



Alpine Presbytery

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Scam Alert

We have had reports of a scammer impersonating Rev Martin Stewart, and asking for vouchers to be bought for him.

Please be vigilant, and if you do get unexpected requests that appear to be from Martin feel free to phone him to confirm. This, of course, applies to any of your contacts from whom you receive an unusual request.

Andrew Norton Young Leaders Scholarship

For innovative and creative young leaders

The Andrew Norton Young Leaders Scholarship was established in 2019 in the loving memory of Very Rev Andrew Norton, past Moderator and a creative and innovative leader in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. This fund supports young people in the Alpine Presbytery in formal leadership formation

Eligibility

For leaders under 40 years of age who Alpine Presbytery recognise as being:

- Innovative
- Influencers
- Risk takers
- Theological thinkers
- In, or likely to be in leadership roles in a ministry of Alpine Presbytery

Areas of Use

- Study (undergraduate, post graduate) in areas of innovation, leadership, or theology, that have potential to inform church and faith formation
- Research project expenses in areas of innovation in local church life
- Approved conferences, including conference fees and travel expenses exploring innovation in local church life

Details

Up to \$3000 per annum.

Applications to be received by the Presbytery in December and granted in February the following year.

Applications to: The Executive Officer martin@alpinepresbytery.org by **Sunday 20 December**

Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board

Ecumenical Chaplain Based at the University of Otago, Christchurch Campus (0.1, fixed term for a year)

The Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board (OTCTB) is an ecumenical Christian Board responsible for providing Chaplaincy at Otago Polytechnic and at the University of Otago. The Board seeks to appoint a part-time (0.1 FTE – half day per week) Chaplain to serve the University of Otago, Christchurch Campus. Due to funding

COMING UP

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 items for next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 3rd December**.

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/



constraints, this is a fixed-term position for a year. This position was created two years ago, and we are seeking a person who will build on the foundation provided by the previous appointee. In this role, the new appointee will work proactively to develop strategies and systems in order to support the wellbeing of students and staff at the University of Otago, Christchurch.

The role is to provide Chaplaincy services that deliver quality pastoral care, spiritual support and educational resourcing to students and staff of the University of Otago, Christchurch Campus. The appointee's duties will include being available to students who wish to discuss issues relating to spirituality and well-being, supporting students and staff, and having an advisory/teaching role to staff and students with regard to spirituality, inter-faith awareness and student well-being.

If you are a person who thrives on:

- Nurturing spiritual well-being
- Facilitating pastoral care for students and staff
- Building a caring community
- Developing strategies and systems to ensure the above

And who

- Relates well to people within a diverse community
- Is committed to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Values tikanga Māori and te reo Māori

then we would welcome an application from you that indicates your skills and suitability for this role. You should indicate when you are available to take up the position.

This position is open to men and women of Christian faith, lay or ordained. There is a preference for those with experience working in a Tertiary Chaplaincy context. Applicants must be in good standing within their Christian denomination.

For the Board's Chaplaincy Charter see <https://www.otago.ac.nz/chaplain/index.html>

For a Job description, go to the Board website: www.otago.ac.nz/chaplain, or email David Ojala, Secretary, Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board; Email: dojala@xtra.co.nz.

Closing Date: 11 December 2020.

Please send your CV and a covering letter to David Ojala, Secretary, Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board; Email: dojala@xtra.co.nz

If you would like to discuss this position with the Board Chair, Professor Paul Trebilco, please email: paul.trebilco@otago.ac.nz or call Paul on (03) 4798 798.



Essential items needed in Christchurch please!

Presbyterian Support Upper South Island have contacted us with this request:

We are currently running very low on some essential items for our young parents and young adults. If you could donate any of these items we would be extremely grateful:- Nappies; Wet wipes; Baby bath wash; Sanitary items; Toothpaste; Toothbrushes; Deodorants; Shampoo and conditioner; Soap.

