community is to send either a Mitre 10 voucher or a Plantarama voucher to Lisa Mills, c/o Pukaki Cooperating Church, PO Box 43, Twizel.”

*Please add your name and contact details to the voucher as they would like to thank you personally.*

### Light Party

Hoon Hay Presbyterian Church are holding a Light Party **4pm to 6pm Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Entertainment for the whole family: Bouncy Castle, Activities, Games, Rock Painting, Spot Prizes, Sausage Sizzle, Coffee Cart and a Jumble Sale. Please join us at **5 Downing Street, Hoon Hay** for this positive alternative to Halloween. For more information, please email [office@hoonhaychurch.co.nz](mailto:office@hoonhaychurch.co.nz).

### The EO’s travels: Pockets of lovely

I’ve just come back from spending three days and nights on the West Coast. Kathryn Walters (Methodist Superintendent) and I were doing a ‘catch-up’ with the four church communities there that have been, for a long time, under joint Methodist-Presbyterian oversight. Lyn Heine, from Greymouth, joined us for most of the trips.

Our church communities on the Coast are somewhat isolated and are, in most cases, struggling to maintain a presence, and one of the church communities is looking to close. But I want to say that those with small numbers still have a lot of *life* in them. There is a real quality to their life together and their sense of purpose even if they are struggling to handle all the responsibilities of being church as in the institutional and compliance requirements. I kept thinking of the observations and the witness of the early church where the community said ‘See how they love one another.’ Sometimes our smaller communities shine in that department because they have had adversity. The Fruit of the Spirit is a key indicator of whether the culture is right in the church—these little pockets of lovely bear the fruit on their sleeves. Even the community identifying they had to close had a beautiful quality about them that I am hopeful becomes something that the Spirit builds on. When all else is shaken away, love remains. The mission of God is not done even if there is a closure. I’m hopeful

### COMING UP

**Reclaiming Death & Dying:**  
21 & 28 October, New Brighton Union Church.

**Next Presbytery Gathering:**  
19-21 March 2021, at St David’s in Ashburton

### 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 Newsletter is **Thursday 29th October**



that the stepping away from the institutional needs and demands might release them to put their energies into their community witness. By the way, the scenery is some of the best in the country!

On my travels I also caught up with Brent Richardson, who is cycling the route from Timaru to Greymouth, to Haast, Wanaka, and Tekapo. He was in good spirits and enjoying a rest day in Greymouth and Catherine coming over to tend his wounds!

Martin



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## Hope Presbyterian Youth Director Vacancy

Youth South West Trust is seeking to appoint a Youth Director to lead and manage youth work, across three sites of Hope Presbyterian Church and beyond into the communities that make up South West Christchurch. The leader will coordinate the team of youth workers and a large team of volunteers. This is a full-time role

reporting to the Hope Youth Trust Board and the Senior Pastor. The Youth Director is a member of the Core Leadership Team of Hope Presbyterian that is led by the Senior Pastor.

We need a Director who has strengths, experience and evidence of competencies in the following areas: visionary leadership, administration, developing a coherent and effective youth strategy, managing a cohesive and effective team, connecting with community and business leaders, maintaining effective key relationships. Experience in the funding and grants applications process would be desirable.

We are looking for a person who is sustained by a deep personal Christian faith, who has a heart for the empowerment of youth, an empathy for those who work with youth, and who will develop and maintain spiritual and personal disciplines and a work - life balance that contributes to long term, sustainable ministry.

It is expected that the Director would commit to worshipping within the Hope context.

To be eligible to apply, you must hold NZ Residency and have a full NZ drivers' licence. As a condition of your appointment, you must successfully complete NZ Police vetting.

This position commences on 1 February 2021.

If you believe God is calling you to this exciting role, please send a letter of application and current *curriculum vitae* to: [david.dally@hopechurch.net.nz](mailto:david.dally@hopechurch.net.nz).

**Applications close on 4 December 2020**

## Tier 4 Annual Reporting - An Overview

Charities Services invites you to join us for a webinar on Tier 4 annual reporting on Tuesday 3 November 2020, from 12pm-1pm.

The webinar will cover:

- annual reporting obligations for Tier 4 registered charities
- the performance report and how to use yours to benefit your charity
- how to improve your reporting
- resources available to help you prepare to report.

The webinar will also include a live Q&A session with Charities Services' staff. External Reporting Board staff will also be answering questions about the [review of the Tier 3 and 4 reporting standards](#).

At the end of the webinar you will understand what information Tier 4 charities must provide to Charities Services every year, why this is so important, and where to go for help.

[Click here to register.](#)

## From the last Newsletter

- **Hanmer Retreat**
- **Christian World Service Supporters' Council**
- **Christian Meditation**

Dropbox link for documents mentioned in this newsletter: control & click, or copy & paste the link to your browser: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5k528skz4niqgg/AABDjLatKUt2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>

## Alpine Presbytery Culture & Strategic Framework

[Click here](#) to download this document, updated September 2020

## 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/)

## Presbytery Directory

If you need to obtain information from the Presbytery Directory, please initially ask your Parish Office, as most of these have been given a log-on to Infoodle.

If you do need for your own logon access, send your request to Gail at [gail@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org).

Please do bear in mind, though, that we need to be aware of our obligations under the Privacy Act.