



Alpine Presbytery

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Note from Council

At its meeting in November, Presbytery Council approved the extension of the stated supply ministry of Rev Laurence Ennor at Oxford Union Church for a further twelve months. We wish Laurence and the parish well.

Darryl Tempero

Rev Dr Darryl Tempero has been appointed as Management Support Officer at Knox Centre for Ministry Leadership, Dunedin. This is a half-time role as a secondment from Alpine Presbytery, for one year.

As Management Support Officer, Darryl will work closely with the KCML Dean of Studies/Acting Principal. The new role demands a unique mix of gifts and skills for assisting in: the management of KCML; supporting the work of formation of interns; and development of the wider leadership of the PCANZ.

Rev Dr Geoff New (Dean of Studies/Acting Principal) comments, "In this season of transition and change for KCML, my intention is to try and ensure the essence of KCML's core ministry is honoured. Darryl's appointment will be a key factor in that vision. He joins a new and fresh team – 2021 is looking increasingly promising".

Knox, Christchurch sign-off

Although the 1960s Knox Centre building, next to Knox Otautahi/Christchurch, proved to be robust, withstanding many quakes and shakes, so had a bit of a fan base among those who felt it was strong, it nevertheless was categorized as a "quake prone structure". As such, it needed to be strengthened. We didn't exactly welcome this, but had to accept it as an operational necessity. (It was also good to know that by the end of the strengthening, we genuinely could offer our space to the community as "safe" space.) Money was found, contracts were signed, permission was given. Lots of hard work was done by good people. Yesterday, after serving sandwiches, fries and sauces to the construction team, and some heartfelt "thank you on project completion" speeches, some of us raced out to the windows in which we'd displayed our "quake prone" notices and ripped them down. I had imagined doing that in a more ceremonial way, but it just kind of happened in the moment. There is a welcome sense of the last of the quake damage having been fixed. The damage to the people isn't quite over yet, but it's liberating to have the building signed off. There has been a great "breathing out".

Also, when you have to move everything from one place to another place in order to do strengthening work, it's a great opportunity to look at what is being moved and ask "do we need this?" With a jumbo bin in the carpark, and construction workers available to jettison heavy objects, Knox now feels several tonnes lighter.

We come out of this project lightened, grateful, stepping away from trauma, and

COMING UP

Young Adult Outreach: Hoon Hay Presbyterian Church, 18th December.

Prayer Retreat at Staveley Camp: 14—16 February

Next Presbytery Gathering: 19-21 March at St David's in Ashburton

Presbytery Retreat at Hanmer Springs: 2—4 May

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

Next week will be the final Newsletter for the year. Cut off date for items inclusion is **Thursday 17th December.**

Newsletters will resume for 2021 later in January.



really keenly focused on what maybe now we can do with the spaces we lost for a while. The brain cogs are turning, and the Spirit is moving.

Thanks should be expressed to Ann McMillan, the convenor of the Presbytery Property Committee, who shepherded us through the necessary Presbytery permissions, and to the Presbytery Mission Fund, which helped us with block-out blinds in the high windows in the Hall.



*Matthew Jack,
Knox, Otautahi/
Christchurch*

*Teara, the site supervisor,
rejoices in a job well done*

Young Adult Outreach at Hoon Hay

On **Friday 18 December, from 7-9pm**, Hoon Hay Presbyterian Church are holding an outreach event—an opportunity to come and share life and faith issues around nice food and drink. Whilst it is primarily aimed at 20-30-year olds, it is open to anyone.

For more information contact Michael Reid at Michael@hoonhaychurch.co.nz

New table-of-contents - Hewitson Library

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

[Art and Christianity, Issue 104, Winter 2020](#)

[Sojourners, Vol 49 No 11, December 2020](#)

[Australian Journal of Liturgy, Vol 17 No 2, 2020](#)

[Tui Motu Interislands, Issue 255, December 2020](#)

[Word & Worship, Summer 2020-21](#)

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

Vacancy: Kapiti Uniting Parish

The parish is looking for a sole-charge, full-time, nationally ordained minister for an initial period of five years, in accordance with UCANZ procedures.

The Minister and Parish Profiles can be found here: www.kapitiunitingparish.org.nz/parish-profile

For further information, or to register your interest, contact Rev Peter Jackson: minister@owpresb.nz.

Presbyterians Invited to Trial a Service of 'The Farewelling of a Home'

Copies of a new service are available to ministers who know their parishioners are moving house over the summer. Written by Christchurch-based church historian and award-winning poet, Dr Jane Simpson, the service is being trialled by a number of ministers across the churches in Canterbury.

Jane writes: "Up till now there has been no published service of 'The Farewelling of a Home' in any country.

It is expected that the greatest demand will come from people who have sold their much-loved homes and are moving into a retirement village. Few householders will know of the service, so ministers are crucial in providing this as part of their pastoral

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care before householders leave for the last time. Ministers, whether lay and ordained, who wish to offer 'The Farewelling of a Home', should email the author directly. They will be posted their pre-publication, named copies of the booklet and asked to complete a survey and provide feedback by the end of January.

It is hoped that with the publication of 'The Farewelling of a Home' on 20 February, there will fewer occasions when the householder has already left their home, unaware that such a service was available to help them remember, say goodbye, grieve the loss of the land and a home, and proclaim hope."

For more information contact Jane Simpson by email: info@poiema.co.nz

From the last Newsletter

- **Scam Alert**
- **Alpine Prayer Retreat:** 14-16 February 2021
- **6 Day Silent Retreat:** 28 February - 5 March 2020, Orangapai
- **Death Notices**
- **Gift a mountain to those you love!**
- **Red Cross Survey marking ten year anniversary of Christchurch earthquakes**
- [Bush Telegraph December 2020](#)
- **Alpine Presbytery Council Report**

Presbytery Key Dates 2021

14th - 16th February	Prayer Retreat @ Staveley Camp
19th - 21st March	Presbytery Gathering @ St David's Ashburton
2nd - 4th May	Presbytery Retreat in Hanmer Springs
24th July	Preaching the Parables Workshop with Geoff New (Christchurch, location TBA)
28th August	Presbytery Gathering (Elder's Day) in Timaru
11th September	Presbytery Gathering (Elder's Day) in Nelson
18th September	Presbytery Gathering (Elder's Day) in Christchurch
29th Sept - 3rd Oct	General Assembly @ St Andrews College, Christchurch
16th October	Preaching the Parables Workshop with Geoff New (Nelson)

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.

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/

Alpine Presbytery Culture & Strategic Framework

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

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>