



PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN

12TH DECEMBER 2021



Joy to the world! The Lord is come.



Plain Presbyterian Notices

St. Andrew's Rakaia

This Sunday 12th December St. Andrew's Rakaia will be operating under the traffic light ORANGE.

Congratulations to John of Rakaia, "The Super Driver of the year." {7 Sharp}

Tuesday 14th December

11:30 am | **Rakaia Friendship Gathering** at Salmon Tales, followed by Christmas entertainment back at St. Andrew's 1:30 pm with Shirley and Lorraine. Afternoon tea and the Drawing of the raffle.

Wednesday 15th December

10:30 am | **Fit Kid's Christmas Party**
1:00 pm | **Steady As You Go**

Tuesday 21st December

10:00 am – 12:00 pm | **Christmas Cheer Activity** Welcome to all. Fun games, music and craft activity. Make your own sandwich lunch (Ingredients supplied) Come and enjoy, create a Christmas Tree Decoration. For more info; Miranda and Dorothy

MAYFIELD

XMAS EVE SERVICE 24th Dec. at 7pm.
We would like to get a choir again. **If anyone or you know of someone who would be keen to sing in this can you let Janet Hood know on 033088256 or Denis Brown on 0210615673.** There will be a couple of practices before when times can suit.

Advent 3 | Joy

Come, light of the world, come live in our hearts, come move in-between us, come shine in the darkness. Our first candle shines for hope, our second candle shines for peace. This candle shines for joy, for joy is needed now in our world. Joy is a blessing and joy is a gift, a gift of the Christ child, born in the night. Come, light of the world, be our joy, we pray.

Christmas Eve Service at St. Andrew's Rakaia

With Rev. Silvia Purdie at 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service at St. John's Methven

With the Worship Team at 8:30pm

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Christmas Eve Service at Trinity Mayfield

With Rev. Jim Young at 7:00 pm

Worship Services

12 th Dec.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia Communion	Rev. Silvia Purdie
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. John Titlow
19 th Dec.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Silvia Purdie
	7:00 pm	Staveley Community Carol Service (At Staveley Hall)	
	7:00 pm	Methven Community Carol Service	
25 th Dec.		Christmas Day Combined Service with All Saints at Methven	
26 th Dec.	10:30 am	St. John's Methven with the Worship Team	

Joy Advent 3 (12 December)



The Cry for Covid Justice

In Uganda Covid-19 has caused great harm. The official Covid death toll would be much higher if more people had been tested. Medical centres are unprepared and the promise of the People's Vaccine far distant. Schools have been closed for the last 18 months and incomes have fallen. But there has been joy in the southwest where the Centre for Community Solidarity has organised rainwater tanks, distributed facemasks made by young women and taught the HIV and AIDS caregivers how to protect themselves and their communities. They are grateful for your support as they face this new challenge. Together we seek covid justice.

Donate now – christmasappeal.org.nz

*St. Andrew's Christmas Tree Decorating at St. Marks.
We had some little helpers.*



St John's Focus Group met this week

After discussion regarding understanding Covid regulations, it was decided we will wait for direction from Governance Council.

Fairlie Bakehouse Pie fundraiser successful thanks to Elsa's organising and delivering these. May look into it again before winter.

Services for Christmas Eve and Boxing Day are organised.

Discussion on Power Point operation. Will add this to Roster for next year. Any offers for assistance with any of our rosters would be appreciated.

Fire extinguishers have been checked by Talbot Security.

Fence between church and Manse was discussed. Graeme and Alex to sort something out for privacy and security for both tenants and church goers.

Methven Churches Carols this year will use a different format travelling around the village with stops for carol singing.

Watch Snowfed for details.

Collection on next two Sundays of non-perishables for food parcels for Christmas on behalf of the Ecumenical Committee