#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

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***3 September 2023 Pentecost 14***



As parents feel for their children,  
    God feels for those who fear him.

**Psalm 103: 13 (The Message)**

***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 \* you are invited to stand.***

**Prelude**

**Welcome, News and Information**

**Entry of Bible, Candle-lighting and Introit** Just as a father shows his love CH4 69 vv1,3 CH4 69 Tune Kilmarnock

**Just as a father shows his love**

**to all his children dear,**

**so God bestows his love on those**

**who worship him in fear.**

**3. A wind blows, and a flower is gone,**

**its place is known no more;**

**but all the kindness of the Lord**

**for ever shall endure.**

Invitation to place photos/mementos of our Dads on the table and when you do this please tell me your Dad’s name.

**Call to Worship**

Let us praise those men who have ‘fathered’ us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to come fathers: may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

**\*First hymn**: Faith of our fathers (adapted)

Tune Tynemouth (St Catherine’s) CH4 728

**Faith of our fathers, living still**

**In spite of danger, fire and sword.**

**O how our hearts beat high with joy**

**When e’re we hear your glorious word.**

**Chorus**

**Faith of our fathers, Holy faith!**

**We will be true to you till death.**

**Faith of our fathers Faith and prayer.**

**We pray all nations come to see**

**That through the truth which comes from God**

**All people shall be truly free.**

**Chorus**

**Faith of our fathers! We will love**

**Both friend and foe in all our strife**

**And show your love as you have taught**

**By kindly words and Christian life.**

**Chorus**

Prayer: Psalm 103

L: With all my heart I praise the Lord

**C: And with all that I am I praise His holy name**

L: With all my heart I praise the Lord

**C: I will never forget how kind he has been**

L; The Lord forgives our sins

**C: Heals us when we are sick and protects us from death.**

L: His kindness and love are a crown on our heads

**C: Each day that we live, he provides for our needs and gives**

**us strength.**

L: The Lord is merciful. He is kind and patient and his love never fails.

**Childrens Chat**:

**\*Second hymn**: Loving Spirit WB 48. 5 verses Tune: Omni Die

**1. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,**

**you have chosen me to be -**

**you have drawn me to your wonder,**

**you have set your sign on me.**

**2. Like a mother, you enfold me,**

**hold my life within your own,**

**feed me with your very body,**

**form me of your flesh and bone.**

**3. Like a father, you protect me,**

**teach me the discerning eye,**

**hoist me up upon your shoulder,**

**let me see the world from high.**

**4. Friend and lover, in your closeness**

**I am known and held and blessed:**

**in your promise is my comfort,**

**in your presence I may rest.**

**5. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,**

**you have chosen me to be -**

**you have drawn me to your wonder,**

**you have set your sign on me.**

Reading: Ephesians 6 v 1-4, 18 & 23-24. Using CEV

“ Children, you belong to the Lord, and you do the right thing when you obey your parents. The first commandment with a promise says, ‘Obey your father and your mother, and you will have a long and happy life.’

Parents, don’t be hard on your children. Raise them properly. Teach them and instruct them about the Lord.

Never stop praying, especially for others. Always pray by the power of the Spirit. Stay alert and keep praying for God’s people.

Pray that God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will give peace, love and faith to every follower! May God be kind to everyone who keeps on loving our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Reflection: The Divine Key

Anthem: ‘This is my Fathers world’ **PCC 328**  
1. This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
God’s hand these wonders wrought.

2. This is my Maker’s world; the birds their carols raise;  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker’s praise.  
This is my Maker’s world: God shines in all that’s fair;  
In the rustling grass God’s footsteps pass;  
God speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Saviour’s world. O let me not forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Saviour’s world: The battle is not done;  
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav’n be one.

Words Mabbie D Babcock alt. Music English Trad.

**Intercessory Prayer**

**Offering and \*Dedication:**

*The offering is now received at the door as we enter. If you missed noticing this, you may place a retiring offering into the offering boxes at the door as you leave. Our dedication covers all our acts of giving:*

**\*God - we praise and thank you for who you are and what you have done for us. Thank you that we are able to provide food and money for the continuation of your work. Amen**

**\*Communion hymn** Now to your table spread WB 58 Verses 1 & 3

1. **Now to your table spread we come, each one, in faith**

**that you alone provide the words of life and death:**

**In wine and bread, in promised food**

**we find your loving heart, O God.**

1. **Here is our common wealth in sharing what is good**

**as though all human kind around one table stood,**

**this bread to break, this wine to taste –**

**one people in the name of Christ.**

**Communion** Version C

**\*Final hymn** The journey of life WB 33 WOV 670

**The journey of life may be easy, may be hard  
There’ll be danger on the way  
With God at my side, I’ll do battle as I ride  
‘Gainst the foe that would lead me astray**

**Chorus**

**Will you ride, ride, ride With the King of Kings,**

**Will you follow my leader true;**

**Will you shout Hosanna To the lowly Son of God,**

**Who died for me and you?**

**My burden is light and a song is in my heart  
As I travel on life’s way  
For God is in heaven and he’s given me his word  
That by my side he’ll stay**

**Chorus**

**I’ll follow my leader wherever he may go,**

**For Jesus is my Friend**

**He’ll lead me on to the place where he has gone**

**when I come to my journey’s end.**

**Chorus**

**\*Benediction** –

**May the eternal word and love of God bless our lives today and always with steadfast faithfulness.**

**\*3-fold Amen**

**Ministers*:*** *All the people*

**Leader:** *Ruth McLennan* **Communion Celebrant:** *Pat Flockhart*

**Organist:** *Paul Pollock* **Choir**

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

**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 3** **PENTECOST 14**

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

**Ruth McLennan, with celebrant: Pat Flockhart**

**Matawhero– No service**

Monday 4 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 5 10.00am Open Door All welcome

Wednesday 69.45am mainly music

Thursday 7 3.30 Kids’ Café

Friday 8 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 9 8.00-11.30am Car Boot Sale

**SUNDAY 10** **PENTECOST 15**

**10.00am St Andrew’s Sr. Cynthia Kearney**

**Matawhero– No service**

**Coming up: The AGM is on 24th September.**

**Mindful Prayer topics:** World Peace; Climate Extremes; Families & Friends – health & relationships. GPP. Thanks to God for continuing guidance and love.

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**Please remember** donations for the Love basket when shopping. All offerings gratefully received.

As you will have read in the recent *Signpost* Val and Pat are offering Home Communion and they need an Elder to be present.

Any Elders willing to assist, please phone or email Val Hall.

With blessings from the Pastoral Committee

For all Pastoral care needs please contact one of the committee members:

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 3 September  Pentecost 14  Communion  Ruth & Pat F | **Matawhero**  No Service  **St Andrew’s**  Jennifer McDonald | **Pat Flockhart**  Jenny Lawton,  Sarah McConnochie | Wendy Morris  Trish Kwak | S: Hans  V: Linda  C: Don |
| 10 September  Pentecost 15  Sr Cynthia Kearney  Celebration | **Matawhero**  No Service  **St Andrew’s**  Marion Goodwn | **Seton Clare**  Dianne Burrows, Pat Smith | Val Hall, Pat Flockhart | S: Hans  V: Don  C: Hans |

**St Andrew’s Communion Elders 3 September: ALVIN HALL, JAN GORDON, Seton Clare, Cathy Porter**

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