



PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN

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Help us, God, make the best of whatever comes our way.

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PLANT FAIR RAFFLE WINNERS

1. Dawn No. 262
2. Sonya McCloy No. 170
3. Robyn Copland No. 142
4. Graeme Mangin No. 204

Many thanks for this support!

Prayer of Encouragement *Contributed by Annette Syme*

Dear Lord, thank You for the encouragement that Your word brings. Help me avail of every opportunity to speak a word of hope and faith to other. Thank You that I can make a difference where I am,. Regardless of my circumstances . In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORSHIP SERVICES

9 th Oct.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Silvia Purdie
16 th Oct.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Silvia Purdie
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Laurence Ennor
23 rd Oct.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Laurence Ennor
	10:00 am	Trinity Mayfield	Pastor Paul Eden
	10:00 am	St. John's AT ALL SAINTS	Revs. Holdaways
30 th Oct.	10:30 am	St. John's Methven Parish AGM	Rev. Johanna Warren
6 th Nov.	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Worship Team

PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN NOTICES

Online Worship: Here is a link for Online Worship with Cashmere Presbyterian <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jr0ocGUi7YA>

PCANZ One Conference: Click the following link for more info; http://www.plainspresbyterian.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/One-Conference-A5-flyer_HIGH-RES-1.pdf

Building the Church For Today and Tomorrow Conference 2022—

In Christchurch on 26th October 2022. Click the following link for more information: <http://www.plainspresbyterian.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Conference22-1.pdf>

'Earth as our Original Monastery—Click here for more info: <http://www.plainspresbyterian.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Flyer-for-Reflection-Days-2022.pdf>

Governance Council Report from September Meeting—can be found on the second page of this newsletter also can click the following link: <http://www.plainspresbyterian.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Gov.CouncilMeetingSept22.pdf>

St. John's Methven

Thursday 13th October | 3:15 pm | **St. John's Brick Club**

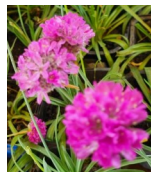
St. Andrew's Rakaia Tuesday 11th October | 11:00 am | **Rakaia**

Friendship Club Bring and Buy sales Table, Dinner, entertainment with Lorraine and Shirley, afternoon tea. *Welcome*

Wednesday 12th October | 10:00 am | **Rakaia Fit Kidz.** Welcome to all preschoolers! School Kids Welcome, Holiday Time!

1:00 pm | Steady As You Go

Plants 4 U Rakaia held last Saturday morning 1st October there was a great crowd of gardening enthusiasts waiting at the St Andrew's door at 9:00 AM ready to view and buy many buds and flowers. We are so grateful for all the loyal supporters who arrive every year and really make the plant fair worthwhile. Many thanks and appreciation is extended to all those folk. Grateful thanks to all helpers and the people who provided the plants that enables St Andrew's to host this annual plant sale. Special thanks to Jan, Millwood Nursery Van Zanten Bulbs and to the Rakaia Community for the many interesting garden produce which found their way into the hall, it was good to have that variety. Our finance folk bank \$5509 on Monday, but with a few late sales we may reach \$6000. To help us to achieve this target we welcome donations to our kindness account. This money will help to support ministry and pastoral care in the Rakaia community. A big thankyou to all. - Dorothy.



GOVERNANCE COUNCIL REPORT - 27TH SEPTEMBER MEETING

The following discussion points arose at our monthly meeting with outcomes important to share around the parish as a whole.

Rev Henry Mbambo from St David's Union Church in Ashburton has written to ask if Plains would be interested in joining the other Mid Canterbury Churches for a combined Carol Service. We have replied 'yes' and also offered as a possible host at St. John's.

As a follow-up from the Mid Canterbury Hui on 6th July, we have written to the five other churches in Mid Canterbury suggesting we set up a steering committee of two representatives from each church to begin looking at ways we can work together. To date Hakatere Parish are in – and we are hoping for more responses once their governance groups meet.

Governance Members are distributing Plains Draft Financial Policy to the individual mission/focus groups for feedback. Our parish hasn't had such a policy and with the changeover of treasurer, we realise the importance of having systems in place whereby historical knowledge is passed on.

- As at the writing of this report, we have met our budget line for fundraising this year, plus some. Thanks to the wonderful effort of Rakaia church at their recent annual Plant Fair as well as catering they undertook recently. A wonderful community event that brings in people from all over Canterbury – attended by gardeners and non-gardeners alike, all of which know a bargain when they see one!

We have applied and received money from the Mayfield Stock Trust – again the effort by individuals to raise funds on our behalf is really appreciated.

- [A reminder of our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 30th October at St John's Methven.](#) We are always looking for people willing to give their time to undertaking the governance role for Plains Parish – if you are interested in finding out more, contact one of the people named in the Bulletin each week. Annual Reports will be distributed at the meeting and sent to those unable to attend. If you would like one, please contact Miranda, our efficient Plains Administrator.