



PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN
31ST OCTOBER 2021



"YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME BUT I CHOSE YOU" JOHN 15:16

Plains Presbyterian Notices

AGM | 7th November at St. John's Methven following 10:30 am Service.

Finger food lunch to follow meeting.

The Parish folk are saddened by the news of Rev Neville Burn's recent health diagnosis, terminal prostate cancer. Rev Neville and Thelma have been a major part of our Parish pulpit supply at St John's and St Andrew's for the past 5 years and we thank you both most sincerely for worship services and pastoral support. Now we are there for you Neville as you journey through the treatment process. Our prayers and God's blessings Neville and Thelma.

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Congregational meetings for purpose of electing members for MSB (Ministry Settlement Board)

Meetings are programmed for Sunday 14th of November Rakaia service at 9:30 am. Intention to hold this brief meeting at the commencement of the service.

At Methven 14th November also congregational meeting at close of 10:30 am service.

Colin Price convenor of MSB as appointed by Presbytery will be present to conduct these meeting and answer any questions. The members appointed by Presbytery are as follows: Colin Price from Hope Church at Rolleston (convenor) Peter Yates, and Rev Henry Mbambo from St. David's Ashburton.

There are three Elders appointed by the Governance Council leaving three members to be elected by the congregation one from each area.

Sunday 31st October at 10:30 Hakatere and Plains worship together at Staveley Campsite.

Beginning with a cuppa provided by our Hospitality team. *Bring a finger food lunch to share. A bus will travel from Ashburton - First pick up 9:30am at Thomson St Church.

Second pick up 9:45 am at Oxford St Church. Arrive approximately 10:30 am. **Any Questions call Murray Page 3070353 Johanna Warren 3070200**

St. Andrew's Rakaia Tuesday 2nd November

10:30 am | **Rakaia Fit Kids** | *Welcome* to all preschool children. A time for friendships, fun & support.

1:00 pm | **Steady As You Go**

Thursday 4th | 1:30 pm Euchre Afternoon. Contact Norm

St. John's Methven Friday 5th November

3:15 pm – 5:00 pm | **St. John's Brick Club** Afterschool Lego creations. For more info contact Jayne

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Worship Services

31st Oct.	10:30 am	Staveley Campsite Combined Service & Shared Lunch with Hakatere Parish	
5th Nov.	3:30 pm	Methven House Service ALL Welcome COVID rules	
7th Nov.	10:30 am	St. John's Parish Service and AGM Shared lunch following	
14th Nov.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Silvia Purdie
21st Nov.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Silvia Purdie
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Richard Fox and the Baptist Team

PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Council met this week at Methven, chaired by our Interim Moderator, Rev Johanna Warren.

Johanna opened with devotions using the ABC of Faith by Frederick Buechner – a commentary on The Lord's Prayer – are we willing to really pray "Thy Kingdom Come?"

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rev Neville Burns and his family.

Robert Jones was remembered as a man of faith. A Minute was added to our records and copy sent to Alpine.

Looking forward to combined service with Hakatere parish at Staveley Campsite.

MSB convenor Colin Price met with Mayfield congregation who elected Elspeth Jaine to represent Mayfield area. Congregational meetings at Rakaia and Methven on the 14th November where Colin Price will attend and chair congregational meetings, make introductions and elect the congregational representative to the MSB.

Update on finances to be available at the Annual Meeting as scheduled date deferred due to Covid restrictions. Interim Report will be produced. Insurance – Staveley Insurance claim accepted. Methven Manse to be rented out.

AGM It was confirmed that the Annual meeting be held on 7th November at Methven following 10.30 a.m. service. Finger food lunch to follow.



Next meeting Tuesday 23rd November at 3:30 pm at Methven.

St John's Focus Group will meet on Tuesday 2nd November at 7:30 pm

Message: God in our community, we ask your blessing on our parish family, and the centres of faith in many localities across the country kilometres. We are a dispersed praying community, held together by bonds of Christian confession and witness Each valley, station or farm becomes a haven of faith, a light to unite us, guide us and renew us. For you call us all to rediscover your presence in the lives and activities of all who live here, in the name of Jesus Christ.. {The Shepherd's Call, by Bill Bennett}



Last week 22nd October we had some neat progress.
*Sophia's lidded box that has a long handle on wheels. *Robin's proud of his kit build he did by himself!
The children worked in teams, listen to hints on building boxes/presents, and some were able to settle to a kit build for the first time!

We have a Christmas themed term so hope to cover the Christmas story and build lots of the symbols of the season to help the children to remember. – Jayne Clarke

Prayer

Feeling close to God:

I feel the sunshine on my face and the warmth of your love that surrounds me, the beating of my heart and the expansion of my lungs remind me of life within me, with you God, I live, and move, and I have my being.

