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# PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023

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### St. Andrew's Rakaia Parish Service held on 30th July with Rev. Hamish Galloway

Many thanks to the folk who were able to attend the Parish Service at St Andrews where our moderator Rev. Hamish Galloway shared his message relating to the Good Samaritan. Thank You to the people who shared in the service and also to our Fujian choir for their Fijian version of "What a Friend we have in Jesus" as well a lively sung blessing at the finish accompanied by young Joseph on the piano. (Short video clip can be found on Facebook/Website as well as more photos)



**Message:** Hamish spoke about the cultural aspect of the bible reading at that time. A half dead person left lying on the road, no one willing to help along comes the Samaritan. Is this what is happening in the churches today? Are the churches dying because of a world of materialism and no need of religion, God. A society that is self-reliant, can fix things themselves. With all the problems our younger folk are dealing with and having to accept and do in most cases but also



causes many mental issues. Last census showed the biggest age group with no connections to religion is 30 - 45. The group of people who we should be reaching out to as Hamish said there is a connection there but how do we connect. s in all past generations the church as had these low times, "The tide has gone out". But we know tides come back in and it will happen, but maybe church will be different. Be prepared. Thankyou Rev Hamish



## PRAYER

God remind us today - and every day- that you value compassion. Help us to be kind and compassionate to those around us.

## PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN NOTICES



**Online Worship** | Here is a link with Cashmere Presbyterian:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBonHRZWNMQ>

**Annual Reports;** For preparation of our Annual Report Booklets please send your Reports to Miranda at [Plainsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:Plainsoffice@gmail.com) by **September 4th**

**Invitation** | The Parish Council and members of St. Andrew's Ashburton invite us to their service at St. Andrew's Ashburton. (Corner Havelock and Park Streets) **When:** 20th August 2023 2:00 pm



**RSVP by 11th August:** 03 3088042 [standrew@ashburton.co.nz](mailto:standrew@ashburton.co.nz)

Click the following link for more info; <http://www.plainspresbyterian.co.nz/?p=2469>

**A congregational meeting** will be held at Mayfield Church on Sunday 27th August after our service at 10.00. Find more info on our website.



**St. Andrew's Rakaia ~ Jam for sale in the foyer! ~**

**Food Sharing Box in the foyer** \*\*Thank you to contributions

**Tuesday 8th August** | 12:00pm **Rakaia Friendship Gathering** Winter meal, Good fellowship, Bring and Buy Stall, Fun Quiz with Karen. Afternoon tea. Warm welcome. Transport available

**Wednesday 9th August** | 10:00 am | **Rakaia Fit Kidz**

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

**Saturday 30th September** **PLANTS 4 U @ RAKAIA** View Facebook for more info

**St. John's Methven** **Tuesday 8th August** **St. John's Brick Club** 3:15 pm.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	10:30 am	<b>St. John's Methven</b> Parish Service Shared Lunch following	Rev. Laurence Ennor
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	9:30 am	<b>St. Andrew's Rakaia</b>	Mr. Colin Price
	10:30 am	<b>St. John's Methven</b> <b>Combined with Staveley &amp; Mayfield</b>	Pastor Paul Eden
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	9:30 am	<b>St. Andrew's Rakaia</b>	Rev. Laurence Ennor
	10:30 am	<b>St. John's Methven</b>	Mr. Colin Price
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	9:30 am	<b>St. Andrew's Rakaia</b>	Online with Kilmarnock
	10:00 am	<b>Trinity Mayfield</b> Combined with St. John's and Staveley	Pastor Paul Eden

For Worship service times up to 17<sup>th</sup> September please visit our Facebook/Website