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

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Christ Candle (Dec 25 Christmas Day)
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Next Newsletter.... Will be sent out on 31st December for the month of January. I will be sending weekly newsletters at the start of February. Thank you all for such a great year. Looking forward to 2022. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. – Miranda Addis

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

AND there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. AND the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. AND this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. AND suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. AND it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. AND they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. AND when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. AND all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. (Every year at this time we wonder again whether to repeat this favourite passage from the Bible. And every year we come to the conclusion that its message is as *fresh as ever and even more important for all of us today.*)

Summer Christ God of the wide open spaces, you come to us as Jesus Christ, born as a child to Mary and Joseph, gazed upon by the hill-country shepherds, revered by the wise sages from the east, and glorified by the angels of the heavenly choirs. May the saving peace of Jesus fill our hearts this Christmas, as we pray for others, and gather to worship the Son of God. {The Shepherd's Call by Bill Bennett}

Christmas Eve Benediction

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

*Please Note; Vaccine Passes needed to attend Services

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



Worship Services

25 th Dec.	Christmas Day Combined with All Saints at Methven	Rev. Silvia Purdie
26 th Dec.	10:30 am St. John's Methven	Worship Team
2 nd Jan.	10:30 am St. John's Methven Combined with All Saints	Rev. John Titlow
9 th Jan.	9:30 am St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
16 th Jan.	9:30 am St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Silvia Purdie
	10:30 am St. John's at All Saints	