

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