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Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God you are very great.

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Plains Presbyterian Notices

St. Andrew's Rakaia Thanks to; Miranda for her computer work on our Sundays.. Caleb and Madi for being great helpers. For the young folk involved in the Anzac Day service. & Rev Silvia & Padre Chris for St Andrew's Anzac special on April 24. *Check out our Facebook page for pictures of the service last Sunday.*

Request: Surplus jars with lids, required for our preserves for the community. Contact Dorothy — Thanks

Tuesday 3rd May

10:30 am | **Rakaia Fit Kids**

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

Sunday 15 May service at St Andrew's with Rev Silvia, will now be a "Café Service" 9:30am.

Fellowship with Johanna Tuesday 24th May 12 -2 pm at Rakaia

Plains folk, we've had two separate letters from the District Health Board because people who have tested positive for covid have been at a function in our churches.

We stopped to consider if it is wise to continue with morning tea. We are not of one mind so are not making a ruling on this. Congregations can choose for themselves. Of course coming to the service does not mean you must stay for morning tea when it is offered.

BUT we do require masks to be worn during worship.

Mask wearing protects you and helps keep others safe also, especially when singing. It is strongly recommended by the Government and mandated for volunteers and workers at worship gatherings.

- Johanna Warren

Online Worship Here is a link for St. David's Ashburton online worship: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IX7hjoeOy0Q>

Worship Services

1 st May	10:30 am	St. John's Methven <i>Parish Service</i>	Rev. John Titlow
8 th May	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Silvia Purdie
15 th May	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia <i>Café Service</i>	Rev. Silvia Purdie
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Mr. Garth Cant
22 nd May	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Silvia Purdie
	10:00 am	At Staveley with St. John's	Pastor Paul Eden

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**PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN PARISH
GOVERNANCE COUNCIL *met this week.***

Johanna welcomed members and Read from John 21 – Jesus third appearance to the Disciples after He had risen – telling the fishermen to put their nets on the other side. Jesus was there and prepared to feed us – the gift of sustenance. There are a number of Pastoral concerns – *please pray for those we know who are unwell.*

Covid update – All NZ in 'Orange' now but masks are our safety plan to keep people safe. It may be that we should not have our buildings too hot and provide rugs or suggest extra layers for folk attending worship. Difficult to have good ventilation during winter months. Plan to use 'retiring offering' in meantime rather than hand offering baskets round. Cuppa optional but fellowship still happens without it!

Plains Speaking is due out soon.

Seismic Reports show our buildings are at various ratings. PCANZ requires buildings to be updated by June next year. Governance Council needs to make decisions on upgrading Treasurer and Reviewer – *still looking for someone to take on these responsibilities.* Will talk with Alpine Presbytery to look for advice and recommendations.

Worship – Thanks to Dorothy for arranging Worship Roster and to the folk who organise services in each area.

PCANZ - Assembly online at end of the week

Financial Report: Staveley repairs completed. Methven Manse insulation completed, and Property oversight is working well.

MSB met last week. Hoping for update soon.

Next meeting 31st May 2:30 p.m. at Methven.

Grape Harvesting.

We gather as a community to praise and thank God, for the harvest of the vineyards of our region. From the sharpness of the winter cold and the work of pruning and planting. Through blossoming and fruiting has come a rich harvest. The grapes of our region reflect God's boundless generosity and the blessing of celebration and laughter that wine has come to symbolise. The autumn colour now upon the vines declare the seasonal rhythm and maturity of life. So, let us offer thanks for God's and share the prayer of faith of our community. Amen.



Bill Bennett.

PRAYER OF ENCOURAGEMENT *Contributed by Annette Syme*

Loving God, we ask for your guidance for our Plains Parish and all who are part of our communities. We pray especially for the Governance Council whose members are charged with the Parish oversight. Be with the Ministry Settlement Board as they work through the process of finding the way forward for our people. Heavenly Father we pray today for those we know in our communities who are anxious and those needing comfort and care. We live in such troubled times it is hard to stay positive. We pray especially for Ukraine where they are enduring so much more than we can imagine. In Ukraine the Chief Rabbi has invited all Christians and all Ukrainians to read Psalm 31 during these difficult times, This is a prayer for God's protection in times of persecution. It is still relevant in times of conflict today.

Psalm 31: 21-24

²¹Praise be to the Lord, for he showed me the wonders of his love when I was in a city under siege.

²² In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!" Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help.

²³ Love the Lord, all his faithful people! The Lord preserves those who are true to him, but the proud he pays back in full.

²⁴ Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.