



PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN

21ST NOVEMBER 2021



Invitation; *Read the bible - everyday*
God wrote the Bible for you.
Spend time listening to what He has to say.

Plains Presbyterian Notices

Ministry Settlement Board members

Presbytery Apps Rev Henry Mbambo, Peter Yates, Colin Price Convenor.
Mayfield reps; Jayne Clark, Elspeth Jaine.
Methven reps; Graham Marr, Brian Blackwell.
Rakaia reps; Fay Cuttriss, Dorothy Knight.
Observer: Rev Johanna Warren
The first meeting currently being arranged.
Theme; Guidelines and review.

St. Andrew's Rakaia

Tuesday 23rd 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** | Balance, strengthening and gentle exercises for senior folk's health and well-being..

Thursday 25th November

1:30 pm | Euchre Afternoon. Contact Norm

St. John's Methven

23rd November

3:30 pm | **Governance Council Meeting at St. John's**

Friday 26th November

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

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Silvia Bible readings for 21st Sunday at St. Andrew's. **Theme: Christ the King**
John 18: 33-38, Hebrews 1: 1-8.



Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"
And when he had said this,
he went out again to the Jews,
and said to them...
- John 18:38

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Worship Services

21 st Nov.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Silvia Purdie Rich Fox and the Baptist Team
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	
28 th Nov.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Silvia Purdie Pastor Paul
	10:30 am	With St. John's AT STAVELEY	
5 th Dec.	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	
12 th Dec.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia <i>Communion</i>	Rev. Silvia Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's Rakaia	

Prayer

Thank You, Father in heaven, for giving us Your truth and for giving us a foundation for our lives. Please help us to take our stand when it comes to proclaiming Your truth into this world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

- Peter Brokaar

Christ the King!? *Comment from Silvia Purdie*

According to the church calendar, this Sunday is the end of the year. Next Sunday is the beginning of Advent, which leads through to Christmas, Epiphany, and on into next year. The last Sunday before Advent is traditionally a triumphal proclamation that 'Jesus Christ is King!' Ending on a high note, before the more sombre tones of Advent - better suited to a Northern Hemisphere winter than to the beginnings of summer brightness!

This Sunday (*at Rakaia, and the following Sunday at Methven*) we will be finishing off my series on the book of Hebrews by ending at the beginning. In Hebrews 1:8-9 the author quotes from Psalm 45:6-7. "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever ..."

I sat on a throne once. Well, not actually a throne, but a king's chair at least. We lived in Tonga when I was 10 and 11, in the main town, Nuku'alofa. The small ex-pat Christian community was at that time given special permission to meet for worship in the chapel inside the Royal Palace! There was an enormous seat in the chapel for the King. We kids weren't allowed to sit in it, but of course did we when no one was watching! I never actually met any of the royal family personally, but we often had to line the streets with all the other children waving when they passed whenever there was a ceremonial function. The King was the largest man I ever saw! The Princess was always very elegant and graceful.

I must say, I have struggled to relate to the Bible describing Jesus as King. How do you feel about Jesus as King? Personally I prefer more intimate or organic ways of talking about God. But I do accept it as a central Biblical metaphor. There is an 'other-ness' to God. We call God "holy" and "Lord" and give praise and honour, knowing that there is so much more glory in God than we can know this side of eternity.

I don't often picture God sitting on a high throne holding a scepter. I am more interested in God at work, alive and kicking, deeply embroiled in the stuff of life.

How do you picture God? What helps you relate to Jesus? As we begin Advent next week, we have a very different picture to hold onto - a tiny new-born baby.

Christ is both babe and King and more!

Photos from 7th November 2021 Plains Presbyterian Parish AGM

