

# Parish Profile

## Hakaterere Presbyterian Parish



### OVERVIEW

Hakaterere Presbyterian Parish was established in 2019 with the coming together of St James' church (based in Tinwald) and St Paul's church (based in Hampstead). The parish has not had full-time ordained ministry since January 2023. While our congregation is aging, we have a team of people committed to moving forward together. We currently have 85 adult members with an average June attendance of 40. Our congregation is composed of people from various backgrounds and cultures.

Currently the parish owns three church sites (one in Tinwald, one in Oxford Street and one at Lagmhor). All services are held at the Oxford Street Church. The Tinwald church buildings are still used for church activities and community groups. It is leased to the Cook Island Christian Church for services and activities. They are negotiating to purchase the site and buildings. Lagmhor church is used for Christmas Eve services and occasional weddings and funerals.

Worship has been formal but friendly utilizing traditional forms of worship with some contemporary elements (such as modern NZ hymns). Parishioners are looking forward to maintaining the traditional service as well as the opportunity to experience other forms of worship.

We work hard to look after each other socially, spiritually and physically and to reach out to the community. Community based activities include Men's tea, Drop In, Meals on Wheels, Foot Clinic, and Hakaterere Happenings (a sharing of the nativity story with children from local primary schools).

We have special services with an open invitation to the wider community to attend, e.g. communion via the newsletter, ecumenical services in the retirement homes, Gospel service and Lagmhor carol services. Within the parish there are several groups operating including the Hakaterere Women's Group, Faith development group, Bible study group and Explorers Group.

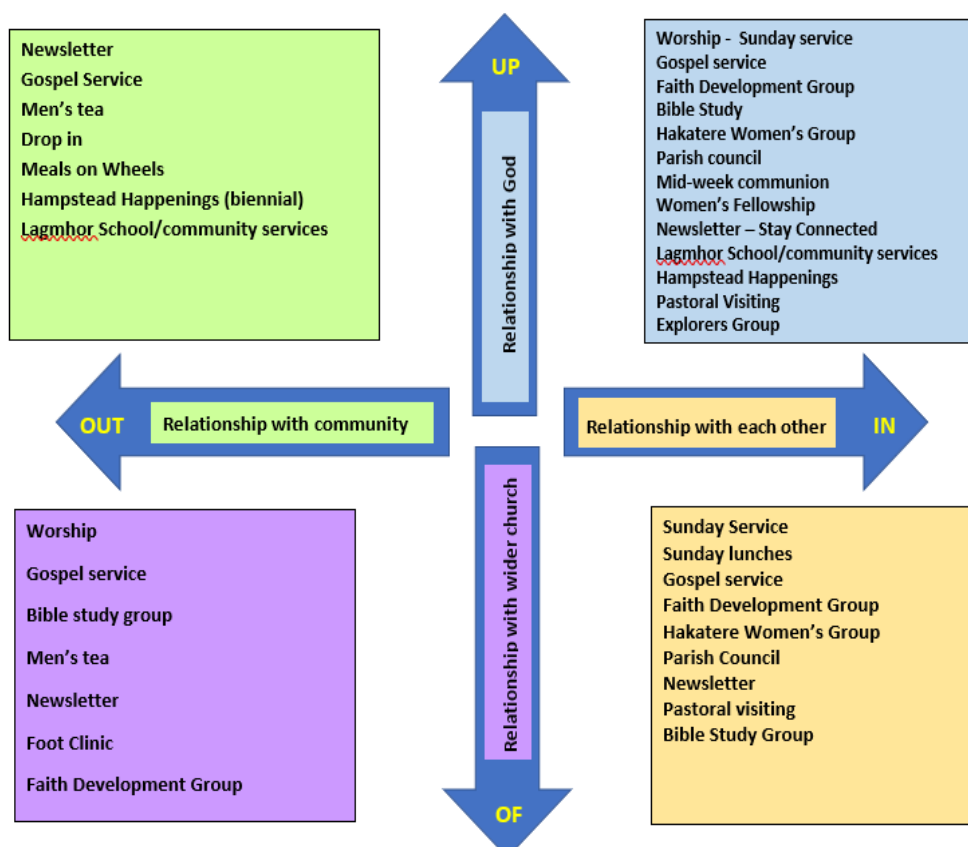
We have a monthly newsletter (Stay Connected) that is distributed to the wider church family and is also shared with the other churches in our town, along with a weekly bulletin. We have a website that includes all calendar events. The hospitality committee works hard to organise enjoyable and well-attended monthly social activities, (e.g. high tea, parish dinners, games evenings, barbecues etc).

