



PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN

8TH MARCH 2020



Abundance

From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. John 1:16, NLT

Driving past a field the other day, I noticed that a farmer had just opened a new field to the sheep. The field where they had been was brown and bare and the new field was full of green plants as high as the sheep. Some of the sheep went into the middle of the tallest plants, while some others stayed on the edge where the plants were not as high. Some others were still making their way there from the dry brown field.

As I saw it, I felt the Lord quicken in my spirit the word 'abundance'. Jesus is the good Shepherd who cares for His sheep. He knows what His sheep need and when they need it. He has abundant provision for us all. We don't need to look for our own way, but rather look to the good Shepherd and go where He leads, and it will be a place of abundance.

I think sometimes we can be like those sheep who stayed at the edge of the field, nibbling on the shorter growth there. We can be content with just a little taste of God's goodness, but He is urging us to go deeper and experience the fullness of all the abundance He has for us. And I don't mean just material things, but all that He has for us in our body, soul, and spirit. He has an abundance for us and is able, and wants, to do abundantly more than we could ask, hope, or imagine.

'Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us,

To accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think' (Ephesians 3:20).

-Tanya Person Seeds of the Kingdom

Thank you to the parishioners caught having coffee at the Staveley Store for coming and helping move the chip from the Green that the Council kindly said we could have for the church garden. Also our mower man, the gardens look lovely.

On Thursday 27th February some Plains folk attended the commissioning of Mary-Jo and Michael Holdaway into the ministry of the Anglican Parishes of Rakaia and All Saints, Methven at Barrhill. The service was led by the Bishop of Christchurch, Right Reverend Peter Carrell and Venerable Joan Clark, Archdeacon of Mid Canterbury. Rev Arii spoke on behalf of Plains Presbyterian and wished them well in their new ministry.



Trinity Mayfield

Thursday, 19th March

1:30 pm | Mission Group meeting. Open to everyone.

Friday, 20th March

10:00 am | COMMUNITY CUPPA MORNING

You are invited to a cuppa in the Mayfield Church Lounge on Friday 20th March.

Come and meet some other young mums or older residents.

It is a safe environment for children to play.

This will be held again Friday, April 3rd and 17th.



St. Andrew's Rakaia

Tuesday, 10th March

10:00 am | Rakaia Friendship Club March gathering.

Programme; 11.00 am | Our famous Quiz time with Karen, summer meal,

Rakaia Fire Brigade updating us on safety in the home, Sky Tower Challenge, general well-being.

Sales Table and Raffle. Welcome to all, come at a time that suits you.

Wednesday, 11th March

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, 20th March 9.30 am at St. Andrew's. NIA DANCE. Dance, sing, watch.

With Sonita and Dorothy. Free Community Event.

Methven's World Day of Prayer service is at St. John's church, Friday 6th March, at 7:00 pm.

Rakaia's World Day of Prayer service is at St. Mark's church. Friday 6th March, at 7:00 pm

Services for March

6 th	7:00 pm	St. Mark's	Combined Churches
	7:00 pm	St. John's	Combined Churches
8 th	9:30 am	St. Andrew's	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's	Rev. Neville Burns
15 th	9:30 am	St. Andrew's	Rev. Arii Taimataora
	10:30 am	St. John's	Rev. Neville Burns

*Arii is on holiday leave till the 9th March. Any concerns please contact your mission groups or parish council.

PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, that You are a God of abundance. Thank You that You lead me in green pastures.

Forgive me for the times I have held back, satisfied with the little bits on the edges rather than plunging into the full abundance You have for me. Help me today to embrace all that

You have for me in body, soul, and spirit. I give You all the glory. Amen.

-Tanya Person Seeds of the Kingdom

