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Plains Presbyterian 26th January 2020

Sunday service at Rakaia was quite special.
A Baptism and ordination took place.



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Baptism of Joshua Michael Yaubale

The Priestly Benediction (Numbers 6: 24 – 26)

The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to Shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his Countenance upon you and give you peace, Amen.

Alpine Presbytery Notice:

Alpine Presbytery Gathering

St David's Union Church, Ashburton

From 2.30pm on Friday 27th March, concluding with shared worship on Sunday 29th March.

Please note this in your diaries now. We will be opening registrations soon, so look out for details in upcoming Newsletters. The gathering is open to all.

Australian Bushfires

There are many agencies doing an excellent job of helping the people and animals affected by the bush fires in Australia. Unfortunately, we have also become aware of potential scam activity, so we advise you to be cautious when supporting these causes, and ensure that any requests for money received by email are legitimate and trustworthy—especially so when there is a request to purchase some sort of gift card and advise the authorisation code to the sender of the email.

(Please note an attachment below – Disaster Relief Fund)

Plains Notice:

New administrator:

Miranda Addis from Rakaia is our office admin. We welcome Miranda and the experience she will bring to our church. Please give Miranda your full support and encouragement as she familiarizes herself with the work of the church. All enquiries please email our church address – plainsoffice@gmail.com.

Sunday Services for January

6 th	9.30am	St Andrew	Rev Neville Burns
	10.00am	Staveley	Rev Arii Taimataora
	10.00am	All Saints combined St John/ All Saints	

Sunday Services for February

2 nd	10.30am	Parish Service – St John	Rev Arii Taimataora
9 th	10.30am	St John	Rev Arii Taimataora
	9.30am	St Andrew	Rev John Titlow

**DEAR GOD,
LET ME BE CONTENT WITH WHO I
AM, WHAT I HAVE, AND WHERE YOU
ARE LEADING ME.
HELP ME TO HAVE A MINDSET OF
CONFIDENCE, COURAGE, AND
THANKFULNESS ALL DAY LONG.
AMEN.**

Dear friends,

Greetings in Jesus name.

Jesus said, "Love your neighbour, as yourself." Matthew 22:39

The bush fires that have devastated the beautiful continent of Australia are merciless and unrelenting. It is like a wild beast running amok in a supermarket. This fire's span has not been days or weeks. It has been raging and destroying for months. Many human lives have been lost, homes and neighbourhoods turned to ashes. The animal wildlife loss is insurmountable, immeasurable.

Australia is our closest neighbour, both geographically and we have many ties in times of peace and war. We have a real sporting rivalry, in all sporting codes. We bring the best out of each other. But when calamity takes place; when turmoil and disaster come upon either nation; we respond, with aid, assistance, and resources to each other's hour of need.

Our firefighters, and military (Army, Navy) personnel, and many others with the required skill set have done us proud. Aotearoa New Zealand, we have reached out and embraced, and supported our neighbour, Australia. Bravo.

In the Church sphere there is a special relationship between the PCANZ and UCA (Uniting Church of Australia), more than any other of our partner Churches. Apart from Uniting Church ministers and congregations working in the local communities, they are also providing disaster relief chaplaincy which is being coordinated nationally. Their community service agencies are also working locally in effected communities.

Let us continue to keep our neighbour Australia in our prayers.

There are also opportunities for us to support financially. I draw your attention to one - details below.

Blessings,
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The Uniting Church have a National Disaster Relief Fund that donations can be sent to, and which donations will be put through for this disaster.

You can make donations through the Assembly website, <https://assembly.uca.org.au/>

Also, if you wish to make a transfer of funds, please use the following:

National Disaster Relief bank account

Bank name: Westpac

BSB: 032003

Account number: 269941

Account name: ASM National Disaster