



PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN

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Harvest Thanksgiving; Take my gifts and let me love you.

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Plains Presbyterian Notices

Alpine Presbytery You may like to spend some time on Saturday morning with Alpine Presbytery. Presbytery is Gathering online from 9:30am 26th March. If you do, you will want to go to this link to register so the Zoom link comes to your inbox. <https://alpinepresbytery.org/autumn-gathering/> OR talk to someone who is attending and join us around our laptops.

St. Andrew's Rakaia

Sunday 27th March Harvest Gathering Time Gifts to the Local Foodbanks & Presbyterian Support

Tuesday 29th March

10:30 am | **Rakaia Fit Kids** Welcome to all pre-schooled children.

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

Wednesday 5:00 pm | Lenten Studies at St Marks Led by Revs Holdaways. Commence with a meal. All welcome. Study SENTINELS; Discerning New Life, Lent 2022.

Thursday 30th March 1:30 pm Euchre for all. Norm & Fay

Online Worship | Here is a link for St. David's Ashburton online worship:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DN4HiktJn6E>

View our website for online worship sent by Johanna Warren:

http://www.plainspresbyterian.co.nz/?page_id=1926

PRAYER OF ENCOURAGEMENT *Contributed by Annette Syme*

At this time when there are so many things to pray about; the Ukraine, Covid, our families, the future of our Parish and more, we need to remember to pray for ourselves.

Morning Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for this new day you have given me. Today, please help me to focus more on what is right, instead of all that is wrong. Help me change what I can and leave everything else in your hands. May your joy be my strength and your peace fill my heart. Help me remember that any burdens I face are meant to rest on your shoulders, not mine. What is too much for me to bear is not too much for you. You will help me handle all that I am given. Thank you, Lord! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Make the story of Easter come alive starting from your backyard!

Explore and have fun this Easter through *Wonder Walks* which is a series of 8 free, interactive walking maps, designed to help children connect with the story of Easter while out enjoying a walk as a family, group, or with a parent or grandparent. On each map is a reading from the Gospel of Mark, activities, games, and reflections. There's a Wonder Walk for the 7 weeks leading up to Easter, concluding with a Good Friday and Easter Walk, but you can use these walks anytime you go out! **Visit www.wonderwalks.nz to get their free weekly Wonder Walk!**

Worship Services Note* Vaccine Pass is required to attend services.

27 th March	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Silvia Purdie
		<i>Harvest Thanksgiving</i>	
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven Combined churches	Rev. Johanna Warren
3 rd April	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Silvia Purdie
10 th April	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
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15 th April	9:30 am	St. Marks Rakaia Good Friday Service	Combined churches
17 th April	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia Easter Sunday	Rev. Laurence Ennor
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven Easter Sunday	Rev. John Titlow

Plains Presbyterian Governance Council met via Zoom this week

A number of Pastoral matters were shared, and members reminded to be aware of many in our communities who are isolated, anxious and lonely due to Covid. Grateful for Johanna's offer to meet regularly with parishioners

Plains Speaking: Elsa hopes to have Plains Speaking out in April.

Parish Clerk – Annette will deal with Pastoral Liaison throughout Parish and Liz will look after administration. Thanks to Denis for filling in since Annual meeting.

Covid Policy – Rules are difficult, but they are there for everyone's protection and we need to do our best to comply

Sunday Worship – try to keep going but make folk aware that it is a choice during Covid times. Online links to worship services to be advertised in Bulletin.

Worship: Staveley church still has no power.
Next Sunday's combined service will be at St John's.
New Worship Roster for May June July available soon

Weekly Bulletin – contributions welcome

Next meeting Tuesday 26th April in Methven

We have occasionally been asked if we should keep people safer from Covid by not having worship services. Governance Council discussed this and our consensus is that people will decide sensibly for themselves if they need to stay away for a time. So, worship services are continuing. Do ring one of us if you have further concerns.

- Johanna.

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Time for Prayer and Fellowship with Johanna

An apology from Johanna to people who planned to join me in Methven on Tuesday 22nd. I postponed being cautious as I am a contact of a close contact.

On Tuesday 29th March I plan to be at St. Johns for lunch at 12:00 pm and then to have a prayer/talk session from 1 pm to 2 pm. I'll eat lunch in as outdoor a setting as possible, then wear a mask. Come for part of the time or all of the time. This is an opportunity for us to talk openly and you to make sure I know things you'd like me to understand about Plains Parish. Then for us to pray and enjoy God together. Ring me on 022 4589603 if you want to check I am there after this week's sudden change! - Johanna

Future Dates

Tuesday 26th April 12 -2 pm Mayfield.

Tuesday 24 May 12 -2 pm Rakaia.