



# PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN

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### Loving God, we thank You that You are here among us.



#### 23<sup>rd</sup> May Sunday Service; Farewell to Aarii & Family

Last Sunday it was great to welcome a crowd of approximately 60 to our service at Staveley to farewell Aarii and family. Paul Eden preached on being in awe of God, our calling and how awesome God is. He finished by playing his pan flute as we quietly sang a beautiful benediction.

Denis spoke on Aarii's work among us, thanking her for her faithfulness and presented her with a beautiful photo of our snowy mountains and a lovely basket of flowers.

Each of our church areas presented a painted stone with an appropriate bible verse on it. The service concluded with morning tea and lots of chat in the garden.



**We wish Aarii and family our very best wishes and love for their future in Christchurch.**

#### Report from Plains Parish Governance Council Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Rev. Johanna Warren read from 1 Peter:1: 3-9 & 22-23 & 2: 4-5. A letter written for encouragement in time of change. Johanna prayed for the meeting and thanked God for the gifts of generations and for further insight, grace, and wisdom.

Pastoral: A lovely farewell to Aarii last Sunday at Staveley – a special service led by Pastor Paul Eden. Denis presented Aarii with a picture of the mountains and a basket of flowers. Each area had painted a rock relevant to their community.

Property: Manse inspected following service on Sunday. It has been left very clean and tidy. There are some small maintenance jobs to do and chimneys to be cleaned. Property Committee will talk to a Property Broker regarding renting of the Manse on a temporary basis being aware of new Government regulations due in July.

Minister's Report: " We are expecting Presbytery Council during their meeting on 27 May to appoint Rev. Johanna Warren of Hakatere Parish in Ashburton as our Interim Moderator. Therefore, we have arranged for Johanna to lead morning worship with communion at Methven on Sunday 6 June. Immediately after the service there will be a semi formal time to meet Johanna and ask questions, and plenty of time for informal conversation over lunch".

Area Reports were received from Rakaia and Methven & Mayfield

Worship Committee – met this week. Service schedule was confirmed until end of July. Policy needs to be set up regarding number of visiting preachers. Video could be used more.

Communications: Concerns over the best ways to move forward with our communications. Bringing suggestions to next meeting.

Johanna is willing to answer anyone's questions regarding the parish, protocols, and process

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June

