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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/2024/05/Parish-Update-Final-Flow-Chart.pdf>

ONLINE WORSHIP Click the following links for worship at home;

Cashmere Presbyterian: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VxZXbSu0jxo>

WORSHIP SERVICES

5th May	10:30 am	St. John's Methven Parish Service MEETING FOLLOWING Shared Lunch Following	Rev. Laurence Ennor
12th May	9:30 am 10:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia St. John's AT ALL SAINTS	Rev. John Titlow Rev. Annette Eggelston
19th May	9:30 am 10:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia St. John's Methven	Video Church Rev. John Titlow
26th May	9:30 am 10:00 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia Staveley Combined Foothill churches	Rev. Laurence Ennor Pastor Paul Eden



PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN NOTICES

[To print Worship Services for May click HERE](#)

St. Andrew's Rakaia

Tuesday 7th May

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

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

Thursday 16th May Euchre with Norm and Fay. *Welcome.*

St. John's Methven

Sunday 5th May

10:30 am Parish Service with Rev. Laurence Ennor

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Following Service | *Shared lunch following.*



For our Parish Church Service & Congregational Meeting.

Holy Spirit of God, guide and surround us with your presence during this time. Let us pray with conviction, speak in love, listen patiently and without prejudice, support one another, and exercise perception and wisdom. Let us ensure we follow through on all our decisions. May we - look forward with hope, obey your call to serve, and share with others as members of Christ's body. In order to strengthen and affirm the community in which we live and work. Amen.

The Shepherd's Call; Bill Bennett.





PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE—CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 5/5

**A reminder of our Congregational Meeting this coming Sunday, 5th May
Following the 10.30 am parish service at St John's Methven.**

It is important that people attend this to not only clarify the outcomes of a 'yes' vote or 'no' vote on the resolution: "That Alpine Presbytery be asked to close Plains Presbyterian Parish in order to pursue new ventures in the region" but also to be part of the decision-making process.

Moving forward in a new direction is often scary with unknown futures – but we have been talking about our buildings for over two years (see flow chart below). *Parish Council see this as an opportunity to move on together sure in the knowledge we have a faithful God behind us.*

PROCESS FROM 2022 – 2024 – Parish Council

Detailed Seismic Assessments (DSA's) commissioned on all seven buildings in Plains Parish



Seismic ratings changed from initial seismic assessments (ISA's) in 2013/2016



Four of the seven buildings did not reach the 67% threshold required by CPT. Low ratings ranged from 35% to 40%



Quantity Surveyors costed out \$1.8 - \$2 million required for repairs and maintenance (in 2023)



2023 brought about inflated insurance bill – more than doubled from 2022 – 2023



Applied to Alpine for an exemption for Mayfield – asked to consider whole parish solution with only 40 regular worshippers over entire parish, we cannot afford to repair buildings from current reserves and regular giving. Our total roll is 82 members and associates, with 70% over 65.



By accepting Presbytery leadership, we get to retain our localised worship groups plus .5 ministry for 5 years, unencumbered by property problems.

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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