



PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN

19TH DECEMBER 2021



Christ give us the eyes we need to see your signs that summons us..

Advent 4 | Love 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*, our third candle shines for *joy*. This candle shines for *love*, for love is needed now in our world. Love is the greatest treasure and love is the greatest gift, a gift of the Christ child, born in the night. Come light of the world, be our love, we pray.

-Rev. Silvia Purdie.

Message from Rev Neville Burns. Gratitude to God. Neville has had positive health reports from his Doctor, the hormone treatment has made a difference and Neville is feeling well. In fact Neville has taken on a task. researching the word "Striving" in the biblical sense. This is our Neville, always has a project on the go. Neville and Thelma extend their thanks to all for the messages and prayers, they are much appreciated. Greetings from the Parish to you both, have a blessed Christmas.



Christmas Eve Services

St. Andrew's Rakaia

With Rev. Silvia Purdie at 7:00 pm

St. John's Methven

With the Worship Team at 8:30pm

Trinity Mayfield

With Rev. Jim Young at 7:00 pm



Plain Presbyterian Notices

St. Andrew's Rakaia

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

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

Rakaia Friendship Club

Christmas Raffle Winners. 14th

December. **1st** Jim Mc Queen;

2nd Olivia Taylor; **3rd** Catherine

Knight. **4th** Noreen Smith; **5th**

Geoff Hampton. Thank you for

your support and to Audrey.

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December Worship Services

19th 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

25th Dec.

Christmas Day Combined Service with All Saints at

Methven

26th Dec.

10:30 am

St. John's Methven with the Worship Team

Staveley Campsite 50th Anniversary Celebrations

27th February 2022

The new buildings at the Campsite were officially opened on the 27th of February 1972.

We will be celebrating this milestone on Sunday 27th February 2022 with:

12:00 pm | A pot luck lunch and sausage sizzle.

1:15 pm | Walk and talk

2:30 pm | Service of thanksgiving to mark the occasion

4:00 pm | Afternoon Tea

A bus will be available for transport from Ashburton at a cost of \$15.00 per person. Come and enjoy this beautiful setting and celebratory occasion. Bring family and friends. Spread the good news.

Convenor – Lindsay Jones

Love Advent Four (19 December)

The Cry for Economic Justice



Maura (in the rear) stands in her flourishing garden, surrounded by her family. She has always worked hard but the new skills she is learning from CEPAD are lowering her costs and increasing production. But it is the tomatoes, peppers and papayas she grows that make her proud. Her family is eating more nutritious diet, even when there is drought. With her own garden and good skills, she is more confident at a time of so much uncertainty. Having enough good food is the first step towards a fair economy. **Together we seek economic justice.**

January Worship Services

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| 2 nd Jan. | 10:30 am | St. John's Methven Combined with All Saints | Re. John Titlow |
| 9 th Jan | 9:30 am 10:30 am | St. Andrew's Rakaia St. John's Methven & All Saints | Rev. John Titlow Rev. Silvia Purdie |



Covid Framework Policy for Plains Parish Governance Council has agreed that our buildings, all our services, and meetings are open to those with a vaccine Pass or an exemption certificate. This allows higher numbers and a greater freedom of movement within each gathering. We hope that it will assist in giving confidence and protection to the vulnerable among us, especially children who cannot be vaccinated. We are currently preparing to have a record of members with a vaccine Pass, and are updating our sign-in procedure for increased privacy. *Please ask if you have questions. Please bring your Vaccine Pass the next time you come to worship.*

- Johanna Warren on behalf of Governance Council.



Plains Parish Members and friends,

I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and New Year.

I am thoroughly enjoying getting involved with you as your Interim Moderator. Next year I plan to worship with you about once a quarter. If you want talk to me about any matters, do give me a ring 03 3070200. I am here in Ashburton over the Christmas -New Year period and will be away visiting family the last week of January and first week of February. You will note the separate notice from Governance Council about our Covid Policy. If you are not attending worship you may ask me or Miranda for emailed services, and if that is not suitable, I would dearly love to have a conversation with you about what might work. Finding ways to support those who are not attending services regularly, for whatever reason, is very important to both worship Committee and Council and we are wanting to be imaginative about this. - Johanna.