

## Plains Presbyterian

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

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### Psalm 84

“How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!  
My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.”



#### Dwelling Place

How do you imagine the dwelling place of the most High? And what would it look like? What would you be doing and what would you say? The Psalmist says, “A day in his courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.” The Psalmist says, “I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God than to live my life somewhere else.”

The Apostle Paul said that he yearns to be in the midst and dwelling of the most High than to be here in this world, but knows he is needed here for the sake of the gospel of Christ. Paul holds onto the hope and imagining of his dwelling with God to be a place that goes beyond human comprehension and compassion. The very presence of God for him and the Psalmist is the sacred dwelling that one finds inner joy and intimate fellowship in. There is no greater joy than to live and long to be in God’s court. Psalm 84 shares light on the true intimacy of having a relationship with the triune God. True intimacy is the longing to stay in God’s presence daily not withholding anything but giving everything. Lord may the highway to your city runs through our hearts today.

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**Presbytery Gathering - 27th to 29th March at St David's Union Church Ashburton**  
With General Assembly planned for later in 2020 this Gathering will be our only Gathering during 2020. Register for this important event as we gather from across the Presbytery.

The draft Programme can be downloaded [here](#)

Register for the Gathering here - <https://forms.gle/d6NjWnjoW9aimrBB9>

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 Fakaofu Kai'o's reflections on his term as Moderator;
  - \* Keynote Speaker Rev Spanky Moore on Culture & the Church;
  - \* Choice of workshops (see below for more details)
  - \* A special social time for our outgoing Executive Officer
  - \* Appointment process for our incoming Presbytery Moderator;
  - \* Information on Resourcing events coming up in 2020;
  - \* Combined worship at St David's on Sunday morning;
  - \* Great opportunities to connect with people from across our Presbytery!
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Words of Wisdom for the Rakaia Fishing Competition.

#### FISHING

When I go fishing, I'm always wishing,  
Some fish will be my prize; but while I'm fishing,  
The fish are wishing otherwise  
And all the wishes of all the fishes,  
Seem to always come true:  
So all my wishes to catch some fishes never do.



## St. John's

Child Protection Officer

A CPO is a requirement in the church for children / youth to contact of any issues / questions or other. Janet Cuttle is the CPO for Methven. Her contact details will be displayed in the foyer on the board.

February 25<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm Governance Meeting

February 28<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am Community Cuppa | Bring a friend along to connect with others.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Thursday, 27 February 7.00pm St John's Barhill | Commissioning Service for Rakaia Anglican Parish and All Saints Parish Methven ministers. Rev. Michael and Rev. Mary- Jo Holdaway

## St. Andrew's

February 25<sup>th</sup>

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.

Mark your calendar! International Day of Happiness.

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 am at St. Andrew's. NIA DANCE. Dance, sing, watch.

With Sonita and Dorothy. Free Community Event.

Prayers of Condolences to Rev Neville, Thelma and all the extended Glass family

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23<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am

10:00 am

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### Sunday Service

St. Andrew's  
Trinity Mayfield  
St. John's

Rev. Neville Burns  
Rev. Arii Taimataora  
Rev. John Titlow

Psalm 91

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, <sup>[b]</sup>  
the Most High your dwelling place,

<sup>10</sup> no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

