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We do not take an untraveled way. - Terry C Falla.

Eternal God, we praise you for this world, our home, and for every sign of your presence within it. Today we especially thank you for our church communities, that to us is a sign of your presence. We thank you for those who had the vision to establish them, for those who had the audacity to believe you could use it.

We acknowledge that at no time has the task been an easy one - and, while we seek to serve you, never will it be. For this reason we praise you for every person whose perseverance has brought us to this day. For every person who has devoted energy, time, imagination and money. Most of all, our God, we thank you.

Contributed by Dorothy Knight

WORSHIP SERVICES

11th June	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia <i>Café Church</i>	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Worship Team
	2:00 pm	Carew with Rev. Phyll Harris and Martin Stewart	
18th June	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Laurence Ennor
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. John Titlow
25th June	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Worship Team
	10:00 am	Trinity Mayfield <i>Combined with St. John's</i>	Pastor Paul Eden
2nd July	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Laurence Ennor
9th July	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Worship Team

PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN NOTICES

Online Worship: Here is a link with Cashmere Presbyterian:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnJCReq0Eew>

Here is a link with St. David's Ashburton:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5m3vgDtQ5cE>

Here is a link with Cromwell Presbyterian:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HcpGil8h3v8>

Governance Report: Can be found on page 2 of newsletter!

Carew Service: 11th June at 2:00 pm more info on page 2

St. Andrew's Rakaia

Tuesday 13th June 11.30 am | **Rakaia Friendship Gathering**
Chat time, winter warming meal, Movie time. Sales Table., Afternoon tea. Welcome to all. Entertainment by the Rakaia School Choir. A dress rehearsal for their performance Wednesday 14 Transport available.

Wednesday 14th June 10:00 am | **Rakaia Fit Kidz**

Welcome preschool children.

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

Thursday 15th June

3:00 pm | **Mission meeting Rescheduled**

Saturday 30th September

PLANTS 4 U @ RAKAIA

Time to dig, divide and pot up your plants please.

St. John's Methven

Tuesday 13th June 3:15 pm | **St. John's Brick Club All ages Welcome.**
Find our latest builds on our Facebook page and the next page!

Tuesday 13th June **St. John's Focus Meeting**

GOVERNANCE REPORT:

Parish Council met Tuesday 31 May with a very full agenda. We received from RangzenPro the new Detailed Seismic Assessment (DSA) reports for all our properties. While there is much in the report to be positive about, it has highlighted some challenges ahead for us in ensuring our buildings meet the PCANZ New Building Standard of 67%. To this end, we need to have a 'plan' in place by June 2024.

Staveley Church has been given a rating of 70% - not uncommon for wooden buildings. Methven Church and Mayfield Hall and adjoining rooms meet requirements while Mayfield Church, Methven Hall, Rakaia Church and Hall all need strengthening repairs to bring them up to the required standard. For strengthening work to be undertaken, Building Consents from Ashburton Council will be required, and this means also meeting current accessibility and fire regulations.

The report is very comprehensive and has been shared with Parish Council members as well as made available to members of the Property, Worship and Finance subcommittees. With support from Alpine Presbytery, we will be working through the report in the next 4 – 5 weeks and developing a plan to plot our approach in meeting these challenges.

While churches are more than our buildings – how we connect with each other, our community and God is our mission – we need to take responsibility for ensuring our buildings are safe, well maintained and meet PCANZ requirements. We will keep the parish informed of progress through the Bulletin (which is also on our website).

CAREW CHURCH SERVICE

Plains Presbyterian invite all interested to attend a service on Sunday 11th June, at 2pm, to decommission the Carew Presbyterian Church.

The worship will be followed by afternoon tea in the Carew Hall. The service will be led by the Reverends Phyll Harris and Martin Stewart from Alpine Presbytery. *The church has faithfully served our Parish since 1927 when locals came together to build the church on donated land. This is an opportunity to celebrate what the church has stood for over many years, and to give thanks to the people of the district who have supported its mission.*

Where: Carew church is located at
820 Trevor's Road, Carew, Mid Canterbury