**OUR VISION: To connect with God through building relationships with each other and people in our community.**

**Mission Plan:** The Hakatere parish council has developed (in consultation with the parishioners) a mission plan that outlines our parish priorities (see below). We hope to grow the church through mission, to encourage spiritual growth and to be visible in the community. We are committed to finding ways to encourage people to know God through nurturing and prayer. Our vision is to build an understanding of the gospel message of love, forgiveness, hope, and justice.



**Hakatere Presbyterian Parish Events and Activities:**



## Parish Relationships

**Alpine Presbytery** - weekly newsletters are received and disseminated to parish councillors. Parishioners have attended Presbytery gatherings. Presbytery is currently involved in helping develop a way forward for Mid-Canterbury parishes.

**Local schools** - we financially support the principal's discretionary funds of Hampstead, Netherby, Tinwald, Ashburton Intermediate primary schools. We also support the 24-7 youth programme currently working in the Ashburton College and Intermediate schools.

**Presbyterian Support** - we have an annual church service dedicated to Presbyterian Support who provide a speaker. We share their newsletters and provide food for the food bank.

**Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand** - We follow PCANZ guidelines regarding policies and procedures. We respond to Assembly requests. As part of the Presbyterian whanau we acknowledge our relationship with the tangata whenua through our recognition of the Treaty of Waitangi. Parish members have visited the local marae and te reo Māori is occasionally used within services.

## Parish Groups:

**Hakatere Women's Group** - an enthusiastic group who meet in the Church Lounge fortnightly on a Tuesday morning where participants enjoy a time of fellowship and discussion while deepening and strengthening their faith.

**Faith Development Group** – meets monthly to discuss faith-based issues. Members come from different denominations.

**Explorers Group** – meets monthly to view and discuss various Christian videos around thought provoking themes.

**Bible Study Group** – meets weekly to study and discuss Bible passages.

**Faith Development Sessions** – the faith education committee have invited a range of people to run sessions around themes of interest that were identified by parishioners (via a survey). This is a new initiative and this year we have had sessions about miracles and What is faith?

## Community Outreach:

**Support of community groups** - we financially support four local primary schools and the 24-7 youth programme annually. We provide weekly food parcels to Presbyterian support gathered from the congregation.

**Gospel Service** – an evening Service held once a year. There is usually a topical theme, and a guest speaker is invited to share their message. There is plenty of music and singing.



## Rest Homes

Our parish shares in the caring and wellbeing of the elderly in the community by regularly visiting the various Rest Homes around town and leading services. This is done on a roster basis along with most other churches in Ashburton, arranged by the Ashburton Christian Ministers Association. This is an important part of ministry for the elderly and the congregation are encouraged to support it.



Our parish visitor has held group meetings for our parishioners in a rest home.

### 'Hampstead Happenings'

We are privileged to have the opportunity to minister to the junior classes of three local Primary Schools when members of Hakatere parish present a Christmas Nativity play to over 300 children.

This is a biennial event when the children are invited to come along to church. It is wonderful to see the response from not only the children present but also teachers and parent helpers when they listen to the Christmas Story. In return the children sing a bracket of songs to us which is also appreciated.

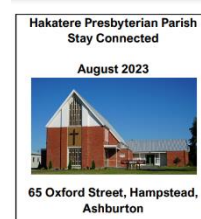


**Men's Tea** - an event open to all men, from our parish and other churches, involving a guest speaker, fellowship and a meal. This happens three times a year on a fifth Tuesday. The average attendance is 25 - 30 men.

**Community Drop in** – a weekly, two hour gathering, where a notice is placed outside the church inviting people from the community to 'drop in' for a coffee and a chat.

**Foot Clinic** – is a free service provided by 12 Hakatere parish volunteers and specialist 'cutters'. We have a client list of over 30 people. Client donations have been distributed to groups in our Ashburton community e.g. St John health shuttle, Birthright, Age Concern 206 Club, McKenzie Group (disabled adults) etc.

**Stay Connected** – a monthly newsletter is delivered in person to 176 households (including 40 emailed) in our community. The booklet includes an editorial, information about events and activities, duties and contact numbers. Stay Connected is shared with the other churches in the district.



### Special Services in the seasons have included:

Holy Communion, Spring Flower Sunday, Pentecost, Mother's and Father's Day, Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Day, White Sunday, Carol Service, Christmas Eve Lagmhor service and Christmas Day, and Harvest Festival.



We enjoy working ecumenically with other churches in Ashburton. **Combined worship services** with St Andrews Presbyterian church, St David's church and Baring Square Methodist church happen on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday when they occur. We combine with the Ashburton Methodist Parish for Good Friday and Easter Sunday services alternating these services between the two churches.

**White Sunday Service** – we celebrate White Sunday with our Samoan families. The service includes music, dance, prayers and readings in both Samoan and English. This is sometimes followed by a shared meal.



