#### GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### *12 November 2023 Pentecost 24 Celebrating the Sesquicentenary of Presbyterians in Tairawhiti*

#### *Welcome to The Right Rev Rose Luxford,*

#### *Moderator PCANZ*

#### Click for Matawhero Historic Church Information

#### Click for St Andrew’s Church Gisborne Information

***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** Ruth McLennan

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

**Introit** Beautiful Presence V1 HS9

Beautiful presence, how can we name you?  
Words are too small for the one who is all.  
How can we speak of your gentleness in us,  
the warmth of our hearts in response to your call?  
Refrain:  
  
Beautiful presence, ocean of love,  
strong as forever, soft as a dove.  
Words often fail us, but this we know true,  
you live within us as we live in you.

Call to Worship: - led by Monty Copeland

Tena koutou katoa. E te whanau, a te Karaiti

# Welcome to worship everyone

# It is good to be here

# We have come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, from the past and the present, to join together in worship today

**We have come to affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good, and that it comes from God**

# We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ, as we travel life’s journey

**We find God in the paths of our present and our past, but we**

**also trust in God’s love in our future**

# The same God guides us all the way, every day of our lives

#### We praise God with our whole hearts,

#### and entrust our lives to God’s hands

So let us worship God!

**Yes! Let us worship God!**

Prayer of approach, confession and assurance of forgiveness:

**\*Hymn**: ‘O God our help in ages past’ CH4 161

**O God, our help in ages past**

**Our hope for years to come**

**Our shelter from the stormy blast**

**And our eternal home**

**Under the shadow of thy throne**

**Thy saints have dwelt secure**

**Sufficient is thine arm alone**

**And our defence is sure**

**Before the hills in order stood**

**Or earth received her frame**

**From everlasting thou art God**

**To endless years the same**

**A thousand ages in thy sight**

**Are like an evening gone**

**Short as the watch that ends the night**

**Before the rising sun**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream**

**Bears all its sons away**

**They fly forgotten as a dream**

**Dies at the opening day**

**O God, our help in ages past**

**Our hope for years to come**

**Be thou our guard while troubles last**

**And our eternal home**!

[I Watts]

**Celebrating 150 years:**

Prayers: Different parishes

**\*Hymn:**  ‘One more step along the world I go’ CH4 530

One more step along the world I go

One more step along the world I go

From the old things to the new

Keep me travelling along with you

*And it’s from the old I travel to the new*

*Keep me travelling along with you*

Round the corners of the world I turn

More and more about the world I learn

All the new things that I see

You’ll be looking at along with me

*And it’s from……..*

As I travel through the bad and good

Keep me travelling the way I should

Where I see no way to go

You’ll be telling me the way, I know

*And it’s from……..*

Give me courage when the world is rough

Keep me loving though the world is tough

Leap and sing in all I do

Keep me travelling along with you

*And it’s from…….*

You are older than the world can be

You are younger than the life in me

Ever old and ever new

Keep me travelling along with you

*And it’s from…….*

[Sydney Carter]

Readings: Luke 6: 12-36 Barbara Larsen

**Jesus Chooses the Twelve Apostles**

**12**Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. **13**And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: **14**Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, **15**and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, **16**and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

**Jesus Teaches and Heals**

**17**He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. **18**They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. **19**And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

**Blessings and Woes**

**20**Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,  
    for yours is the kingdom of God.  
**21**‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
    for you will be filled.  
‘Blessed are you who weep now,  
    for you will laugh.

**22**‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+6%3A12-36&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-25161a)] on account of the Son of Man. **23**Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

**24**‘But woe to you who are rich,  
    for you have received your consolation.  
**25**‘Woe to you who are full now,  
    for you will be hungry.  
‘Woe to you who are laughing now,  
    for you will mourn and weep.

**26**‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

**Love for Enemies**

**27**‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **28**bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. **29**If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. **30**Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. **31**Do to others as you would have them do to you.

**32**‘If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. **33**If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. **34**If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. **35**But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+6%3A12-36&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-25174b)] Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. **36**Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Acts 2: 43-47 NRSV

### Life among the Believers Margaret Graham

### 43Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2%3A+43-47+&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-26984a)] to all, as any had need. 46Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2%3A+43-47+&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-26985b)] and ate their food with glad and generous[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2%3A+43-47+&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-26985c)] hearts, 47praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**Choir:**  ‘Blest are they’ *PCC 624*

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

*Refrain* Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad - yours is the kingdom – shine for all to see.

