

Plains Presbyterian

16th February 2020

Psalm 1

"Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper."



Throughout the bible, the word "delight" is mentioned on many occasions.

Here in Psalm, the word is referring to those who find a deep sense of joy spending time in God's word. They find pleasure studying and dwelling in God's wisdom. They think about it. Chew on it through the day and night. Never get tired of it. Can't wait to "delight" in it all over again and are quenched by God's delight in them! For just as those who find joy and pleasure in God, God too has a much greater joy and delight in those who seek him.

Have you had the time to dwell in God's presence? Have you experienced his delight in you?

Presbytery Gathering - 27th to 29th March at St David's Union Church Ashburton

Register for this important event as we gather from across the Presbytery. With General Assembly planned for later in 2020 this Gathering will be our only Gathering during 2020.

Key aspects of this Gathering will include:

- * Launching of our Alpine Mission Fund "Have a Go" project;
- * Updates from our Hanmer & Prestons new mission projects;
- * Presentation and adoption of our revised Alpine Presbytery Strategic Framework;
- * PCANZ Moderator Rev Fakafo Kaio's reflections on his term as Moderator;
- * Keynote Speaker Rev Spanky Moore on Culture & the Church;
- * Choice of workshops which will include:
 - Multi-generational Discipleship
 - Care for Creation
 - Pastoral Care
 - Ministry to the Third Age / Pastoral Care for seniors / Ministry in Rest Homes
 - Outsmarting Porn

Mayfield mission group meeting is Thursday, Feb. 20th at the Mayfield church starting 1:30 PM. This an open meeting anyone in the area can come.

Would love to see you!



St. John's Methven

February 28th

10:00 am Community Cuppa | Bring a friend along to connect with others.
Look forward to seeing you there.



*We are compiling the Duty Rosters for the year ahead and would be grateful for offers from anyone who could help out, particularly with cleaning or morning tea duty. We are going to trial Church Cleaning once a month during the first week of the month, and those on door duty will check the floor following morning worship on the other Sundays in the month. This should make the task easier for cleaners and maybe only once or twice a year.

If you can help out please contact Elsa 3029316 or Joan 3028668.

Gill and Paul would like to say a very big thank you for all your prayers and support after and during Gill's operation. The tumour has now been removed and I have no lasting damage just a wobbly smile for a while. God is good God is great and his blessings have been bestowed on us here.

Yours in Christ Gill and Paul James.

St. Andrew's Rakaia

February 18th

10:30 am Fit Kids | Music and movement for preschoolers,
friendship for adults.

1:00 pm Steady as You Go | Exercises for seniors.

Enjoy the benefits of a range of gentle exercises for strength,
balance, walking and co-ordination.

7:00 pm Mission Meeting in the Lounge

~ New range of Jams and Pickle for sale in the foyer.

All these events are part of our community outreach programme *and hosted at St. Andrew's.*



Services for February

16 th	9:30 am	St. Andrew's	Rev. Arii Taimataora
	10:30 am	St. John's	Rev. Neville Burns
19 th	7:00 pm	Carew	Rev. Arii Taimataora
23 th	9:30 am	St. Andrew's	Rev. Neville Burns
	10:00 am	Trinity Mayfield	Rev. Arii Taimataora
	10:30 am	St. John's	Rev. John Titlow



Sit with Me

Sit with me my love, and you will know my delight.
Sit with me my friend, and you will know my peace.
Sit with me my child, and you will know that I care.
Sit with me for awhile and I will carry you through the despairs.
I have been sitting with you dwelling and delighting in you.

-Arii Taimataora