



# PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN

## 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2022



*We will have faith in God.*

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### Alpine Presbytery Mid Canterbury Hui

View/ Print Poster on our website  
<http://www.plainspresbyterian.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Mid-Canterbury-Hui-Alpine-Presbytery.pdf>

#### Second page of Newsletter

with more information on Hui  
& Governance Council Notice

Online Worship: Here is a link for an Online Service to watch at home;  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IxFviPLTMiA>

### WORSHIP SERVICES

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| 31 <sup>st</sup> July | St. Andrew's leave Rakaia at 9:30 for Burnham Chapel service 10:00 am |                     |                     |
|                       | <i>31<sup>st</sup> July Trinity Mayfield Parish Service CANCELLED</i> |                     |                     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug.  | 10:30 am  | St. John's Methven  | Rev. Laurence Ennor |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug. | 9:30 am   | St. Andrew's Rakaia | Rev. John Titlow    |
|                       | 10:30 am  | St. John's Methven  | Rev. Silvia Purdie  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug. | 9:30 am   | St. Andrew's Rakaia | Rev. Silvia Purdie  |
|                       | 10:30 am  | St. John's Methven  | Rev. John Titlow    |

### PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN NOTICES

**Annual Reports** With our Annual Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Reports are due. **Please send them to Miranda at [plainsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:plainsoffice@gmail.com) by September!** Thanks so much.

**St. John's Methven** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug. **St. John's Brick Club** 3:15pm starting with afternoon tea and building by 3:30pm.

**St. Andrew's Rakaia** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug. 10:00 am | **Rakaia Fit Kidz.** New time for Rakaia Fit Kidz. Welcome to all preschoolers! 1:00 pm | **Steady As You Go**

**Wednesday 3rd August** Hall Booking and Catering by St. Andrew's. **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 9:00 am—1:00 pm PLANTS 4 U @ RAKAIA**  
*Welcome much needed support.*

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July invitation to the Parish, service at the Burnham Army Chapel.** St Andrew's. Leave for our Parish Service @ The Burnham Army Chapel, led by Revs Silvia and Chris Purdie. Invitation to all.

**Pathways Day is on again: Thursday 22 September 9 am to 4 pm at 65 Oxford St.** This is a day to gift to yourself, a day for you, for listening to God and your own heart. A worthwhile day with no pressure say previous participants. Morning tea is provided. Bring your own lunch. If you have questions talk to Johanna 3070200, Jill Ross 3025842 or Lynette Crone 3072701  
***We'd love to see you there.***

### PRAYER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*Contributed by Dorothy Knight*

The door is open, even before we knock,  
*Here is the door of life.*  
God listens even before we find words to ask,  
to every murmur of pain and grief.  
*When we seek, we will find,*  
we are never alone on life's journey.  
God's hand is beside us every step we take.  
***We will have faith in God.***  
The one whom we meet in Jesus Christ.

# **ALPINE PRESBYTERY MID CANTERBURY HUI**

**DATE:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**TIME:** 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**PLACE:** St. David's Union Church

48 Allens Road, Allenton,  
Ashburton 7700

*Morning tea is provided,  
for catering purpose  
an indication of  
numbers appreciated as  
well as any dietary  
requirements.*

**“An invitation and opportunity  
to explore in new ways what it means to be the salt and  
light of Jesus Christ in the communities in which we  
worship and minister”.**

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**PURPOSE:** A conversation starter with a view to the churches of the region engaging with each other on ways to meet the challenges of our times.

## **WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM ATTENDING?**

Parish council members and other interested people from within your churches.

**Each parish to give a 5-minute presentation at the start of the hui, giving their views on the following questions:**

1. What are the critical challenges or realities your church is facing at the moment?
2. What do you value and celebrate about what you have now?
3. Where do we see Christ present in our community/ communities?

## **Notes from Governance Council:**

*Mask wearing is our simplest way of keeping safe from covid and other infections. If your local congregation is having morning tea, there is no pressure on you to stay or to remove your mask. You decide what suits you. We want everyone to stay as safe and well as possible. **We encourage you to attend the Mid Canterbury Hui on 6th August.** A good chance to hear what is going on and share your gripes or dreams.*

We thank Gill James who is wrapping up the last finance reports and stepping down as treasurer this month.  
*Lastly Johanna announced that she is retiring in January.*

## **Due to uncertain weather, Plains Governance Council met on Zoom this month.**

**Devotions** were led by Annette – encouraging us to ‘be of good cheer’

**Financial:** Liz gave a brief overview of where we are at with the transition to CATAS. Monthly financials will be reported on next meeting – still work to be done. Liz has worked hard to arrange for someone to take over the Finances from Gill who has been Treasurer for a number of years. Thanks to Gill and to Liz for spending a lot of time and energy to ensure our finances are taken care of.

**Covid Update:** A letter was received from Rev. Martin Stewart re protecting people against Covid. It was agreed our preference is for food after a service be suspended until the end of August as a precaution against spreading covid in our community.

**Alpine Presbytery Mid Canterbury Hui:** Some time was spent on preparing a short presentation for the Mid Canterbury Hui on 6th August Around 14 people could be attending from Plains Parish. Anyone interested in the future of the Churches in Mid Canterbury is welcome to attend. Numbers are required for catering. Any questions please talk to Annette or Johanna. **We encourage you to attend the Mid Canterbury Hui on 6th August.**

**Rev. Johanna Warren** advised us that God has called her to retire from the Ministry. We thank her for the support she has given us – we will miss Johanna’s guidance and care and wish her well in her retirement.