

## Plains Presbyterian 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

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The latest news that has hit the media is the virus outbreak in China. You may have kept up with the news of all that has happened where currently Wuhan is on lockdown everywhere. There is a lot of information put out in the last 24 hours of how the virus might have been contracted, what symptoms to expect, how to see warning signs and how to best protect oneself should any virus be identified in our community. We think about how very difficult it is for those who are in Wuhan to be locked in their homes because of this outbreak that has already taken lives. This is frightening as some are going on social media calling out to the world to help in this dilemma. Let us remember China in these difficult times.



### **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.

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We have been advised of the death of Shirley Murray on 25th January 2020. A prolific writer of hymns, her works have been translated into numerous languages and are represented in more than 140 hymn collections. Tributes to Shirley have been posted from around the world. A service to celebrate Shirley's life will be held 11am on Friday 31 January at the Raumati Church of the Kapiti Uniting Parish, 10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach.

Messages may be emailed to the family at either [serenam3131@gmail.com](mailto:serenam3131@gmail.com) or [arohanui61@gmail.com](mailto:arohanui61@gmail.com)

## St Andrews News

### February 4<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

### February 11<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Rakaia Friendship Club | New Year gathering including a midday meal. Welcome to all.

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

\*Jams and Pickles FOR SALE in the church foyer.





In 2020, Hope Project we will run two national media efforts in partnership with local churches across the nation. These are (1) Hope Project Easter and (2) Hope Project Christmas.

They are asking for your participation - with your own church and community in view

What is the Hope Project?

For anyone unfamiliar with the Hope Project media efforts - here is the summary.

- The Hope Project is a multimedia Christian communications effort coordinated by the Shining Lights Trust.
- Three annual media projects are envisaged to represent Christian messages in the public square - only two which currently happen: Hope Project Easter and Hope Project Christmas
  - 2020 is the 6th run of the Hope Project Easter, with a range of fresh media (including the booklets) each time.
  - Hope Project Christmas is about uniting churches nationally to return nativity scenes to Christmas.
    - Hope Project Easter is a larger project. Its three goals are
      - I. To put Christ back into Easter through public media
      - II. To re-educate many on the Christian dynamics behind our bicultural history and values history (where our values came from)
      - III. To 'seed' the nation annually with the Christian message of hope in a gentle, respectful and clear-thinking way

If you would like to receiving free monthly updates, these connect you - as a church leader, to information, ideas and resources related to these national efforts. Just let them know.

Sunday Services for February

9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	St. Andrew's	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 AM	St. John's	Rev. Arii Taimataora
16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	St. Andrew's	Rev. Arii Taimataora
	10:30 AM	St. John's	Rev. Neville Burns

*Heavenly Father,*

We pray for China and other countries who have been affect by the outbreak of corona virus. Help the hospitals, doctors and nurses as they try and cope with the pressure and those working to find a vaccine and cure. We pray for your light, healing and love upon China particularly Wuhan.

We uplift their needs into your hands. We look to you who sustains, bless and comforts all.

*In Christ we pray, Amen.*

