



# PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN

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



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### Easter in Us

Selected reading Luke 24; 13 - 35 Luke tells the story of the walk to Emmaus when a couple of disciples are surprised by the Risen Christ.

Theme: When in our lives death and despair are defeated and life triumphs, then it can be said that Easter is in us, that the resurrection has extended its power over our daily lives.

Today's Scripture is the story of the road to Emmaus. It was told and remembered and cherished by the Christian community because they understood this story to be a great help in understanding Easter. This story deals with the question of how Easter gets to us and where we live. You know the story. Two relatively unknown followers of Jesus are trudging along the dusty road seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus when suddenly the Risen Christ joins them incognito on their journey. By the time they reach the end of their journey, they have moved from discouragement and despair to hope and renewed faith.

To the first readers of the gospels, the road to Emmaus was for them a symbol of the Christian life. One reason why we love this story is that it is so wonderfully believable and ordinary.



**Prayer;** I thank you God for most this amazing day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees and the true blue dream of sky; and for everything, which is natural which is infinite which is yes ...  
How should tasting, touching hearing seeing breathing any - lifted from no of all nothing - human merely being doubt unimaginable You?  
{Poems ~ E.E.Cummings}

It is a story about ordinary despair, and ordinary, Monday - morning drudgery. It is a story about a journey, about meeting a stranger, about sitting down at a table, and sharing a meal. It's a story about Easter among us.

The resurrection has a way of penetrating down deep into everyday life. It is the means whereby we are enabled to see the world, not as this place of death, decay, and defeat, but as the place awaiting, groaning toward God's final victory. Emmaus is wherever in your life journey, as you are waiting along the way, either at church, or in a nursing home, or at a family dinner table, where you meet the Risen Christ and Easter comes to dwell in you.



& St. John's Presbyterian Brick Club  
are pleased to offer another Christian based  
Lego\* Holiday Programme

**Where:** St. John's Church | Corner of Jackson Street and South Belt

**When:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Tickets:** Donation / Children must be accompanied by an adult. Suitable for both girls and boys of all ages.

**Bookings Essential** | Contact Jayne: [Stjohnsbrickclub@gmail.com](mailto:Stjohnsbrickclub@gmail.com)

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!**

**Why not come along and play with us & do the Scarecrow Trail with us afterwards!**

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Donation of the St Andrew's Sterling & Co Pedal Organ; As a result, from placing a notice in the Alpine Newsletter; we have now found a good home for this organ. Andrew Sykes from the Leeston Parish and his friends collected the organ on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April and it will have a new home at The Maori Church at Taumutu, where I am sure it will be well played by Andrew and the folk connected with this church. I have some interesting information given to me relating to Taumutu, which I will enjoy reading. We were gifted a piano, now we have gifted an organ. Blessings. - Dorothy

**St. John's Methven**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April

10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Brick Club Holiday Programme

**St. Andrew's Rakaia**

Tuesday 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..

— NO Fit Kids 20<sup>th</sup> April —

2:00 pm | Mission Meeting in the Lounge

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April Holiday Programme; "A Creative Time" | Holiday Activities, something for all ages.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 9:30 am | Harvest Thanksgiving Service; led by Rev. John and supported by parishioners. Theme; Harvesting our Produce. | St. Andrew's Harvest Donations to be shared in the Rakaia Community and Presbyterian Support Ashburton. We give thanks for your generosity.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 9:30 am at St. Andrew's with Rev. John Titlow & supporters.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 10:30 am St John's combined with All Saints; Rev. John Titlow



Abundant Harvest. God of amazing generosity and love, our farming people and contractors are busily harvesting their crops - from land, orchard, and vineyard. How rich is your bounty, providing far more than we need. Help us share our abundance- an abundance of produce, an abundance of care. May the harvest gifts we offer be tokens of our thanks to you. Your basket of plenty, gracious God, spills over, You are faithful in your covenant promise, your grace is sufficient for our needs.

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Contact anytime, you may also contact any elder or Governance Council member.

Services

18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia   Harvest Thanksgiving	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Neville Burns

Anzac Services

25 <sup>th</sup>	10:15 am	Rakaia Community Hall	Rakaia
	10:00 am	Mt. Hutt Memorial Hall	Methven
	10:00 am	Mayfield Hall	Mayfield



Dear God, grant us to see your light though we may be in the depths.  
Grant us to feel your steadfast love though we may feel unlovable.  
And grant us companions to wait for you in hope. Amen.

- By Melody Meeter