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What's Been Happening...



Pukerau Christian Camps Celebrate 75 Years!

Over the course of the last weekend of April, many folk gathered at both Camp Columba and Calvin Church to remember and to celebrate the 75 years of Easter and Labour Weekend camps led by Pukerau Christian Camps. It was a wonderful weekend for all of the many folk who attended. There were people gathered from Easter Camps as early as the 1950's right through up until last months Easter Camp!

Read more [here](#).



2019 Synod AGM at Camp Columba

On Saturday, April 13th, Synod members and guests gathered at Camp Columba in Pukerau for the 2019 Synod AGM. It was a wonderful day for all. Camp Columba was chosen as the venue for the AGM by incoming Moderator Mark Heslip. We heard stories from people who have been impacted by the various ministries offered out at Camp Columba, and of course official Synod business was covered too.

Read more [here](#).



Invercargill Churches Combined Worship Service

On Sunday 17th March, all of the Presbyterian Churches in Invercargill came together for a combined worship service. Almost 600 Presbyterians gathered together at the Ascot Park Hotel for a service led by various members of each church. The combined service was a bit of an experiment but turned out to be a great event, enjoyed by all and was a powerful of unity to the community.

You can read more [here](#).

What's Been Happening...



Dunedin Easter Camp Keeps Growing

Over 200 young people along with their youth leaders and volunteers came together in Dunedin over the Easter weekend. They celebrated the Easter story, grew stronger as youth groups and connected with youth from across the city and beyond. The camp has outgrown the Tirohanga Campsite and is starting to fill up the A&P Showgrounds. Watch this space!

Read more [here](#).



Youth Encounter God at Pukerau Easter Camp

Pukerau Easter Camp is always special. But this year's Easter Camp, held out at Camp Columba was extra special. Pukerau Christian Camps celebrated 75 years of running Easter Camp in the Matura region, sixty of which have been run out at Camp Columba. With all that experience to draw on, Pukerau Easter Camp is always fun, always life changing and always a little bit crazy.

Read more [here](#).



Aaron Johnstone Ordained in Hawea

On Thursday 21st March, well over a hundred people squeezed into the quaint St Ninians church in beautiful Hawea Flats for the licensing, induction and ordination service of Aaron Johnstone. Aaron and his wife Laura, along with their young kids, are moving into the Hawea community to lead a new ministry in this growing region. Aaron is a natural fit to be placed as a minister in Hawea.

Read more [here](#).

What's Coming Up...



South Island Ministry Conference
May 14th -15th
East Taieri Presbyterian Church

A conference for everyone and anyone in ministry. An opportunity to grow and be challenged and to connect with other folk in ministry. Always a great event!

Read more [here](#)



Faith & Adolescence Workshop
May 16
Ascott Park, Invercargill

Churches are struggling to keep their teens connected to faith. This workshop will speak into this challenge with hope and encouragement for parents, pastors and youth workers.

Read more [here](#)



Way2Go
May 25
Mosgiel Presbyterian Church

A mix of inspirational speakers, practical workshops, and networking opportunities, which will equip you for your work with children and young people.

Read more [here](#)



Continuum Conference
July 12-14
Windsor Church, Invercargill

Continuum is a conference led by Tasha & Dave Francis from Windsor Church, Invercargill. This year they have some of the popular speakers back from previous years. Always an exciting event!

Read more [here](#)



CONNECT Conference
April 2
First Church, Invercargill

Connect is the annual National Presbyterian Youth Ministry leaders gathering. It's all about training, connecting, & growing. This year it will be extra special as it is being held in Ohope at the PCANZ marae.

Read more [here](#)



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Love Reaches Out Art Comp

Kids Friendly Annual Art Competition

This month we open our 'Love Reaches Out' Art and Writing Competition. Our theme this year is: "Make a Difference: I can, You can, We can" - "Mahi Rereke: Ka taea e au, Ka taea e koe, Ka taea e tātou". We encourage pre-schoolers through to Year 8's, as individuals or as a group, to respond creatively to this theme, as we seek ways to reach out in love and kindness. We look forward to receiving your entries!

