#### GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### *5 November 2023 Pentecost 23*

#### A pink rose on a white book  Description automatically generated

***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.***

*We gather together as the people of God*

Prelude

**Welcome and Notices Colleen**

*(Offerings placed in the Offering bags as you come in)*

Today we are going to acknowledge the gifts that we have.

These gifts are many and varied just like us.

Some are known to others whilst some are given in a quiet and unassuming way.

We bring these gifts and ask God to give us the grace to be able to love and share His blessings with everyone.

*Winter* by Catherine Chrisp from *Conversations with Sophia* **Colleen**

Silent preparation

**Introit** In the quiet of this day FF37 v1,5

In the quiet of this day,

in the safety of this place,

Holy Presence, hear me pray,

soothe my spirit with your peace.

*Alleluia, allelu, alleluia, allelu,*

*Alleluia, allelu Alleluia, allelu,*

*Shirley Murray*

**GATHERING Colleen**

Giver of every good and undeserved blessing,

Once again, we unwrap with expectation the gift of this place;

This building formed by human hands, but filled with God,

This centre of healing, love, exploration, and shared life**.**

**We thank you, generous God, for the gift of this place.**

Once again, we embrace with hope the gift of this time;

These sacred moments called from our brief lives week by week,

And filled with eternity;

This momentary joining of journeys.

**We thank you, generous God, for the gift of this time.**

Once again, we join ourselves with you, our God, and with each other,

Through our worship,

Through these prayers and these praises,

Through these lives and their love

And wrapped in this time and this place

We make of ourselves a gift to you.

**May this offering fill your heart with joy**

**As we rejoice in you, our God. Amen.**

\***Hymn**: God, who births us fully gifted HS51 Tune Regent Square

 CH4 110 Rob Ferguson

**God who births us fully gifted,**

**Offerings of love we bring;**

**now we mark a new beginning**

**hear us as our hopes we sing.**

**Pastor, people, friends, companions,**

**gathered, to God’s grace we cling**

**God who crafted life abundant,**

**all are called to honour you,**

**office, pulpit, speaking, writing,**

**ministries of all we do.**

**Pastor, people, friends, companions,**

**gathered, gifts to serve renew.**

**God who walked the way before us,**

**walk beside us as we go.**

**Stranger, friend in joy or sadness,**

**we will share the love we know.**

**Pastor, people, friends, companions,**

**scattered, God’s great hope we’ll show.**

**Prayer:** Tzedekah (Justice) from Psalms Down-under by Joy Cowley

 **Lynnor**

**Celebration: Colleen**

 **Celebrations today, may God bless you, we pray**

 **Live for Jesus dear people. May he guide you each day.**

**Sharing our gifts**

 Four Haiku by Bev Smith read by Norman Maclean

HAIKU

Submerged memories

Rise to the surface like fish

After dragonflies

Petrified forest

Gravestone of another age

Memento of time

Hibiscus flowers

Uniform in red and green

Command attention

Random thoughts and woes

Are like undisciplined weeds

Growing in our souls

**Beverley Smith**

*Compassion* a Haibun by Benita Kape

**Haibun- Compassion**

**I chose her because she is a spreading rose requiring space in both width and height. Her health is demonstrated by shiny, dark green leaves, which growth, when new, is a rewarding bronze-red. Soft, pink apricot, beautifully shaped her flowers, and gloriously perfumed. Hers’ is a sturdy stem. It is she who makes me humble as I tend this corner of the garden.**

**In all manner and style**

 **The spread of a rose**

**Compassion.**

 **Benita Kape**

**Love** by Chrissie Parker read by Cathy Porter

**\*Hymn:** God, companion of our journey HS32 Tune Cross of Christ WOV 72ii

**God, companion of our journey,
        help in times of dark despair,
comforter in times of sadness,
    present in the joy we share.

Thanks we give for each new challenge,
    praise we sing for this new start.
Guide us in the path we’ve chosen,
    may your love-song fill our heart.

All creation bows before you,
    conscious of the life you give.
May aroha unify us,
    God in whom we move and live.

Take our lives and use our talents;
    give us freedom to explore
all the ways that we may serve you,
    trust and love you ever more.**

Jocelyn Marshall

**Scripture Readings**:

**Exodus 7:19-21 New International Version Sally**

**19**The Lord said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over the streams and canals, over the ponds and all the reservoirs—and they will turn to blood.’ Blood will be everywhere in Egypt, even in vessels[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus%207%3A19-21&version=NIV#fen-NIV-1705a)] of wood and stone.”

**20**Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood. **21**The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt.

# Mark 6:1-6 New International Version Lynnor

### A Prophet Without Honour

**6**Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. **2**When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? **3**Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MARK+++++6%3A+++++1+++-++6&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24411a)] Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

**4**Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” **5**He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. **6**He was amazed at their lack of faith.

### Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

# Mark 8:22-25 New International Version Gina

### Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida

**22**They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. **23**He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man’s eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, “Do you see anything?”

**24**He looked up and said, “I see people; they look like trees walking around.”

**25**Once more Jesus put his hands on the man’s eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

**Hymn: As sisters, brothers, called by Christ** HS 5

**As sisters, brothers, called by Christ**

**to serve his church on earth,**

**give us your gifts of wisdom, grace,**

**respect for human worth.**

**Give us the gift of charity**

**that seeks the other’s good,**

**the out-stretched hand of fellowship,**

**accepted, understood.**

**Give us the courage to stand firm**

**for principles held dear,**

**but open minds to seek new truths**

**and question without fear.**

**From different cultures we are drawn,**

**in differing tongues we speak;**

**but unified by Christ we stand,**

**the strong to help the weak.**

**As members of one family**

**are bonded yet unique,**

**accept our individual skills,**

**direct the path we seek.**

**May we show forth by word and deed**

**Christ’s attributes and care,**

**that others may be drawn to him**

**and in his church may share.**

**Reflection: Norman Maclean**

**Anthem – Choir:** This thread I weave FFS 65

This thread I weave, this step I dance,

this stone I carve, this ball I bounce,

this nail I drive, this pearl I string,

this flag I wave, this note I sing,

this pot I shape, this fire I light,

this fence I leap, this bone I knit,

this seed I nurse, this rift I mend,

this child I raise, this earth I tend,

this word I write, this march I join

this faith I state, this truth I sign –

this is small part, in one small place,

of one heart’s beat for one great Peace.