Please contact Megan Waddington on 033638209 or meganw@psusi.org.nz for further information. If you could drop these off to our Christchurch office—44 Bealey Ave—that would be much appreciated.

Studying Theology at the University of Otago

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers many opportunities for the study of Theology, Church History, Ministry, Biblical Studies, and Pastoral Theology, both on-campus and to many students across Aotearoa New Zealand through its successful distance study programme. We are committed to serving Christian communities throughout the country.

New enrolments for 2021 are due by December 10th. For details of papers go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/>

To enrol go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/>

Sister Eveleen Retreat House, Christchurch

A Spiritual 'Lighthouse' on Scarborough Hill

Sister Eveleen Retreat House (SERH) is a contemplative retreat environment where people can come to experience God's presence, find rest and replenishment, and listen to God's leading in their lives. Sister Eveleen bequeathed the house to the Anglican Diocese in 1939 to be used for 'prayer and spiritual help for the glory of God.' Set on Scarborough Hill, SERH has panoramic views of Pegasus Bay and is the perfect place to come for a time of prayer, restoration, and spiritual growth.

Many of you would have heard of SERH and some would have visited throughout the years. The house was out of commission for some years following the 2011 Earthquakes but is now restored and coming back to life. Last month they hosted their first contemplative writing retreat and a 7-day silent retreat on Julian of Norwich. These were the first of regular retreats planned to be run in 2021 and beyond. For those wanting to stay in the house but don't want to be part of a guided retreat, there are rooms available to book by the night for much less than the cost of a hotel. They are also available for group bookings and can help with catering and the facilitation of retreats if required.

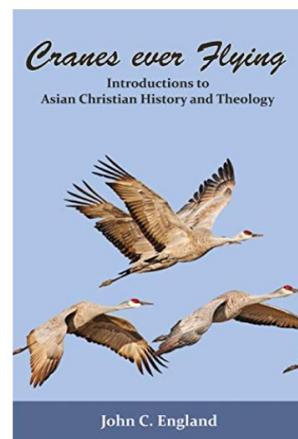
To find out more about Sister Eveleen Retreat House check out their website: www.sistereretreat.com, or contact the Director, Eddie O'Connor, on 022 563 6879.

Anyone is welcome to join in on the daily contemplative prayer services held Monday to Friday at 7am, 12pm, and 6pm.

Cranes Ever Flying: Introductions to Asian Christian History & Theology

This book by Rev Dr John England is an important survey of largely unknown sources covering the history, arts, ecumenism and indigenous theologies of Asian Christianity. Not only is this book an ideal introductory text-book for any study of Asian Christianity but also it is a unique academic source book. There is at present no other volume which introduces the full range of these resources since the Second Century and covering more than half the world.

The intent is to present not a history of the 'church as institution' but a record of the Christian community as a movement, or indeed movements, with their own dynamic characteristics and thought. After chapters which introduce the early and ecumenical history and art-forms of Christian communities in Asia, case-studies in church history and theology are added from particular periods between the 17th and the 20th centuries.



John has worked ecumenically for theological education and action in many Asian-Pacific networks and countries since 1969. This has included work with the Christian Conference of Asia, the Tao Fong Shan Ecumenical Centre, and the Programme for Theologies and Cultures in Asia. He has authored many articles and books on Asian Christian histories and theologies and also served as chief editor/writer for the *Research Guide to Asian Christian Theologies* (2001-2004).

Cranes ever Flying is published by ISPCK, Delhi and can be ordered either from the ISPCK website or from Advanced Book Exchange (www.abebooks.com) at a cost of NZ\$30

The Farewelling of a Home

Dr. Jane Simpson, an independent religious historian, editor and poet based in Christchurch, is in the process of inviting ministers from different denominations in Christchurch to use and give feedback on her liturgy, 'The Farewelling of a Home'. Initially written as a response to the Christchurch earthquakes, it was published in June in the [Australian Journal of Liturgy](#) (p.19, which is actually the 7th page down).

