



# PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN

## 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021



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### The Rubbish Challenge: 10 Steps to Less Waste in 10 Months

#### Current Step) April: RECYCLING

Bible verse | 1 Corinthians 15:50

What I am saying is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

**'Big Idea'** | God designed all of Creation to be perishable, but modern manufacturing has created millions of objects that are effectively imperishable. Plastic is designed to degrade so slowly to be almost immortal. True immortality is found only in God. All else is idolatry. Objects that do not decompose harm the environment. Recycling reduces this harm.

Question - for reflection & discussion | What do we do with objects whose life span is much longer than ours?

#### Action Steps for April

Help your City Council recycle as much as possible:

- know what can go into the yellow recycling bins (find out from your City Council)
- don't put anything else in the recycling bins
- don't wrap recycling in plastic bags
- clean recycling first.

Buy less stuff in plastic bottles – refill and re-use.

Ask for no plastic packaging when you buy products (such as polystyrene).

Get creative. What ideas do you have for re-using stuff?



**Prayer:** Risen Christ, all glory to you.  
In you is everlasting life!  
Conquer the idols in our world.  
Give us wisdom, courage, and creativity  
as we recycle.

- <https://www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html>



Walk of Witness on Good Friday at Methven  
About 50 folk from the Churches of Methven joined to carry the Cross around town past each of our churches finishing with a service at St John's. Rev Neville Burns led us in a very inspirational worship, and we enjoyed fellowship over a cuppa and hot cross buns.



Sunday Service at **St. John's Methven** On Easter Sunday at St John's we took the opportunity to farewell and to thank Alan and Adrienne Ayers who have moved to Ashburton. Both Alan and Adrienne have been loyal supporters of our church over many years and have been involved in most aspects of the life and work of St. John's.



Adrienne has taught Sunday School, been a valuable choir member and represented us on the Ecumenical Committee, and Foot Clinic, helped with organising Shop Day and been our Pastoral contact person and written many letters on behalf of St John's along with taking minutes for our Focus Group.

Alan has been a member of the Board of Managers and Session and contributed many practical skills over the years. Both have been willing and very able to lead and participate in worship.

We will miss them very much but wish them well in their new life in Ashburton.

- Joan Wright

One of the Lectionary Bible readings for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April

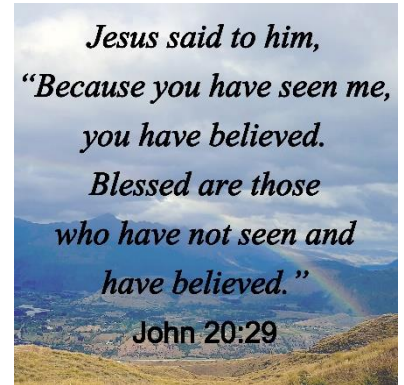
Seeing is Believing; The Theme; When Jesus was resurrected, he appeared to his disheartened disciples in bodily form. Though some doubted, Christ assuaged their doubts and gave them what they needed to believe, and they believed.

John 20; 19 - 31

We have three post resurrection stories that range from Easter morning's appearance to Mary Magdalene in the garden to today's two appearances, only one of which occurred when Thomas was present.

Jesus appears to his frightened disciples and then commissions Them, giving them the Spirit. Then Thomas shows up and there is a dialogue between Jesus and Thomas about faith and doubt. Jesus invites Thomas to touch his wounds. Whether or not Thomas actually touches the wounds, he is moved to a confession of faith. "My Lord and my God". Thomas has met the risen Christ and that encounter has given him what he needed to believe.

We have doubts, as the disciples had doubts. We have fears, as they had fears. Come, Lord Jesus. Come to us, Stay with us, even when we fail to stay with you. This is the post-Easter message that brings all struggling believers great joy.



**St. Andrew's Rakaia**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

11:30 am | Rakaia Friendship Gathering at St. Andrew's Hall | Social time with Piano old favourite songs. Bring and Buy Stall, Raffle. Dinner for all. Afternoon programme with Aspire, a fun programme "Fighting your anxiety" with Kylie Taylor. Afternoon tea.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

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

— NO Fit Kids 20<sup>th</sup> April —

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

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Holiday Programme; "A Creative Time" | • Music Fun Creations • Flax Weaving with Tania • Creating Crafts with Miranda • Lego Creations • Lunch Creations with Dorothy. Come to the St. Andrew's Church Hall and join us from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

St Andrew's, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 9:30 am | Harvest Thanksgiving Service; led by Rev. John and supported by parishioners. Theme; Harvesting our Produce.

An opportunity to share in your gift involving your harvest from the garden, fruit trees, walnuts, paddocks. etc. Do you compete in A & P shows, entries into the competitions.

We are interested.

Donations of Harvest Food to be donated to the Rakaia Sharing Shed, St. Marks Community Cupboard, St. Andrews Food Bank and Presbyterian Support Ashburton..

We welcome nonperishables fruit and vegetables.. if unable to attend can be left at Dorothy's place. Thankyou.



Take the fruit that I have offered from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion. juice that makes the wine of God.

April Services

11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Worship Team
18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia   Harvest Thanksgiving	Rev. John Titlow and supported by parishioners
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Neville Burns

**PRAYER**

In all of my in-between times, God, I pray you strengthen me to but abide in trust of your steadfast love. May I honor you by holding fast and resting in the assured hope of redemption. Amen.

-Kate Meyer | Faithward