### **Pastoral Care:**

We are privileged to have a caring and supportive Pastoral Visitor. She visits many parishioners as well as people who are home alone, who are unwell, who are on 'the fringes' of our congregation and in crisis. She also supports the worship committee by presenting reflections within an occasional service.

We have a team of pastoral visitors, who visit and deliver newsletters to the wider church community. There are a lot of quiet, sincere 'taking care of each other' acts that occur on a regular basis among our Parishioners. We have a reputation in the community for being a friendly, welcoming church.

### **CHURCH GOVERNANCE:**

*Parish Council meets monthly The Parish council meetings are led by the minister or interim moderator. There is a minute taker and treasurer. Other meetings are held as required and some matters are dealt with by email.*

The Hakatere Parish Council is supported by several committees – these include:

- Worship Committee which includes oversight of technology
- Pastoral – visiting and support of parishioners
- Finance and Property – which meet as required to administer the finance and manage the property.
- Faith Education
- Hospitality and Fellowship

*Meetings are held monthly, or as necessary. All committees report and make recommendations to the Parish Council which is the governance decision-making body.*

### **RESOURCES**

The Church is situated in Oxford Street and has become identified as the community church for East Ashburton. The brick church, which was built in 1969, is kept in very good condition and includes a lounge, kitchen, office and store-room. The church building has recently been strengthened to meet earthquake regulations. An electronic organ or digital piano provides music for our services and we also have a large tv, laptop computer and sound system.

The Hakatere parish hall, which is on the same site as the Church, is an older building kept in excellent repair. It consists of two halls, a meeting room, toilets and kitchen. Facilities are well used by Church groups and our local community.

### **Staff**

Office Administrator 9 hrs/per week, a contract hall cleaner

Parish Visitor 16 hours/week

Vacancy for a half time Nationally Ordained Minister

### **SERVICES OF WORSHIP:**

Our theological preference could be described as mainstream with a focus on being relevant to today. However, we are open-minded to new ways of worship and thinking. We have experimented in the past with a range of styles and venues for worship, eg Café services and visiting outlying areas. The church has a good sound system and we use PowerPoint presentations projected on a large tv for services. W 5 available. Hymn books are available and pew bibles are available.



## **MODEL OF MINISTRY: What we are looking for:**

*Hakatere Presbyterian Parish has discerned they will be looking to fill the half-time vacancy with National Ordained Ministry.*

### ***We are looking for someone who:***

1. is a good speaker – relevant, challenging, inspiring
2. is a capable leader
3. has a vision for the future
4. is caring and approachable

### ***and can:***

Lead at least two worship services per month and incorporate a Reflection which honours the heritage of scripture but in such a way that it is also made relevant for this contemporary age - one that gives you something to go home and think about. Present inspirational and uplifting church services relevant to today. Have an interest in music / singing. See 1 above.

Relate positively with a cross section of people at varying stages of theological persuasion and understanding which should / could include the leading of small group learning and connecting. Relate to all age groups. Have an interest in the pastoral needs of our parish in conjunction with the parish visitor. See 4 above.

Complement our parish's outreach programs both within pastoral and community facing perspectives - continue the community focus that we have already in place. See 2 above.

Become part of establishing any positive initiative to form closer links with other like-minded parishes and clergy in Mid Canterbury - have the ability to work with other parish leaders and further develop the concept of cooperation while retaining our individual identities. See 3 above.

### **Key Attributes:**

- think strategically
- have integrity
- excellent listening skills
- ability to teach/coach
- effective communication skills
- able to support and promote nurture and care among others
- able to develop, challenge and extend theological thinking
- ability to collaborate and negotiate
- able to cope with change
- well organised and good manager of time
- welcomes feedback
- fun and vibrant

**Accommodation:** In the past our Ministers have been accommodated in a rental property. Accommodation provided will meet the National Church's requirements.

(The photo is an example of the accommodation the church would rent.)



### **ASHBURTON DISTRICT – general information**

**Tinwald** is a suburb of the larger Ashburton town. In June 2013 Ashburton urban area had a population of 18,950 with an additional 12,400 living in the wider district. It is a growing community with new housing developments being built over the past four to five years.

The local primary school has approximately 300 pupils which has necessitated the building of two new classrooms. There are two preschools and a kindergarten in Tinwald, a new Rest Home with palliative care facilities, a residential facility for disabled people (Idea Services) as well as shops, medical services, motels and hospitality facilities.

It is a growing industrial area with a focus on agricultural machinery and services. As well there are car and truck businesses, a local domain and camping ground and Plains Museum and Historical Village which holds regular community and tourist events.

