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# PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	10:30 am	St. John's Methven Communion   Shared lunch	Rev. Laurence Ennor
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia Communion	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	<b>Methven at ALL SAINTS</b>	**Note change of service
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Online with Kilmarnock
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. John Titlow
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia Spring Flower Service	Rev. Laurence Ennor
	10:00 am	Staveley Combined with Mayfield & Methven	Pastor Paul Eden
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	10:30 am	St. John's Methven Parish Service   Shared lunch	Rev. Laurence Ennor
8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Worship Team
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Laurence Ennor
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. John Titlow

## PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN NOTICES

Online Worship | Cashmere Presbyterian; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjuY4XNAsEY>

**St. Andrew's Rakaia** Tuesday 5th September 10:00 am | **Rakaia Fit Kidz**  
1:00 pm | **Steady As You Go** exercises

Saturday 30th September **PLANTS 4 U @ RAKAIA**



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**St. John's Methven** Sunday 3rd September **Communion Service led by Rev. Laurence Ennor.** Shared lunch following. **Welcome!!**  
Tuesday 5th August **St. John's Brick Club** 3:15 pm.

Continue prayers for bringing the best out of those with interesting behaviours. Guidance and protection for our large group.



Tuesday 5th September **Focus Group Meeting** 7:30 pm | In the church lounge.

## Plains Parish Council report – August 2023

**Our monthly meeting was held 29th August and below is a summary of decisions/discussions:**

- The sale of Carew Church for removal is ongoing, with a revised sale and purchase agreement now with our lawyer for actioning.
- Financial Statement for the month ending July showed Income of \$16,890.88 and Expenditure of \$4,912.22. Our surplus for the month of July was \$10,727 (against predicted in the budget of \$9,402). This is an encouraging start to the commencement of the new financial year.
- Our thanks to Mayfield Trust for their donation of \$10,000. We are very appreciative of the financial support we get from both the Methven and Mayfield Trusts.
- A Congregational Meeting was held at Mayfield on 27th August with 19 people in attendance. ~ Pastor Paul Eden chaired the meeting at which it was agreed that Plains Parish apply to Alpine Presbytery for an exemption for Mayfield Church being upgraded to meet 67% of the New Building Standard. This was asked for on the grounds of limited use (bi-monthly services, excessive cost of strengthening and repair work and the fact there are other facilities in the community that could be used to hold worship services. The minutes from the meeting have been forwarded to Alpine Presbytery for consideration.
- A date has been set for the Annual General Meeting of the parish – Sunday 29th October, 10.30 am at St John's Methven. A reminder for people to get their annual reports to Miranda Addis, Plains Administrator, so that she can compile the annual report.

**Our next Parish Council meeting will be held Tuesday 26th September 3:00 pm at St John's, Methven.**

*Liz and Annette | Co-Parish Clerks.*