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Time for Prayer and Fellowship with Johanna

On Tuesday 26th April 12 -2 pm I plan to be at Trinity Mayfield 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. - Johanna

Future Date

Tuesday 24 May 12 -2 pm Rakaia.

PRAYER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Contributed by Joan Wright

Heavenly Father, we look around us at our world overwhelmed with War, Pandemic, Floods and Homelessness on a huge scale. We feel helpless in the face of such tragedy. *When our world seems dark, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When we are overcome by doubts, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide.* Hear our prayers for peace in times of war, healing during the pandemic, safe haven from flooding and loss of homes and livelihoods. Give your peace to our anxious hearts and may we find serenity in Your presence.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

April Worship Services

3 rd April	10:30 am	St. John's Methven Combined Service	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
24 th April	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Silvia Purdie
	10:30 am	All Saints Methven combined with St. John's	

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

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

For more online worship we have shared a post on our facebook page with many links for you to choose from [:https://www.facebook.com/PlainsPresbyterianParish](https://www.facebook.com/PlainsPresbyterianParish)

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

27TH MARCH 2022



Autumn; *By Bill Bennett* | The nights are cool and sharp. The daylight hours are growing shorter, and daylight saving has ended. The colours are turning on the trees. God of each moment, your son Jesus Christ walked the way of the cross, journeying towards the pain and triumph of Good Friday and Easter. Help us weigh up what we have done, and what we have yet to attend to- on the farm, in our family and community, and within our own hearts. Help us die to greed and prejudice and live for the liberation of your great love. Like the colourful tonings of the autumn leaves paint our lives with the richness of your grace so that all we do celebrates your presence.

Plains Presbyterian Notices

St. John's Methven

Tuesday 5th April

7:30 pm | **Methven Focus Group** meets in the lounge

Good Friday Methven Churches combine for a Walk of Witness. This year beginning at the Lady of the Snows Catholic Church at 9.30 a.m. Because of Covid there won't be a Combined service to follow. There will be a service afterwards at All Saints which everyone is welcome to join.

St. Andrew's Rakaia

Tuesday 5th April

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 7th April 1:30 pm **Euchre for all.** With Norm & Fay

Harvest Thanksgiving; *Thankyou for all gifts around us.* Given to Presbyterian Support, Ashburton and the Rakaia School for isolating families. Anyone wishing to donate to the Harvest Appeal can do so through the Parish Bank Account. Thankyou.

Wanted; Wooden Coat hangers, a charity project. Can be left at St Andrews or given to Isobell.

Deepest Sympathy and prayers to the Campion family on the death of Graham. Longtime residents of Barrhill and Lauriston.

Rev Neville Burns extends his grateful thanks for all the good health prayers, still enjoying gardening and driving.