As an Anglican with ecumenical sympathies, Jane Simpson has studied innovative liturgies from around the world, including the 'Takahi Whare', prayers in a house after death, and 'The Blessing of a Home' in *A New Zealand Prayer Book: He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa* (1989). Having written two full-length poetry collections, she saw the potential to put her poetry to use to write a service when taking leave of a home.

Jane is asking whether there are any Presbyterian ministers who could offer the liturgy to members of their congregations, use it and let her know how it might be adapted. There is to be a launch in the Transitional Cathedral on 20 February 2021, and feedback will be needed before that. Those interested in the 'trial' will be posted some

pre-publication, named copies. The liturgy does provide for a number of contexts when the householder is leaving a home for the last time, much wider than in the version in the journal.

Student flat for young Christians in Christchurch

Be Supported to Live and Thrive

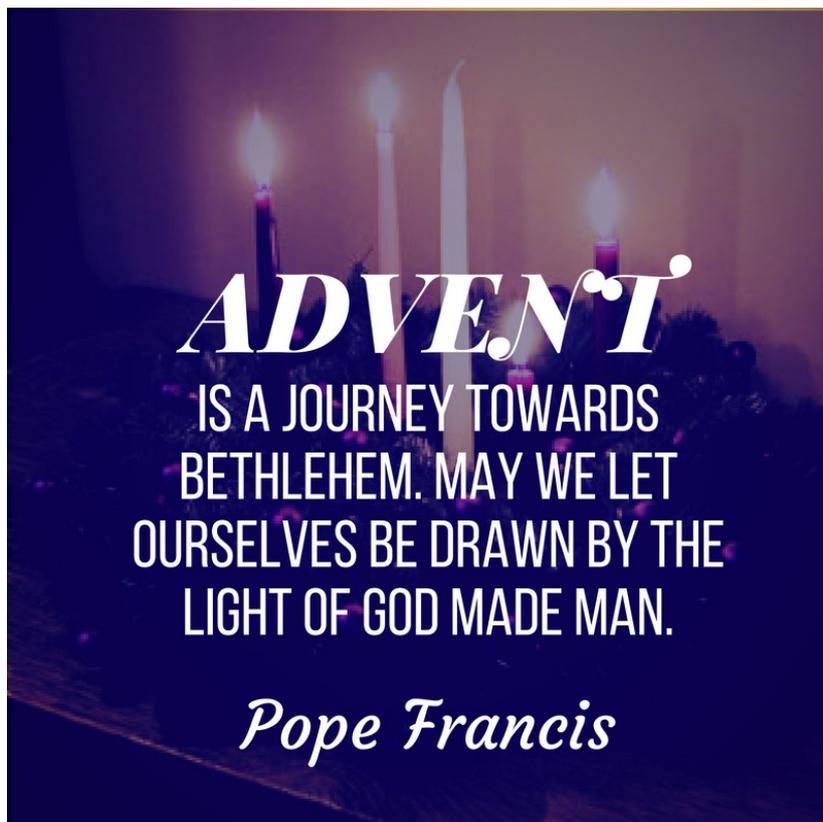
Chester House is on the eastern fringe of central Christchurch, across the road from Oxford Terrace Baptist Church. It's within walking distance of the central city and Ara, and a 20 minute bike ride to the University of Canterbury campus. It is supported by a dedicated student supervisor and team of young adults from Oxford Terrace Baptist Church who live close by.

Their hope is that Chester House will be a place where flatmates grow in Christ, find support for life, study and work, and are integrated into a community of faith while living away from home.

More information can be found on the flyer here: [Chester House](#)

From the last Newsletter

- Ordination of Steve Talbot
- Reformed and Always Reforming—event at Linwood Avenue Union Church
- Northwest Christchurch Anglican Parish Vacancy



Dropbox link for documents mentioned in this newsletter: control & click, or copy & paste the link to your browser: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5k528skz4niqhg/AABDjLatKUt2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>

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Culture & Strategic Framework

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

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.

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