



Alpine Presbytery

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Ordination Service

On **Sunday 8th November, 7pm, at Hope Hornby, Steve Talbot** will be ordained as LOM. All of Presbytery is invited to attend. There will be a brief meeting 15 minutes prior to the service for Presbytery members. Anyone unable to attend is invited to send a message for Steve.

St Andrew's Takaka Garden Trail

Saturday 14th November, 10am—4.30pm.

13 interesting gardens to visit. Tickets \$15 available at Earth Gems Garden Shop, Takaka, phone 03 5259868.

New journal table-of-contents in the Hewitson Library

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

[Christianity Today, Vol 64 No 6, September 2020](#)

[Christianity Today, Vol 64 No 7, October 2020](#)

[Sojourners, Vol 49 No 10, October 2020](#)

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

Alpine Presbytery Council Report

Council met by Zoom on Thursday 22nd October 2020

Rev Barry Ayers (Moderator), Christine Arnold, Maureen Bishop, Rev Phyll Harris, (Partly Rev) Lyn Heine, Ann McMillan, Rev Jon Parkes, Rev Dugald Wilson, and Rev Martin Stewart (Executive Officer), were present and Rev Brent Richardson was biking around the South Island.

The meeting began at 9.33am with a devotion led by Barry as he reflected on a question he has been pondering in light of a recent documentary by Sir David Attenborough, *Life on Our Planet*. In his observations on the beauty and wonder of the planet, and the human story of overwhelming the resources of the planet, Attenborough concludes by stating a belief that we can *re-wild* the earth, but only if we have the will to do it. Barry reflected on Genesis 1 and the call on humans to steward well, and Paul's remonstrance in Acts 28, about 'covered ears and hardened hearts' and asked, do we have the will to do new and interesting and life-changing things for the earth and in our church expressions.

Barry constituted the meeting with prayer.

Conflicts of Interest: Ann identified a conflict with interest with the report of the Commission to St Georges-Iona and agreed to leave the meeting at that point.

COMING UP

Ordination of Steve Talbot:
Sunday 8 November, 7pm, at Hope Hornby.

St Andrew's Takaka Garden Trail: 14 November

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

Cut off date for next Newsletter is **Thursday 5th November**

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/



The following matters were attended to:

The Moderator's Report

Barry commented on a range of things including:

- Regular meetings with Martin, mainly on Zoom
- Following up on some pastoral matters
- Linking with the leadership at Pukaki Cooperating Church in light of the fire at Ohau. Two people in particular have been heavily involved in Victim Support work. The opportunity to gift some garden vouchers as a gesture from interested people has been circulated on Facebook.
- The Retreat went well, including the Commissioning of Ben & Philippa Necklen.
- He is to attend the Rangi Ruru prizegiving (or has!)
- He's in a discussion with Bishop Peter about a review at the Banks Peninsula Church in 2021
- He and Clare are going to offer services at Takaka in mid-December to early January

The Executive Officer's Report

Martin reported on a variety of aspects of his work.

- Steve Talbot's ordination is on the horizon for 8 November
- That someone be approached to be the speaker at our Autumn 2021 Gathering?
- Martin has been asked to be a member of the Strategic Directions Review for the PCANZ. Support was offered – with caution about the workload!

GA2021

Rev Hamish Galloway joined the meeting at 10.30am to discuss the letter from the AES re Alpine Presbytery hosting GA 2021. Hamish talked about the logistical issues re a Hawkes Bay plan to host the Assembly, especially with the Covid-19 changes. There is recognition that the National Church will need to pay for good support to host it. Hamish and someone from the National Office would be available to support the local arrangements team. There was talk of the need to develop a GA template and the opportunity this would give us given we hosted the 2018 GA. This includes effort to have less silo-ing.

Hamish left the meeting. After further discussion, it was decided that we agree to host General Assembly 2021.

From Human Resources:

- That the Rev. Henry Mbambo's study leave is approved.
- That Rev. Anne Stewart joins the Cashmere Church Ministry Settlement Board.

From Property & Finance:

- That Presbytery approves the Alpine Financial Statements for the period ended 30th September 2020.
- That Alpine Presbytery agree to the New Brighton Union Parish baseline property ratio being established at 50% Methodist and 50% Presbyterian at the commencement of the Union parish in 1974; based on recent research which found that each denomination contributed three properties to the new parish; a detailed property schedule to be prepared for signing by the partners.

For CPT approval (i.e. there's still some way to go on these!):

- That with respect to the Knox Christchurch project to strengthen the Knox Centre, Alpine Presbytery approve:
 - a. An increase to the costs of the whole project to up to \$1,550,000 (from \$1,271,049) to take account of additional issues which have arisen and to cover the professional fees
 - b. The increased costs be funded in part by parish funds and an increase of the loan from the Knox Trust of up to \$250,000
 - c. All the funds from the Knox Trust to this project, being provided by way of an interest free loan totalling up to \$1,271,049 to be repaid only if the Knox Centre is ever sold.
- That Alpine Presbytery approves the Hope Church concept application for a new build at their Rolleston property (565 Springston Rolleston Road) with an estimated cost of \$6,028,000, based on the concept building and funding plans submitted to the CPT. (A fully funded costing plan would be required at the 'final plans' stage of approval. And that the Strategic Ratings comments prepared by the EO be added to the CPT application for approval.
- That, in respect of the Timaru Parish application to make a significant upgrade to the kitchen at their Trinity hall at 22 College Road, Alpine Presbytery approve:
 - a. The upgrade of the kitchen facilities to a commercial standard at a cost of up to \$80,000 +GST
 - b. Utilising up to a maximum of \$60,000 from the parish PIF Property account towards this work as it is an upgrade/ improvement of the facilities. And that the Strategic Ratings comments prepared by the EO be

added to the CPT application for approval.

The Resource Team Leader's Report was received.

A Report from the Commission to St George's-Iona was discussed in private

Rev Dr Darryl Tempero joined the meeting and Ann McMillan left.

It was agreed that Presbytery not proceed with the idea of establishing an expression on the former Aranui school site, and that this be conveyed to St George's-Iona, along with informing them that we are still considering the Commission Report.

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by the Moderator at 12:36am

The next monthly Council meeting will be on **26th November at The Village Papanui**

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From the last Newsletter

- **Supporting Ohau**
- **Light Party—Hoon Hay Presbyterian, 31st October**
- **The EO's travels: Pockets of lovely**
- **Hope Presbyterian Youth Director Vacancy**
- **Tier 4 Annual Reporting - An Overview**

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Alpine Presbytery Culture & Strategic Framework

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

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If you do need for your own logon access, send your request to Gail at gail@alpinepresbytery.org.

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