### **Hampstead/Netherby**

Hampstead and Netherby are suburbs of Ashburton. There is a large Pasifika population, and the areas are growing with new major subdivisions. There are four primary schools, four preschools and two rest homes. There are three sports clubs and a basketball stadium.

In the wider Ashburton area there are 6 primary town schools in total and an Intermediate school and a College. There are numerous preschools. The hospital has recently been up-graded. A new modern medical centre has opened in Allenton.

### **ASHBURTON - NEW ZEALAND**

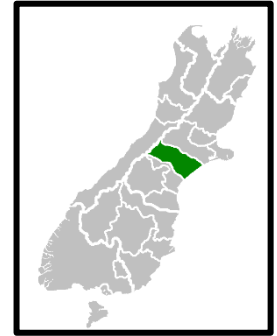
Ashburton is on SH1 86 km south from Christchurch. It has four suburbs, Netherby, Hampstead, Allenton and Tinwald. The Ashburton town has a population of (approximately) 19,000 with an additional (approximately) 12,000 living in the wider district.

More information can be sourced from the following links: -

[www.ashburtondc.govt.nz](http://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz)    [www.ashburtononline.co.nz](http://www.ashburtononline.co.nz)

The Ashburton District extends from the Pacific Ocean to the Southern Alps and from the Rangitata River to the Rakaia River including townships of Hinds, Methven, Mt Somers and Rakaia.

Ashburton has a strong economy as it lies in the middle of the fertile Canterbury plains allowing a wide scope of agricultural activity such as dairying, cropping and vegetable growing. Ashburton also has one major meat company also a Talley's Factory all creating employment opportunities. Smaller industries include a sock factory, kite manufacturer along with many businesses supporting the rural economy.



Ashburton has seven primary schools, an intermediate school and secondary college along with other primary schools scattered around the district including a secondary college at Methven - Mt Hutt College (in Methven). There are several early childhood facilities also available including community-based, privately owned, kindergartens and a playcentre.

The ARA Institute of Canterbury (Polytech) offers a wide range of courses with either full or part-time options available.

The Library comes under the umbrella of Ashburton District Council and has a great source of books and resource material and includes free wi-fi, a sound studio, sewing room and meeting rooms.



Ashburton Hospital is the centre from which a comprehensive range of In-patients, Day patients and Community based services are delivered from. The hospital is a secondary level acute medical and surgical hospital. Tertiary level care is available one hour away at Christchurch Hospital. Ashburton Hospital has recently completed a major re-construction which includes a new out-patients and theatre block.

The Ashburton Art Gallery and Heritage Centre is an accessible, exciting and innovative regional public art gallery and museum which is a source of pride to the Ashburton District Community. The Gallery and Museum presents a varied, thought provoking and innovative programme of local, national and internationally sourced exhibitions.



The Trust Event Centre is the cultural centre of Ashburton.

Ashburton has a modern shopping complex consisting of boutique shops along with many of the national retailers including – The Warehouse, Harvey Norman and Mitre 10. There are four supermarkets and four smaller 4 Square stores. There is a variety of cafes to choose from to suit all requirements, also plenty of accommodation with a good selection of modern motels and B and B's and two camping grounds.

The climate can vary – during the summer months it can exceed 30C while winter can experience regular frosts and the occasional snowfall with average low being around 5C.





The Ashburton Domain is 37 hectares of open space, lawns, gardens and recreational facilities. The Domain is located within walking distance from the Ashburton town centre and most of our schools. A wide range of sports are played at many venues around town.

There is sports stadium, gym and aquatic pool complex and this is a great asset to Ashburton.



Ashburton and surrounding districts are the home of many beautiful gardens and walkways. We are well represented by service clubs around town.

The Maori community of Ashburton have worked successfully to build the local Hakatere Marae.



### Aviation Museum

Ashburton Aviation Museum has a world-renowned display of historical aircrafts and aviation information and is manned by an enthusiastic band of volunteers. It is home to Southern DC3's Heritage Airliner, ZK-AMY, known locally as 'Amy'.



### Water Activities

Lake Hood, on the outskirts of Ashburton, is a paradise for water enthusiasts with a wide range of activities including swimming, yachting, boating and water skiing.





### **Ski – Fields**

Mt Hutt Ski Field offers all levels of skier and boarders an awesome winter experiences. Trails, off-piste, terrain parks and halfpipe are accessed by a six-seater express chairlift, an express quad chair, a triple chair and a 140m covered long surface conveyor lift – some of the best facilities in the country.

### **Golf Courses**

Mid Canterbury boasts some of New Zealand’s finest country golf courses with spectacular views of the Southern Alps from many.



### **Beautiful Scenery - Fishing - White Water Rafting**

