



# PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN

20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020



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## SPRING

The new beginning time,  
sharing with friends plans for  
something new.  
There's a warming in the air!  
Colour's coming everywhere!  
On our faces, smiles appear!  
Looking out light clothes to wear!  
Birds are singing in the trees.  
Wind is whispering in the leaves.  
Sunshine sparkles on the sea.  
Children from indoors set free,  
Run about and shout with glee!  
New-born lambs a joy to see.  
Gardeners, happy in the sun.  
Spring is here, new life has come.  
Promise, hope for everyone,  
With the resurrection One.

## Rituals for Spring

Engage with the new life, the promise.  
Take time to enjoy the spring flowers.  
Prepare the ground and plant something.  
Embrace new possibilities in your own life.

Poem by John Hunt

(We celebrate People: Life Enriching Rituals in the Celtic Spirit; The Caxton Press; 2009)



## & PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN ARE PROUD TO PRESENT

### A FREE LEGO THEMED CHRISTIAN HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

**WHERE:** St. John's Church Cnr Jackson St. and South Belt

**WHEN:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September

10:00 am – 11:30 am (and 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm if needed)

Suitable for both girls and boys of all ages.

**Tickets:** FREE ( Due to COVID MAX 50 Tickets per session)

**Reservations Essential | Parents to accompany children under 14 unless with elder siblings.**

Imagine a room filled with 1000's of genuine LEGO bricks including the following themed building area;

**\*Star Wars \*Friends \*Duplo \*Jungles \*Mosaics \*Boats + MORE!**

Contact Jayne Clark 0274678105

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## THE U IN JESUS

Before U were thought of or time began, God had stuck U in the name of His Son.  
And each time U pray, you'll see it's true, you can't spell out JesUs and not include U.  
You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name, for U, he was born, that's why he came.  
And His great love for U is the reason that he died, It even takes U to spell crUcified.  
Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand, he rose from the dead with U in His plan.  
The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew, and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.  
When Jesus left the earth at His upward ascension, He felt there was one thing He just had to mention, "Go into the world and tell them it's true, That I love them all - Just like I love U.  
So many great people are spelled with a U, Don't they have the right to know JesUs too?  
It all depends now on what U will do, He'd like them to know, but it all starts with U.  
Will U pass it on? JesUs Loves U!!!!  
Published in the St David's Union Church September Parish newsletter.



### St. Andrew's Rakaia

\*Please Note. Plains Speaking mistake Service at St Andrew's 11 October listed as 9.30am, should be 10.30am.

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Spring Flower Service at St. Andrew's.** Welcome to bring a posy of flowers to church for our spring display.

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

10:30 am | Rakaia Fit Kids | with Miranda A time for friendship, fun, and support. Welcome to all pre-school children.

1:00 pm | Steady As You Go | Balance, strengthening and gentle exercises for senior folk's health and well-being.

#### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

1:30 pm | **Euchre at St. Andrew's** | \$5.00 includes afternoon tea.

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Plants 4 U @ Rakaia | All morning fair starting at 9 am. This year there will be lots of bargains throughout the morning.

Plants galore, white elephant, produce, jams and baking.

Notes from the Mission meeting that was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September. Discussions on PLANTS 4 U @ RAKAIA 3 October, re promotion, helpers, covid restrictions, setting up and gathering up the plants. Welcome support. Parish Service and AGM at St Andrews 11 October 10.30am. Shared lunch Miranda compiling the reports, to be made available to parishioners. Pea straw for the gardens, donated by the Rakaia Rugby Club. Food Parcels delivered weekly to the Rakaia School. Pastoral Concerns, prayers for our unwell folk. General discussion on communicating on "What is Happening in the Parish"

### St. John's Methven

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September Lego themed Holiday activity for kids all ages (See front page for more info)

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

7:30 pm | Family Quiz Night | Questions for all the family with supper provided. Teams 5 or 6 | Adults \$5, School Children \$3. Come along, great fun for all. For more info contact Joan Wright 30286668 or Graham Marr 3028682

Message from Linda in Methven: On the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of September Allen and I went to the gathering of Presbytery in Christchurch. It was very welcoming and enjoyable and certainly enlightening. What resonated over the gathering was the word 'WE'. We are one church, one Parish, not separate entities. It is not about me and you - it is about us. - Linda.

## Services for September

20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Arii
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Spring Flower Service Rev. Neville Burns
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	10:00 am	Staveley, combined with St. John's (Communion)	Rev. Arii

Lord the Seed thrower, plant in us your goodness and love so that we may grow healthy and strong ready for the coming seasons.

You alone waters and give sunshine. You alone prunes and strengthens that which you have sown. Cut away the old and bring about the new that is needed to keep us in alignment with your call in our lives.



Let our eyes adjust to the amazing colours you have painted afresh in your world for us to embrace and cherish, Amen.