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PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN PARISH 17TH MARCH 2024

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Online Worship Click the following links for worship at home;

Cashmere Presbyterian: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z82TU7oq72w>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeUvTzlvbVQc>

Online Church Kilmarnock: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPmHnop9DI8>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8sZx_SF1L0

Hope Presbyterian: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0KqUE7qQKcc>

WORSHIP SERVICES



17th March	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia <i>Harvest Thanksgiving</i>	Linda Cowan
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Laurence Ennor
24th March	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Video Church
	10:00 am	Staveley	Pastor Paul Eden
		GOOD FRIDAY	
29th March	9:30 am	St. Mark's Rakaia	<i>Community Service</i>
		EASTER SUNDAY	
31st March	10:00 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia <i>Parish Service</i>	Rev. John Titlow
7th April	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. John Titlow
14th April	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Laurence Ennor
	10:30 am	St. John's at All Saints	Rev. Annette Eggeston

PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN NOTICES

Lent message Click the following link for **Rev. Rose Luxford—Moderator PCANZ FULL Lent Message 2024** <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/lent-message-2024-from-the-moderator>

St. Andrew's Rakaia

THIS SUNDAY Harvest Thanksgiving Project 17th March 9:30 am

Harvest Thanksgiving with Linda Cowan

"Fill a Grocery Bag" Decorate and bring along Thankyou.

Tuesday 19th March

10:00 am **Rakaia Fit Kidz** Welcome all preschool children!

1:00 pm **Steady As You Go** Exercises with Dorothy

St. John's Methven

SUNDAY 10:30 am 17th St. John's Methven with Rev. Laurence Ennor

Staveley

Sunday 24th March Service held at 10:00 am led by Pastor Paul Eden.



The Pruner. There are fields and fields of sunflowers bright and gleaming in the sunlight. They fill the air with an indefinable perfume and the busy humming of the bees. Some of the "younger" flowers hold their heads up high, soaking in the sun. The "older" ones grown heavy and ripe with age, bow down, their faces filled with seeds that will be crushed and broken into oil. Like people crowded together on the terraces at a football match, they sway and turn to get the last of the sunlight. Grapevines too hug the vines, some well pruned, gnarled and twisted, bearing the promise of a good grape harvest. Young vines tenderly trained along the wires and touch hands with neighbours. Some vineyards are choked with weeds, the branches growing long and straggly with clusters of grapes. The plants look neglected. This reminds us of our own spiritual lives. Difficulties and setbacks serve as pruning shears cutting away all our wants but providing our needs. The fruits that are promised are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control....well worth the pain of pruning. Harvest reflection John Chapter 15.