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PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN PARISH 28TH APRIL 2024

Lord, give wisdom to all who seek peace.



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Note * 2nd Page - An everyday prayer for all. —Parish Council Report * Important Also can be found following this link: <https://www.plainspresbyterian.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/NOTICE-6.pdf>

ONLINE WORSHIP Click the following links for worship at home;

Cashmere Presbyterian: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEakZ10IGCQ>

Hope Presbyterian: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wf0Ern4aJNl>

WORSHIP SERVICES

28th April	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Video Church
	10:00 am	Mayfield Trinity	Pastor Paul Eden
<i>Combined with Foothill Churches</i>			
5th May	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Laurence Ennor
<i>Parish Service. Shared Lunch</i>			
12th May	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's AT ALL SAINTS	Rev. Annette Eggelston
19th May	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Video Church
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. John Titlow



PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN NOTICES

St. Andrew's Rakaia

Sunday 28th April 9:30am Video Church. "Peace" Lounge.

Tuesday 30th April

10:00 am **Rakaia Fit Kidz** Welcome all preschoolers

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

Thursday 2nd May Euchre with Norm and Fay. *Welcome.*

Mayfield Trinity

Sunday 28th April 10:00am Service led by Pastor Paul Eden combined with Foothill churches.

St. John's Methven

Sunday 5th May 10:30 am Parish Service with Rev. Laurence Ennor Following Service **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** after service.

Share lunch following



Making Decisions isn't easy, You say that wisdom shines and never fades. That if I love wisdom. I'll see her, If I seek wisdom, I'll find her. That wisdom is right here, with me, ready to be found. That if I look early, I'll know soon enough. Help me to see the possibilities with a clear head, with love in my heart. Help me to wait until I'm ready to choose. Give me faith to trust you and myself.



Wisdom is sitting right here with me. I'm looking right at her. She's shining. And she's looking right back at me. Thankyou Lord, for giving me wisdom.

From Call on me, a prayer book for Young People.



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE FOR 28TH APRIL

A reminder of the parish-wide **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday 5th May, after the 10.30 am service at St John's Methven**. The discussions have happened, we now need to vote on the motion: "That Alpine Presbytery be asked to close Plains Presbyterian Parish in order to pursue new ventures in the region." It will need 2/3rds of the members (including associates) **present at the Congregational Meeting** to be in favour to take this further. Under the PCANZ Book of Order proxy votes are not counted.

It is vitally important that as many of our members and associate members attend this meeting – we currently have 82 people on our roll – it would be great to fill the church! We know some of our members will either be away or are unable to travel to attend. There will be a time in the meeting for their opinions to be heard – just put them on paper and send them to one of your representatives of your local church. Even though absent members cannot vote, their views are wanted and welcomed.

A reminder that your contact people are:

- Methven – Brian Blackwell, Janet Cuttle, Elsa Hyde
- Mayfield/Staveley – Annette Syme, Kay King, Kevin Taylor
- Rakaia – Fay Cuttriss, Jenny Logan, Liz Depree.

Parish Council acknowledges we are at a crossroads in the life of Plains Presbyterian – to do something new we need your support.

The Goal:

To maintain and grow a meaningful and sustainable Christian presence in the Mid Canterbury region.

The Vision:

To craft something new while continuing to provide ongoing ministry and worship to existing Plains parishioners that is not Ashburton-based.

Liz and Annette

Click the link following for a printable version of Rev. John Titlow's Prayer he composed for our Parish to pray daily:

<https://www.plainspresbyterian.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Parish-Prayer.pdf>

HEAVENLY FATHER,

Thank You for the privilege of calling You Father. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit so that we can be adopted into Your family. We ask that you send Your Holy Spirit today so that we will know You better through our Lord Jesus, Your true Son.

Thank You for Your promise that You will build Your church. We ask that You rebuild Your churches within Plains Presbyterian Parish. Strengthen us, guide us, and give us ways to share the burdens and privileges of being Your people, so that we may be able to live and grow in this place.

We ask that You free us from putting so much effort into maintaining our buildings that we lose sight of You, each other and Your call to take the Good News of Jesus to our community.

Thank You for hearing our prayers.
We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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