**Sermon:**

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

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

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;** CH4 809

**praise God the Word, who came to earth;**

**praise the Spirit, holy flame:**

**all glory, honour to God’s name**

**\*Dedication:**

**Prayers for others and Lord’s prayer: Rev Dr Clive Yates**

L       : Gracious Lord;  if it be Your will and wish ... ...

ALL   : **Hear these our prayers,   made in Jesus's name.**

**\*Communion Hymn:**  ‘Now to your table spread’ AA100 WB58

**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.**

**Hands of the world stretch out, your mystery to touch**

**In longing to believe a truth beyond our reach**

**To sing in joy, to cry in grief,**

**To know your meaning for our life.**

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

**As though all humankind around one table stood**

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

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

**COMMUNION:**

The Invitation and Remembering:

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts in thanksgiving

We lift them towards God

Let us offer our thanks to God

It is right to give God our thanks and praise

…And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

The breaking of the bread:

Distribution:

Prayer after communion:

**\*Hymn**: ‘God gives us a future’ Tune Camberwell WOV 170ii

### God gives us a future

**Daring us to go**

**Into dreams and dangers**

**On a path unknown**

**We will face tomorrow**

**In the Spirit’s power**

**We will let God change us**

**For new life starts now**

**We must leave behind us**

**Aims of yesterday**

**For God’s new beginning**

**Is a better way**

**Fear and doubt and habit**

**Must not hold us back:**

**God gives hope, and insight,**

**And the strength we lack**

**Holy Spirit teach us**

**How to read the signs**

**How to meet the challenge**

**Of our troubled times**

**Love us into action**

**Stir us into prayer**

**Till we choose God’s life**

##### **And find our future there**

**\*Benediction**

(we sing the three-fold Amen)

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and friendship over a cup of tea or coffee.*

**Ministers*: All the people***

**Worship Leader:** *The Right Rev Rose Luxford, Moderator PCANZ*

**Readers:** *Ruth McLennan Parish Councillor GPP*

*Monty Copeland, third generation child of this Parish*

*Barbara Larsen,* *parishioner of Matawhero Historic Church*

*Margaret Graham, parishioner and Great-granddaughter of a*

*founding member of St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Gisborne*

**Intercessory Prayer:** *Rev Dr Clive Yates*

**Organist:**  *David Russell*

**Choir**

**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 12** **PENTECOST 24 with Rt Rev Rose Luxford,**

**Moderator of PCANZ Tairawhiti Presbyterian**

**sesquicentenary**

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

Matawhero **– no service**

Monday 13 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 14 10.00am Open Door

1.30pm Ryman Rest Home service tbc

7-8pm Lessons and Carols choir rehearsal

Wednesday 159.45am mainly music

**2.00pm Finance Committee**

Thursday 16 3.30pm Dunblane Service tbc

Friday 17 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 18 10am – 3pm Worship Workshop at Matawhero with

Rev. Dr Clive Yates

**SUNDAY 19** **PENTECOST 25**

**10.00am** **St. Andrew’s**Rev Dr Clive Yates

Matawhero **– Hall service**

**Coming up:**

**Saturday 18 November 10am – 3pm:** Worship Workshop at Matawhero with Rev. Dr Clive Yates

**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

**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](mailto:m.n.e.gra@xtra.co.nz)

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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 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

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 12 November  Pentecost 24  Rt Rev Rose Luxford | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Various | **Pat Flockhart**  Linda Savage Dianne Burrows | Ruth McLennan  Jenny Lawton | S:Hans  V:Alan  C:Don |
| 19 November  Pentecost 25  Rev Dr Clive Yates | **Matawhero**  Wendy Johnston  **St Andrew’s**  Dianne Burrows | **Chrissie Parker**  Cathy Porter  Alvin Hall | Wendy Morris  Margaret Palmer | S:Hans  V:Linda  C:Hans |

**Communion Elders St Andrew’s: Don McConnochie, Jan Ewart,** Jan Gordon, Mangapapa Union Parish, St David’s

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