

# **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

*Matawhero Church – Church Lane  
St Andrew’s Church and Community Centre:  
176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

***11 August 2024***

***Pentecost 12***

*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.*

**Welcome to this service. Please make yourself comfortable in the Side Chapel.**

## **News and Information**

**Opening prayer – Ruth (adapted from Julian of Norwich)**

### **\*Hymn**

- 1. God has given us a Book full of stories,  
which was made for his people of old,  
it begins with the tale of a garden,  
and ends with the city of gold.** *The story of Jesus*
- 2. But the best is the story of Jesus,  
of the babe with the ox in the stall,  
of the song that was sung by the angels,  
the most beautiful story of all.**
- 3. There are stories for parents and children,  
for the old who are ready to rest,  
but for all who can read them or listen,  
the story of Jesus is best.**

4. For it tells how he came from the Father,  
his far-away children to call,  
to bring the lost sheep to their Shepherd,  
the most beautiful story of all.

## **Introduction – Ruth**

### **Sharing time in groups**

#### **\*Hymn - ‘Your words to me are life and health’**

**Your words to me are life and health;  
pour strength into my soul;  
enable, guide and teach my heart  
to reach its perfect goal.**

**Your words to me are light and truth:  
from day to day they show  
their wisdom, passing earthly lore,  
as in their truth I grow.**

**Your words to me are full of joy,  
of beauty, peace and grace;  
from them I learn your blessed will,  
through them I see your face.**

**Your words are perfected in one,  
yourself, the living Word;  
within my heart your image print  
in clearest lines, O Lord.** *Methodist HB 216 or MHB 1933 edn 857*

#### **\*Blessing of offering – Ruth**

**\*Benediction** (All say) –

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

**We are thankful for the gift of Your word  
in the form of the Holy Bible.**

**May it continue to be a lantern to our feet, a light to our path,  
and strength to our lives. AMEN**

**Ministers:** *All the people in Christ*    **Leader:** *Ruth McLennan*

**Readers:** The people

**Organist** *David Russell*

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

**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.

**Mindful Prayer topics:** August 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2024. Global tensions. Those in  
Hospice care; their families and friends. Those undergoing surgery and  
recovery; families and caregivers. Family dynamics. GPP and difficult  
decisions. “God is our refuge and our strength” Psalm 46

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Christian Blind Mission accepts used stamps. Send directly to them or Val  
Hall.        (Leprosy Mission no longer accepts stamps)

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

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:

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With blessings from the Pastoral Committee

## DIARY

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>PENTECOST 12</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St. Andrew's Ruth McLennan</b>
				<b>Matawhero – no Service</b>
Monday	12	9.00am		Walking Group
Tuesday	13	10.00am		Open Door All welcome
		1.30pm		Ryman Service
Wednesday	14	9.45am		mainly music
		3.00pm		Te Wiremu Service
Thursday	15	3.30pm		Dunblane Rest Home Service
Friday	16	1.00pm		Choir rehearsal
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>PENTECOST 13</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Matawhero Hall Service</b>
				<b>St. Andrew's – no Service</b>
			<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Gisborne Concert Band concert</b>

**Coming up:**

**Saturday 5 September – Parish Garage Sale.** Start sorting saleable goods.

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
11 <sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 12 Ruth McLennan	<u><b>Matawhero</b></u> No service <u><b>St Andrew's</b></u> The people	<u><b>Seton Clare</b></u> Linda Savage Marilyn Matthews	Paulina Melief	S&V: Don C:Don
18 <sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 13 Barbara Larsen	<u><b>Matawhero</b></u> Wendy Johnston <u><b>St Andrew's</b></u> No service	<u><b>Matawhero</b></u> <u><b>Team</b></u>	Matawhero Team	S&V: N/A C:N/A

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