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Window display

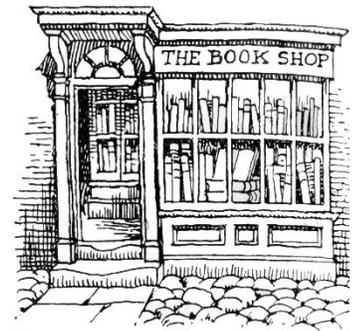
Do you like looking at window displays when shopping?

Some window displays captivate your attention and screams out, “come on in!”. Some windows are pretty and glamorous. Some, just dull and plain that you walk right past it. Some are interesting and makes you want to look again. Then there are others that display too much that you do not know what you are looking at.

When I was working for a book shop, one of the tasks given to me was to do window dressing. I had no experience whatsoever, but I guess they saw I had a creativeness about me. I loved it! Because I had to plan and get creative. Overtime, I realize that it was not just about my creativity and how to captivate customers and the professional outlay, but, what does it say about the product. It was all about promoting a new arrival and my window display needed to portray what it’s all about.

Behind the scenes of window dressing is a whole lot of mess and chaos of figuring out and sorting through what needs to show. Sometimes, how you planned it and how it turns does not measure up to how you expected.

Our lives are constantly on display and others are looking through our window and wanting to know what we are all about whether in work, profession, sport clubs, school, community organisations, church and so forth. Whatever it is, we are displaying who we are. But there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes of our lives we would not rather show to the world for many good reasons. But it is the behind the scenes that God is interested in and that’s where God wants to be because he helps us put our best foot forward of showing off his faithful servants. God wants us to show off our relationship with him by window display. Not by what we do but by who we are inside.



Remember, people are looking at your window. What have you got to show?

John 14:17

“This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”



Bible Study

A three series group study will once again take place during the week of the 16th August to the 1st week of September.

Study notes will be sent out each week for your reflection. Studying God’s word helps us to navigate through the ups and downs of our journey but also reminds us of God’s ongoing engagement in the world. Study will be done via zoom and face to face for those who prefer.

All are welcome to fellowship and participate

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New Hymn published in the latest Quarterly Publication of the New Zealand Lay Preachers Association magazine. Author Colin Gibson 2020. Here is a newly minted hymn text that while it remembers with gratitude the sacrifices made by those who brought us safely through the first wave of the Covid crisis, embraces the value of kindness to each other and to the planet which have emerged as powerful spiritual forces during the lock - down period, and looks forward to a hopefully better future for us all. Try it to a familiar tune Diademata [WOV 163 Crown him with many crowns] or any other metrical equivalent, and let it set the blood pulsing through the veins again.

And are we yet alive
and see each other's face,
a company of friends, restored
through God's almighty grace.
Now, hand in hand once more,
within this sacred place
we thank you for deliverance,
held fast in your embrace

For all who made us smile
and take fresh heart again,
who spoke the truth,
and held our hope,
the women and the men
who offered up their lives
that many more might live,
for doctors, nurses, scientists,
our gratitude we give.

A new world our to make,
where kindness rules the day,
where neighbours share,
and nations care,
where children, fearless play;
an earth no longer torn
between the rich and poor,
a planet freed to heal it wounds,
while nature breathes once more.

With every human soul,
held precious in your sight,
we recognize our common bond
and face the powers of night,
the light of Christ we take,
our light to light the way
towards a future unknown
but, surely, God's new day.

Be encouraged, give it a go at your next church service.

Notices

***All Annual Reports are due in by the 12th September 2020. Please send in as it is important that we have them on time. All reports can be sent to Miranda. Email: Plainsoffice@gmail.com**

St. Andrew's Rakaia

Tuesday 25th August

10:30 am | Rakaia Fit Kids | with Miranda A time for friendship, and support. Come "Shake your sillies" Great action song for all ages.
1:00 pm | Steady As You Go | Balance, strengthening and gentle exercises for senior folk's health and well-being.

Saturday 3rd October

Plants 4 U @ Rakaia | Lots of bargains throughout the morning. Plants, white elephant, produce, jams plus baking. Donations of all goods welcome. All morning fair starting at 9 am Welcome unwanted plants

Recap 18th August Mission meeting in Rakaia | Plants 4 U Still in the plans, but aware of Covid. Promotion of the event will take place throughout September. Grocery support for the Rakaia School to continue. Donations of perishable goods welcomed in the box placed in the church's foyer. Spring cleaning of the garden progressing. Several Hall bookings Prayers for our unwell parishioners. Correspondence; St Marks Community Cupboard re the rules and regulations. Food parcels available by contacting the Rev's Holdaways. The "Sharing Shed", connecting well with the community.

St. John's Methven

Sunday 6th September | Thanksgiving Service | As we missed Harvest Thanksgiving this year, we have decided to have a "Thanksgiving" Service as a way of supporting Presbyterian Support in Ashburton. Donations of nonperishable goods are welcome. These can also be left at Graeme Mangins prior to the Service.

Services for August

23 rd	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Neville Burns Rev. Arii (Carew & Stavelly)
	10:00 am	Trinity Mayfield	
30 th	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Tai Taimataora Café Church with Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	

Morning Tea provided by St. Andrew's folk

Abba Father, Help us and show us to be in your presence seeking to do right with you and with others. Give us courage to show others who we really are in you. Teach us to stay true to Christ and let your word truly minister in our lives. We commit our prayers for our nation and churches in the North Island who are not able to meet because of covid19. May they look to you as they once again use other means to communicate. We pray for those who are unwell may your loving care and kindness be upon them. Hear our prayers and all the unspoken prayers of heart we uplift to you. In Christ name, Amen.

