#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW’S GISBORNE**

***Matawhero Church – Church Lane***

***St Andrew’s Church and Community Centre:***

***176 Cobden Street, Gisborne***

***30 April 2023 Easter 4***

***We welcome all visitors to our service this morning.***

***Please sign the Visitors’ Book and make yourself known to the Hosts who stand at the back of the church.***

***A toilet is located in the foyer.***

***In our worship we use inclusive language as much as possible. Sometimes, especially in the hymns, this is not possible. Feel free to insert the language with which you are most comfortable.***

***BOLDED WORDS are for congregational response.***

***Where there is an asterisk \* please stand.***

>>Leader: Welcome: Mike

>>Leader: Heavenly Father, be our watchman and our companion as we share in this service of prayer and praise this morning. We meet as family in Your presence, brothers and sisters in Christ, accepting the responsibility this places upon us - to love one another as you have loved us. We meet as your lights in this dark world, and pray that through our words and our lives, others might be drawn into your family, and accept you as their Saviour and Lord. Amen.

**\*\*NOTICES** Lynnor

**>>Share the hand of Peace:** Mike

**Introit and entry of Bible and Christ Candle**:Saviour like a shepherd

CH2 554 Tune Dismissal CH2 678

**Saviour, like a shepherd lead us: much we need your tender care;**

**in your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your folds prepare:**

**blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! you have bought us; yours we are.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! you have bought us, yours we are.**

***Call to Worship*** (Psalm 23)

The Lord *is* my shepherd;  
I shall not [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+23&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-14237a)]want.

**He makes me to lie down in [**[**b**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+23&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-14238b)**]green pastures;  
 He leads me beside the [**[**c**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+23&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-14238c)**]still waters.**

He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
 I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me;  
 Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.  
 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
 All the days of my life;**

**And I will [**[**d**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+23&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-14242d)**]dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** Spirit of the living God CH4 619,620

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| 1. **Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,**   **Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me:**  **break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.**  **Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**  **2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all;**  **make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:**  **humble, caring, selfless, sharing.**  **Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.**  ***Words and Music Daniel Iverson V1; Michael Baughen 3 SGP 98*** |  |  |

Sentence of the Day

***The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia.***

Leader: Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

ALL: **Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

**Segment for the children**

**Hymn**: Longing for light *T. Christ be our Light CH4 543*

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**

**Longing for truth, we turn to you.**

**Make us your own, your holy people,**

**Light for the world to see.**

***Refrain***

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your Church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.**

**Longing for hope, many despair.**

**Your word alone has power to save us.**

**Make us your living voice.**

**Longing for food, many are hungry.**

**Longing for water, many still thirst.**

**Make us your bread, broken for others,**

**Shared until all are fed.**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.**

**Longing for warmth, many are cold.**

**Make us your building, sheltering others,**

**Walls made of living stone.**

**Many the gifts, many the people,**

**Many the hearts that yearn to belong.**

**Let us be servants to one another,**

**Making your kingdom come.**

Leader: *Together we pray ....,*

ALL: **Great and Wonderful are your deeds, O Lord God almighty: just and true are your ways O Sovereign of the nations. Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord?; for you alone are holy.**

**All nations shall come and worship in your presence: for your just dealings have been revealed. to the one who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb: be blessing and honour, glory and might for ever and ever. Amen.** Revelation 15.3, 4

Leader: E te whanau a te Karaiti / Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us praise and worship God who has called us together. Let us celebrate God's majesty, and delight in the wonder of God's love.

ALL: **Together we shall confess our sins and receive assurance that we are forgiven. ..........**

Leader: As the scriptures are read, we can allow God’s word to speak to us, and ponder its meaning for our lives. In our prayers, we give thanks for God’s goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ’s service.

All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: : Hear these words of scripture........ If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.. If we confess our sins, God is just and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong

ALL: **Spirit of God, search our hearts**.

Leader:  Let us, in silence, remember our need for God’s forgiveness.

*Silence*

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: **God of mercy, we have sinned against you and against others. We have sinned in what we have done, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, forgive us all that is past and raise us to newness of life. Amen.**

Leader Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive our sins, strengthen us by the Holy Spirit, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Ministry of the Word

Leader: O come let us sing to the Lord,

All: **let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.**

Leader: We sing to you, O God, and bless your name.

All: **and tell of your salvation from day to day**.

