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# PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World"



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

Thank you Lord, for those who teach us the joys of your creation.  
Help us not to be too busy to see the little everyday wonders that surround us.



Say it with Flowers; Beverley Parkin

Contributed by Dorothy Knight

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	Methven AT ALL SAINTS	
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Laurence Ennor
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven <i>Spring Flower Service</i>	Rev. John Titlow <i>Combined with All Saints</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Online with Kilmarnock
	10:00 am	Trinity Mayfield <i>Combined St Johns and Staveley</i>	Pastor Paul Eden
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Martin Stewart
		<i>Parish Service, AGM to follow service, Shared lunch following AGM</i>	
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Laurence Ennor
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Worship Team
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Linda Cowan
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. John Titlow

## PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN NOTICES

**PLEASE NOTE 2ND PAGE OF NEWSLETTER/ GOVERNANCE REPORT AS WELL AS PHOTOS FROM PLANTS 4 U AT RAKAIA**

**Online Worship** Click the following links for worship at home;

Cashmere Presbyterian: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEsqx6b9NkA>

Hope Presbyterian <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KUj55USjOA>

**St. Andrew's Rakaia PLANTS 4 U held at St. Andrew's Rakaia on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

A big thankyou to all the folk who travelled near and far to support our annual plant sale at Rakaia last Saturday! At 9:00am when Ratu opened the doors there was a rush of eager buyers. Popular items e.g. strawberries, lily bulbs, native plants and hostas soon disappeared but overall all plants sold well. By 11:00am we were able to pack some tables away, but a good selection of plants remained for keen buyers. Many thanks to all our plant providers, particularly, Dave, Sally, Millwood Nursery, Bakker Bulbs, but also to the Rakaia Community and the St Andrews Parishioners. Thanks to Heather for her huge jam making programme. Team work certainly prevailed last week! This is a huge project, even though we have hosted this sale for a number of years, we still need our supporters. A big thankyou to all. Hopefully we can reach our target of \$5500 with some late sales and kind donations. Plains Parish acc 02 0868 0091269 00 - Ref. Plant Fair if you wish to contribute... it would be greatly appreciated. ~ Thankyou - Dorothy Knight  
Photos from the day can be found on 2nd page, our website and Facebook!

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 11:00 am | Rakaia Friendship Gathering**

Fellowship, Sales table, 2 course meal, entertainment with Karen and her fun quiz, afternoon tea. *Welcome to all.*

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 10:00 am | Rakaia Fit Kidz** Welcome all preschoolers!

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

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1:30pm** Euchre!!

**Rakaia Community Project Sunday 3 December 2:00pm** "Boy with Wings"

*Sponsored by Rakaia Lions.*

**St. John's Methven**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October** St. John's Methven to go to ALL SAINTS Methven! 10:30 am

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October** **Spring Flower Service** with Rev. John Titlow at 10:30 am

**St. John's Brick Club**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 3:15pm** After School Building! Need continuous prayers for helpers in the new term as our primary support team lady is not available from here on.



# GOVERNANCE REPORT

At our monthly meeting held at the end of September, we discussed ways we can connect with the whole parish in the lead up to our annual general meeting on Sunday 29 th 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.plainsprebyterian.co.nz](http://www.plainsprebyterian.co.nz)

**Click the following link to view/print discussion paper:**

<http://www.plainsprebyterian.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

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## PLANTS 4 U @ RAKAIA

Held on 30th September, photos from the day!

“Thank you for all the hard work to Dorothy and her helpers for the successful Plant Sale held last Saturday.

**So many lovely plants and happy gardeners. “**

