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PLANTS 4 U @ RAKAIA

SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 9:00am - 1:00pm
St ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Annual Plant Fair supporting Community Outreach in Rakaia
A huge variety of plants on sale, all at affordable prices!!
Lots of advice is available, so plants for all gardeners.
All plants in the church hall, no worries about the weather.
CASH ONLY SALE!! Amazing what you can buy!!
Contact dottsknights@gmail.com for more info.



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WORSHIP SERVICES



1st Oct	10:30 am	St. John's Methven <i>Parish Service Shared lunch</i>	Rev. Laurence Ennor
8th Oct	9:30 am 10:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia Methven AT ALL SAINTS	Rev. John Titlow
15th Oct	9:30 am 10:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia St. John's Methven <i>Spring Flower Service</i>	Rev. Laurence Ennor Rev. John Titlow <i>Combined with All Saints</i>
22nd Oct	9:30 am 10:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia Trinity Mayfield <i>Combined St Johns and Staveley</i>	Online with Kilmarnock Pastor Paul Eden
29th Oct	10:30 am	St. John's Methven <i>Parish Service, AGM to follow service, Shared lunch following AGM</i>	Rev. Martin Stewart
5th Nov	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Laurence Ennor
12th Nov	9:30 am 10:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia St. John's Methven	Rev. John Titlow Worship Team

PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE 2ND PAGE OF NEWSLETTER/ GOVERNANCE REPORT AS WELL AS PHOTOS FROM ST.ANDREW'S SPRING FLOWER SERVICE!

Online Worship Click the following links for worship at home;

Cashmere Presbyterian: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLb-Jotakos>

Hope Presbyterian (KIDS) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOOsyO_s4

AGM 29th October following 10:30am Service at St. John's Methven

St. Andrew's Rakaia

Saturday 30th September **PLANTS 4 U @ RAKAIA 9am-1pm**

We at St Andrew's Rakaia look forward to good support from the Parish.

Thankyou Lord for such lavish beauty; for bluebell woods and springtime banks of daffodils. May our eyes never grow weary of looking, and our hearts of exulting, at the world you made. Beverley Parkin, "Say it with Flowers"

Tuesday 3rd October 10:00 am | **Rakaia Fit Kidz** Welcome all ages!! Holiday time.
1:00 pm | **Steady As You Go** exercises

Thursday 5th October 1:30pm Euchre!!

St. John's Methven Sunday 1st October 10:30 am

Parish Service at St. John's with Rev. Laurence Ennor. *Shared lunch following.*

Tuesday 3rd October 7:30 pm **Focus Group Meeting**

St. John's Brick Club

Not on during school holidays, *will start again 10th October.*

Need continuous prayers over the holidays for helpers in the new term as our primary support team lady is not available from here on.



GOVERNANCE REPORT

At our monthly meeting this week, we discussed ways we can connect with the whole parish in the lead up to our annual general meeting on Sunday 29th October, at St John's Methven. We have one month to engage with as many members of the parish as we can.

Parish Council believe we are coming up to a crossroads where a way forward with our "bricks and mortar" needs to be planned for. We know that this is taking up far too much of our time and is not our main mission for being church in our different communities. Unfortunately, the responsibility for our buildings is fairly and squarely on the shoulders of those who accept the role of governance.

To support consultation and communication, a Discussion Paper has been prepared, outlining The Context (what has led us to where we are now) and offers some ideas of The Opportunities we have in planning for the future.

The Discussion Paper will be an agenda item at the Annual General Meeting and this will provide a platform for all opinions and views to be heard. We therefore encourage as many people as possible to come to the AGM – the service is at 10.30 am, 29th October, St John's Methven and the meeting will follow – both led by Rev Martin Stewart, Executive Office of Alpine Presbytery. The morning will be concluded with a shared lunch for those who wish to stay.

For anybody wishing to read the Discussion Paper, whether attending the meeting or not, it is on our website www.plainspresbyterian.co.nz

Click the following link to view/print discussion paper:

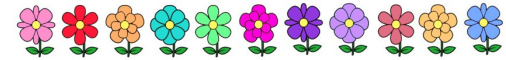
<http://www.plainspresbyterian.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/FINAL-DRAFT-ideas-meeting.pdf>

OR from the Parish Council Representatives in your area –

- **Methven:** Elsa Hydes, Brian Blackwell, Allen Redmond
- **Rakaia:** Liz Depree, Fay Cuttriss, Jenny Logan
- **Mayfield:** Annette Syme, Kay King, Kevin Taylor

Our Plains Administrator, Miranda Addis could also email or post out a copy if you contact her –**Phone:** 02102414085
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PHOTOS FROM SPRING FLOWER SERVICE WITH REV. LAURENCE ENNOR AT ST. ANDREW'S RAKAIA 24TH SEPTEMBER



Luther Burbank: Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food, and medicine for the soul.