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WORSHIP SERVICES

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|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 5th Nov | 10:30 am | St. John's Methven | Rev. Laurence Ennor |
| 12th Nov | 9:30 am | St. Andrew's Rakaia | Rev. John Titlow |
| | 10:30 am | Methven at All Saints | Rev. Annette Eggleston |
| 19th Nov | 9:30 am | St. Andrew's Rakaia | Linda Cowan |
| | 10:30 am | St. John's Methven | Rev. John Titlow |
| 26th Nov | 9:30 am | St. Andrew's Rakaia | Online with Kilmarnock |
| | 10:00 am | Staveley | Pastor Paul Eden |
| | | <i>Combined St Johns and Mayfield</i> | |
| 3rd Dec | 10:30 am | St. John's Methven | Rev. Laurence Ennor |
| | | <i>Communion</i> | |
| 10th Dec | 9:30 am | St. Andrew's Rakaia | Rev. John Titlow |
| | 10:30 am | Methven at All Saints | Rev. Annette Eggleston |
| 17th Dec | 9:30 am | St. Andrew's Rakaia | Rev. Laurence Ennor |
| | | <i>Communion</i> | |
| | 10:30 am | St. John's Methven | Rev. John Titlow |
| 17th Dec | 7:00 pm | At Staveley with Methven | Carol Services |

PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN NOTICES

Online Worship Click the following links for worship at home;

Cromwell Presbyterian: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17sg34USdYY>
 Hope Presbyterian <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWcLJEiGalG>
 Hope Presbyterian (KIDS): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOOsyO_s4&t=9s
 Church Kilmarnock https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_DfxQsVQU8
 Cashmere Presbyterian: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVpSQz8_bc4
 Maze Presbyterian: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Z-jziMfTNs>

St. Andrew's Rakaia

Tuesday 7th November

10:00 am | **Rakaia Fit Kidz** Welcome all preschoolers!
 1:00 pm | **Steady As You Go** exercises with Dorothy

Sunday 12th November 9:30 am **Café service in the Hall**

Thursday 16th November 1:30 pm **Euchre with Norm**

Thursday 30th November **Marty and Al Christmas Message** to Rakaia, Chertsey and Dorie schools

Thursday 30th November 5:30 pm **St. Andrew's Community shared Scottish Meal**

Saturday 9th December **St Andrews Market Morning.** "Book a Stall" for \$10. Raising Funds for Mission

St. John's Methven

Sunday 5th November Service at 10:30 am led by Rev. Laurence Ennor

The Local Church or Worship Centre by Bill Bennett.

God of all time and every generation, we give thanks for this place of worship, Churches of the Plains Parish. We remember those who have gone before us, who were responsible for building them. In gratitude we praise you that it is still our special sacred place, our wahi tapu. May it continue to be an icon of faith to the wider community, where all can come to rejoice and pray, to listen and sing, to find sanctuary or grieve, for every condition of human life in Christ's name. Amen



GOVERNANCE COUNCIL REPORT

On Sunday 29th October a Parish Service was held at St John's Methven with worship led by Dorothy and her team. The Creation story from Genesis provided a platform for Rev Martin Stewart to share a reflection around identity and where we belong. This connected well with the Annual General Meeting that followed and the chance for questions on the recently shared Discussion Paper about options for the future of our parish. Many questions were posed from some of the 22 people who attended and while no decisions have been made, it is important we keep this momentum going as we look at some of the pathways open to us. To this end, we are suggesting a follow-up discussion time in the coming weeks – a space where we can sit around tables and get some thoughts down on paper. This will be facilitated by Rev Martin Stewart and provide an opportunity for anybody who has an interest in our future to help shape it.

Suggested date and time for a follow-up session is:
Date and time to be confirmed

Representatives nominated from the three congregations for the 2023/24 year are Kay King, Kevin Taylor, Annette Syme from Mayfield/ Staveley; Elsa Hyde, Brian Blackwell, Janet Cuttle (with Allen Redmond as substitute in case of absences) from Methven; Fay Cuttriss, Jenny Logan, Liz Depree from Rakaia. Parish Council will continue to be moderated by Rev Eric Mattock from St Andrew's Ashburton. Please remember these people in your prayers over the coming months as they work hard to represent you and guide the decision-making. This is not an easy task and requires a lot of discernment.

- Plains Parish Council.



PHOTOS FROM SERVICE HELD ON SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER WITH REV. MARTIN STEWART



The Boy with Wings [Sunday 3 December](#) 2:00pm Rakaia Community Project

A puppet and music show for all the family! Held at Rakaia Community Hall *Sponsored by Rakaia Lions*
Free tickets available from Dorothy, Rakaia School, Gold coin donation to the Christmas Appeal for the Local Sharing Shed project. Laughter, tears and thrilling adventure are promised when a young man's epic journey unites with the miracle of Kuaka/Bar-tailed Godwit migration.

All ages welcome. 3027595 for more info