This is a collaborative project in its 9th year organised by PresCare (Kids Friendly and Presbyterian Support Family Works). Each year there has been over 100 wonderfully creative entries coming from individuals and groups throughout NZ, most from churches, Presbyterian church schools and the Family Works programme.

Entries must be received by 5 pm on Friday 9th August, 2019.

To download posters, entry forms, and to get more information, click [here](#).



Youth Ministry Jobs

East Taieri Presbyterian Church

East Taieri Presbyterian Church & The Saddle Hill Foundation Trust are looking for a new full-time youth worker to join their team. Already they impact a large number of young people every week through a vibrant range of church and community-based programmes. If you are 'the one', you will work alongside paid staff and volunteers, leading programmes, providing pastoral care and mentoring, developing leaders, and offering chaplaincy in Taieri College. You will work out of 'the Hub' community facility which provides generous office, meeting, recreation, and storage areas. Technology and other equipment are readily accessible.

For more information on the role [Click Here](#)

Highgate Presbyterian Church

Highgate Presbyterian Church already has a committed team of volunteer leaders for our Youth Group, which operates across our two congregations. We are looking for a Youth Pastor to work alongside this team and our church leadership, to help create and implement a long-term vision and strategy for ministry to youth and their families, and to coordinate, resource and establish a consistent program. This is a part-time role, of 6-10 hours a week, which are flexible, and is fixed-term for two years. Pay is based on the Presbyterian Youth Ministry recommended pay scale.

For a job description, and any inquiries, please contact: Rev Geoff Skilton; geoff@highgatechurch.org.nz.



Connect Conference

Ohope Marae, 19 – 21 July 2019

Nau mai, Haere Mai

We are delighted to confirm that Connect 2019 will be on our church marae at Ohope Beach, 4pm 19 July – 2pm 21 July 2019. Staying on our marae will be an amazing shared experience for us, and on top of the usual Connect experience, we will grow our understanding of our churches bi-cultural commitment. This years theme is Whakakotahitanga: Gathering as one people

Speakers:

Te Aka Puaho: Members of Te Aka Puaho will teach us about Tikanga Maori, the story of the partnership between Te Aka Puaho and the PCANZ

Matai'a Salatielu Tiatia: Sala has been in youth work for 25 plus years from South Auckland to Porirua to Christ Church.

James Beck: James is the Kaihanga o Ngā Mea/ Director of Development and Deliver at the Parenting Place where he's been part of our team for over 10 years.

More information about Connect can be found [here](#).



Connect Subsidies

PYM TRAVEL SUBSIDY

Each year PYM offers a travel subsidy for people attending Connect from Southern Presbytery.

Southern Presbytery Reimbursement: For participants flying from the South Island, we have 20 reimbursements on offer. To receive a \$80 reimbursement.

Send the email confirmation of your flight to gordon@pym.org.nz before 15 May.

SYNOD CONNECT SUBSIDY

This year Connect is being held on our church marae at Ohope Beach (10mins south of Whakatane). It will be a special and unforgettable experience. However because of the location, it will cost more to attend Connect this year than it will in previous years. So the Synod, through the Mission & Evangelism fund, has allocated funds to help offset the costs of attending Connect 2019.

We would love to see Southern Presbyterian youth leaders attend this years Connect at the Ohope marae, therefore we have allocated a \$200 subsidy per church that registers a youth leader for Connect before 31st May. We hope this will help offset the overall cost and make Connect 2019 more accessible.

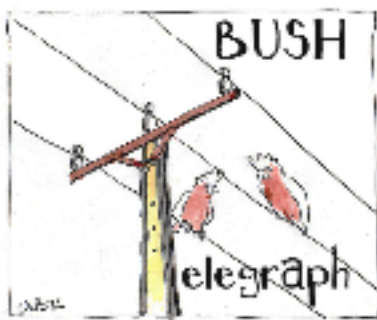
Send a confirmation of your Connect rego to brad@southernpresbyterians before 31st May.

(note: this Subsidy is only available for the first 30 churches. Any questions, contact [Brad Kelderman](#))

National Church Updates



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