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Wishing you a very happy and Holy Christmas and God's abundant Blessings for 2023

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

4 th Dec.	10:30 am	St. John's Methven Parish Service <i>Christmas Communion</i>	Rev. John Titlow
11 th Dec.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Laurence Ennor
18 th Dec.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia <i>Christmas Family Service</i>	Marty
	10:30 am	All Saints Methven <i>Carols and Readings Combined Service</i>	Rev. Holdaways
	7:00 pm	Methven Community	Carols
	7:00 pm	Staveley Community	Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

24 th Dec	7:00 pm	St. Andrew's Rakaia <i>Carols for all ages</i>	Rev. Laurence Ennor
	7:00 pm	Trinity Mayfield <i>Singing of the Carols</i>	Worship Team
	8:30 pm	St. John's Methven <i>Carols</i>	Worship Team

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

25 th Dec.	9:00 am	Barhill <i>Christmas Day</i>	Rev. Holdaway's
	10:30 am	All Saints Methven <i>Christmas Day Service</i>	Rev. Holdaway's

JANUARY WORSHIP SERVICES

1 st Jan.	10:30 am	All Saints Methven <i>Combined Services</i>	Rev. Holdaway's
8 th Jan.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven Combined	Rev. Laurence Ennor
15 th Jan.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Johanna Warren
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven Combined	Rev. Laurence Ennor
22 nd Jan.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia <i>in the lounge</i>	Video Holiday Church
	10:30 am	All Saints Methven Combined	Rev. Holdaway's
29 th Jan.	10:00 am	Staveley Parish Service <i>Shared morning tea</i>	Pastor Paul Eden

For full contact list please click the following link:

http://www.plainspresbyterian.co.nz/?page_id=10 (Can be found on our website)

Online Worship Here are a few links for Online Worship:

Cashmere Presbyterian <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4VtdLpHN6k>

St. David's Ashburton <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWfJTEluALg>

Cromwell Presbyterian: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0472hdUKP4>

Maze Presbyterian: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_4BfkWp31o

“Christmas Carols”

at St. David's Ashburton

Sunday, 11th December with Combined Presbyterian Churches 3:00 - 4:00 PM



Mobile Carols in Methven

Methven Elim Church is going to take our community Carol service around the town on a trailer again. *So all you need to do is turn up!*

Wednesday 21st December

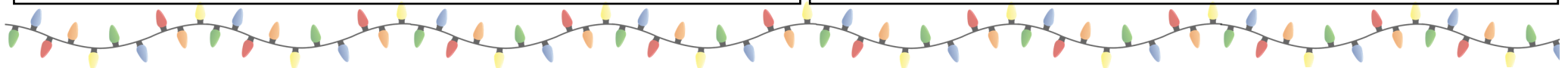
6:30pm Methven House

7:00pm Chambers Park

7:30pm Cnr Camrose Ave/Alma Place

8:00pm The Square – Methven Medical Centre

Please keep your eyes open for red and white candy and canes as they seem to be scarce at the moment. We would like to purchase plenty of them to give away with a wee blurb about the Christian symbolism of them during the carols.



The Shepherds and the Angels

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the



angel said to them, "*Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all people. This very day in David's town your Saviour was born - Christ the Lord. And this is what will prove it to you; you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.*" Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God. **"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!:** When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us." *So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger.* When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. **The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them. Luke 2. 1-20**

Thursday 8th December at 7:00 PM

Rev. Johanna Warren invites us to a short reflective service of Remembrance. At Hakatere Presbyterian Church
127 Thomson Street.

Click the following link for more info: [Hakatere Invitation](#) (Can be found on our website)

Special Blessing

Among the busyness of this season...
Hold fast to hope for kings are born in barns sometime and miracles rise out of little things. *Hold fast to peace* so that in the middle of noise and trouble and hard work you are calm in your heart.
May you be blessed with the surprise of joy, awe and wonder as you watch for God's signature in your days.
And may you have the strength to give love away—the love that God gives you...
And in that giving you shall receive. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Child in the manger, and spirit of Life touch our hearts and *be with us all and with those we love, this day and forever. Amen.*

Upcoming Newsletters:

1st January 2023! 29th January 2023!

PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN NOTICES

St. Andrew's Rakaia

Tuesday 6th December 10:00 am | **Rakaia Fit Kidz**
1:00 pm | SAYGo Exercises

Tuesday 13th December 11:30 am | **Rakaia Friendship Gathering** Social time, Dinner, Christmas Raffle, Music by Irene & Karen.

Wednesday 14th December 10:00 am | **Rakaia Fit Kidz**
1:00 pm | SAYGo Exercises

Sunday 18th December 9:30 am | **All ages worship with Marty.**
Bring the kids and come along to enjoy something different.

Tuesday 20th December 10:00 am | **RFK Christmas Party** For all ages.
1:00 pm | **SAYGo Exercises**

Sunday 15th January 9:30 am | **Farewell Parish Service** led by Rev. Johanna Warren, morning tea provided.

On 26th November | Mini Market was a real fun activity. 12 community stalls plus church ones. Some raised more than others but all enjoyed the opportunity. Church raised \$500, gifting \$50 to the Sharing Shed. *A repeat may happen in the autumn.*

On 27th November | We farewelled Rev Silvia, Isobell thanked her most sincerely for the worthwhile contributions made to St Andrews. We all appreciated you Silvia! the energy and interest you provided in your services. The Fijian choir led by Dawn & Ratu sang 3 joyous songs as a tribute to Silvia. (Photos and video can be found on our Facebook page!)

St. John's Methven Saturday 3rd December at **St. John's**

The Filipino Farmers Church invite us to join them on Saturday evening at St Johns from 6.30 pm for their Christmas celebrations. There is an invited speaker and also an invitation to join them for a meal to follow. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 4th December Parish Service at St. John's

Methven with Rev. John Titlow. *Christmas Communion*

Tuesday 6th December **Focus Group Meeting**

Trinity Mayfield Thursday 8th December | 1:30 PM **Mission group meeting.** All welcome join us for cuppa and Christmas cake.