Leader: We proclaim your glory to the nations,

All: **your praise to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: Let’s say together *..*

ALL : **Good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold; feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, where you reign one God for ever. Amen.**

Reader: . *First Reading is from:* Acts 2: 42-47

John 10: 1-10

Bidding: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

**Response:** **Thanks be to God**

Leader: We continue together .......:

You Are Worthy

**1 You are worthy, our Lord and God: to receive glory and honour and power, 2 for you have created all things: and by your will they were created and have their being.**

**3 You are worthy O Christ, for you were slain: and by your blood have ransomed us for God, 4 ransomed us from every tribe and people and nation: and made us a royal house of priests to our God.**

**5 To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb: be blessing and honour, glory and might, forever and ever. Amen.**

Reader: . *The Second Reading is from:* John 10: 1-10

**Reflection**

**Anthem:** Autumn comes in all its fullness HS 8 Bill Wallace

Autumn comes in all its fullness

harvesting both land and hearts.

Autumn has its birth in winter

in the stillness where life starts.

*Every death brings hope of birthing,*

*every birth enfolds life’s end,*

*for the seasons of our living*

*mirror patterns nature penned.*

Autumn gives us time for choosing

seeds which bear the richest fruits,

fragile life which we can nurture

into just or vain pursuits.

Buried in autumnal endings

lies the shoot that bursts the tomb,

for the letting go in autumn

sows the seed that births the bloom.

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Offering

**Note:** The offering is now received at the door as we enter. If you miss noticing this, you may place a retiring offering in the offering boxes at the door as you leave.

Leader: *All things have their origin with you, Lord, and from these riches we freely give, that your church may grow again here in this community through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*.

*(Pg 10)* Thanksgiving and Intercessions

Leader: Make your ways known upon the earth

ALL: **your saving power among ALL peoples**

Leader: Renew your church in holiness

ALL: **and help us to serve you with joy**.

Leader: Guide the leaders of this and every nation

ALL: **that justice may prevail throughout the world**.

Leader: Let not the needy, Oh God, be forgotten,

ALL: **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Leader: Make us instruments of your peace,

ALL: **and let your glory be over all the earth**

Leader: We pray for the Church, the World and for ourselves giving thanks for God’s goodness...

Leader: (As our Saviour has taught us we pray, singing) WB 61

ALL: **Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be your name,**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are your now and forever. Amen.**

Leader: /ALL: *(Let us say together)*: **In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Hymn:**

**Now thank we all our God,**

**with heart and hands and voices,**

**who wondrous things has done,**

**in whom this world rejoices, -**

**who, from our mothers’ arms,**

**has blessed us on our way**

**with countless gifts of love,**

**and still is ours today.**

**May you, O bounteous God**

**through all our life be near us,**

**with ever-joyful hearts**

**and blessed peace to cheer us,**

**and keep us in your grace,**

**and guide us when perplexed,**

**and free us from all ills**

**in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God**

**our Maker now be given,**

**to Christ, and Spirit too,**

**our help in highest heaven, -**

**the one, eternal God,**

**whom earth and heaven adore,**

**for thus it was, is now,**

**and shall be evermore.**

All: **Kia tau ki a totou katoa**

**Te atawhai o to tatou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti.**

**Me te aroha o te Atua**

**Me whiwhingatahitanga ki te wairua tapu**

**Ake, ake ake, Amine**

**The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ**

**The love of God**

**And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit**

**Be with us all, now and forever.**

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*(The congregation is sent out with these words.)*

Leader: We go now to love and serve the Lord. Let us go in peace.

ALL: Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

***Sing***: 3-fold Amen CH4#819

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and friendship and a cup of tea or coffee in the lounge of the Community Centre next door*

**Leader:** Mike Coyle **Minister*s:*** *All the people*

**Reader:** Lynnor Cooke **Organist:** Paul Pollock

**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 30** **EASTER 4 Mike Coyle**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s** **combined Service**

**Matawhero – no service**

Monday 1 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 2 10.00am Open Door All welcome tbc

Wednesday 39.45am mainly music

Thursday 4 2.30pm Leighton House Service tbc

**2.30pm Parish Council**

Friday 5 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

**SUNDAY 7** **EASTER 5 Val Hall (Coronation weekend)**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s** **combined communion Service**

**Matawhero – no service**

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**Please remember** donations for the Love basket. Breakfast cereals very welcome

**Coming up:** 4 June Combined Service at Mangapapa with PCANZ Moderator.

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 30 April  Easter 4  Mike Coyle | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Lynnor Cooke | **Seton Clare**  Jean Hillyard  Jenny Lawton | Paulina Melief  Trish Kwak | S: Hans Kwak  V:. Don McC  C Hans Kwak |
| 7 May  Easter 5  Val Hall  St A’s communion  Coronation wkd | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Alvin Hall | **Pat Smith**  Linda Savage  Alvin Hall | Ruth McLennan  Dianne Burrows | S: Hans Kwak  V:. Linda Svage  C Hans Kwak |

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