

4 May 2022



CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Room to Grow

When the leaves of the pumpkin vines burnt off with the first frost of autumn I was surprised to find a pumpkin wedged between the fence post and paling.

As I reflected on this image I realised that we often pollinate new ventures in mission and ministry with great enthusiasm, feed them with encouragement and allow them to be hidden by the everyday leaves that surround them. Too often we forget to ask if there is space enough for them to grow – or try to hold them in a box of rules and regulations.



The church does not lack for innovative ideas – but we have limited capacity to nurture them and even less idea about what space they need to grow. New expressions of worship will often want somewhere other than the formal church setting. Mission outreach needs space which is physically and psychologically accessible to the community. Pastoral care often needs space in kitchens, food bank storage or neutral venues for counselling.

God's Spirit is like a bee pollinating the vine – how will the church find room for the fruit to grow? Pray this week for the fragile flowers, the growing fruit and the immovable posts of the church.

Peter MacKenzie Executive Secretary

Manawatu Consultation

Retirement

28 May 2022

10am to 2pm

What does the future hold for Manawatu Presbyterian churches and ministry?

Knox Church, Kimbolton Road, Feilding

Soup and bun lunch provided

Convenor: Peter MacKenzie

Peter.m@presbyterycentral.org.nz

Rev Sally Carter retires from her ministry in St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier this week. Sally trained in Wellington and ministered in parishes in Palmerston North, Christchurch and Napier. She has served on regional and national church groups. We wish her every blessing as she moves into this new stage of life's journey.

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St Andrew's
on The Terrace

Children's Programme Coordinator

We are seeking a part-time Coordinator to work with children and families in our 'Rainbow Room' programme.

This is a part-time position of 4 hours per week with the purpose of leading the children's programme each Sunday morning during term time and providing activities during school holidays. You will work closely with the Minister, families and volunteers and be accountable to the Parish Council.

To be successful in this role you will need to demonstrate vision and flair for ministry with children. You will also need to be able to express Christian faith in ways that connect to our diverse and changing society in Aotearoa.

We offer a supportive working environment. For further details, click [HERE](#). For a copy of the position description please email the office as below or call us on 04 472 9211. For general information on St Andrew's on The Terrace go to our website: www.standrews.org.nz

Applications close on 13 May. Please send a CV and

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHAMBER CONCERT

Sunday 15 May, 4pm, St Ronan's Presbyterian Church
234 Muritai Road, Eastbourne

Trio Muritai

- +Rebecca Steel: flute
- +Roger Brown: cello
- +Rosemary Barnes: piano



'German Romantics'

- +Carl Reinecke: *Undine Sonata* flute and piano Op167
 - +Schumann: *Three Fantasy Pieces* cello & piano Op73
 - +Mendelssohn: *Piano Trio No 1* in D minor Op49
- Run time about 65 minutes (no interval)

Tickets & Information: \$20 (limit 100), children free, general admission - Sandy Lang slang@xtra.co.nz

25th Anniversary Celebrations

In June 1997, the St Lukes Presbyterian Church in Lower Hutt merged with the Waiwhetu Methodist Church to form the Waiwhetu Uniting Church.

We are planning a Celebration of the last 25 years on Sunday, 19 June 2022, to which we invite former members and pastors.

For further information, or to register your interest, please contact Brenda Baker, Phone 04 569 5308 or brendabaker@extra.co.nz

We look forward to hearing from our many friends from the past, Brenda Baker, Secretary



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7 May Waikanae Baptist Church, 286 Te Moana Road, Waikanae.

11 June Upper Hutt Baptist Church, 1 Milton Street, Trentham,

18 June, All Saints Anglican Church, 338 Church Street, Palmerston North.

\$50 per person. We encourage CFM workers in our region to get along to this important training event.

Click [HERE](#) to find out more!

Budget 2022-23

Documentation and information have been sent out to Presbytery Members around an upcoming meeting and vote on the budget. If you're a member and missed out on this email, get in touch with the office.

Assembly

The Special Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand was held online last week. For those who missed this fascinating and engaging three day dialogue, a very handy summary of decisions has been published for your information. We recommend reading this to see what impact Assembly may have on you. This document can be located [HERE](#)

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