**Offering (Note:** *The offering is now received at the door as we enter. If you missed noticing this, you may make a retiring offering as you leave.)*

**\*Doxology:** Please stand and sing as offering is brought forward. C**olleen**

 Take my gifts v3 WB73; AA127

 **Take whatever I can offer -**

 **gifts that I have yet to find,**

 **skills that I am slow to sharpen,**

 **talents of the hand and mind,**

 **things made beautiful for others**

 **in the place where I must be:**

 **take my gifts and let me love you,**

 **God who first of all loved me.**

 **Shirley Murray, Colin Gibson**

**\*Dedication We pray together: Colleen**

**God, we thank you for all your gifts to us.**

**Bless the offerings we bring**

**And bless us as we seek to serve you. Amen**

.**Intercessory Prayer and Lord’s Prayer: Colleen**

Bidding: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above

Response: **We are thankful for God’s love**

 **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,**

 **your kingdom come, your will be done,**

 **on earth as in heaven.**

 **Give us today 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 yours now and forever**.

\***Hymn:** Let us talents and tongues employ WB37 WOV 658

**Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

 **Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**
 Words by: Fred Kaan, 1975 Music by: Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

\***Say The Grace together: Colleen**

**\*3-fold Amen**

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and friendship over a cup of tea or coffee as you enjoy the display of talents in the Hall*

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

**Mindful Prayer topics:** 5th & 12th Nov 2023

The Israel/Palestine conflict; The moderator's visit 11/12th November; Commemoration of the Matawhero Tragedy. GPP and the road ahead. Friends and friendship.

Mindful Prayer contact Margaret Graham ph. 021 026 03990 or email m.n.e.gra@xtra.co.nz

**Leprosy Mission appeal:** Last year the Parish made a gift to CWS for the purchase of garden equipment for overseas poor communities.

This year the council have agreed to pay $100 for the purchase of 10 sandals for those who have been disabled by leprosy.

**Coming up:**

**Weekend of 11 and 12 November:** Visit of Rt Rev Rose Luxford, Moderator, PCANZ, celebrating 150 years of Presbyterianism in Tairawhiti and commemorating the 155th anniversary of the Matawhero Tragedy. Meeting and Pot-luck meal 5pm Friday 10th in the lounge (see below))

**Saturday 18 November 10am – 3pm:** Worship Workshop at Matawhero with Rev. Dr Clive Yates. Bring and share lunch, tea/coffee and

bread rolls will be provided.

**Sunday 26 November:**  A nod to St Andrew’s day. Wear tartan and stay for a pot-luck lunch after the service

**Sunday 17 December** Lessons and Carols for Christmas. All-comers choir rehearsals on Tuesdays from 7th November 7-8pm St Andrew’s church

# Moderator’s Visit 10-12 November

The Right Rev Rose Luxford

# *is visiting our region on the Weekend of 11 and 12 November to celebrate 150 years of Presbyterianism in Tairawhiti and commemorating the 155th anniversary of the Matawhero Tragedy.*

# 5pm Friday 10 November meeting and Potluck dinner in the lounge

# 2pm Saturday 11 November Matawhero: service of commemoration.

# 10am Sunday 12 November St Andrews: combined communion service celebrating the sesquicentenary of Presbyterian Worship in the Tairawhiti region.

**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 5** **PENTECOST** 23 OR All Saints **Talent Service** **Celebration** and Guardian Angel **service**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s Norman Maclean**

**11am – 2pm Talent Display in Hall**

 **Matawhero** No service

Monday 6 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 7 10.00am Open Door

 7-8pm Lessons and Carols choir rehearsal

Wednesday 89.45am mainly music

Friday 10 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 11 8am-11.30 Car Boot Sale

2pm **Combined Presbytery service Matawhero** **with the Right Rev. Rose Luxford, Moderator, PCANZ** commemorating the 155th anniversary of Matawhero Tragedy

**SUNDAY 12** **PENTECOST 24 with the Right Rev Rose Luxford,**

 **celebrating Tairawhiti Presbyterian sesquicentenary**

**10.00am** **St. Andrew’s**– Combined **Presbytery Communion service**

 Matawhero **– no service**

As you will have read in the recent *Signpost* Val Hall and Pat Flockhart are offering Home Communion, and they need an Elder to be present. Any Elders willing to assist, please phone or email Val Hall.

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

Jenny Lawton  868 4268; Ruth McLennan 021 02704867; Jan Gordon 0211836008 Annette Ormiston 0275535028 Barbara Larsen 863-9009

With blessings from the Pastoral Committee

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 5 NovemberPentecost 23Talent service Norman Maclean | **Matawhero**No service**St Andrew’s** Gina Hughes - | **Chrissie Parker**Alvin Hall, Cathy Porter |  Pat FlockhartTrish Kwak | S:HansV:LindaC:Hans |
| 12 NovemberPentecost 24Rt Rev Rose Luxford | **Matawhero**No service**St Andrew’s** Various  | **Pat Flockhart**Linda Savage Dianne Burrows | Ruth McLennanJenny Lawton | S:HansV:AlanC:Don |

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