

# **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

*Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

*St Andrew's Church and Community Centre:*

*176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

*29 September 2024*

*Pentecost 19*

*St Francis of Assisi Day – Blessing of Animals*

*Matawhero Historic Church*

Welcome to Rev Peter MacKenzie, Executive Secretary,  
Presbytery Central



*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 hall.*

*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**

**Introit:** God of the galaxies AA54 v1 *Tune Cheam*

**God of the galaxies spinning in space,  
God of the smallest seed, our living source,  
yours is the gift of this beautiful place.**

*Let us care for your garden and honour the earth.*

### **Call to Worship:**

God created a world of wonder and beauty,  
giving space and time for it to be.

**God saw the world and said, "It is good."**

God brought to this world animals,  
evolving into all manner of creatures.

**God saw the variety and connectedness  
and said, "It is good."**

God saw humanity and gave special gifts  
that we might talk, and dream, and love.

**God saw people in the world  
and reached out to say, "Be good."**

\***Song:** All things bright and beautiful - New Zealand version CH4 137

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful –  
the Lord God made them all.*

**The wonder of the mountains, the snowcapped tips on high  
The richness of the colours, In land and sea and sky**

*Refrain*

**The tui in the kowhai, The gulls up in the sky  
The kiwi in its burrow That has no wings to fly**

*Refrain:*

**God made the waves that ripple And crash upon the shore  
The fish that swim the ocean So thank God more and more.**

*Refrain:*

**Prayers**

**Story** – creation across cultures

**\*Song** God who made the earth (CH3 151) WOV 82

**God, who made the earth,  
The air, the sky, the sea,  
Who gave the light its birth,  
Careth for me.**

**God, who made the grass,  
The flower, the fruit, the tree,  
The day and night to pass,  
Careth for me.**

**God, who made the sun,  
The moon, the stars, is he  
Who, when life's clouds come on,  
Careth for me.**

**God, who made all things,  
On earth, in air, in sea,  
Who changing seasons brings,  
Careth for me.**

**God, who sent his son  
To die on Calvary,  
He, if I lean on him,  
Will care for me.**

**Bible Reading:** Matthew 25:14-27 New International Version

## **The Parable of the Bags of Gold**

<sup>14</sup>“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,<sup>[a]</sup> each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup>The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup>So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup>But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

<sup>19</sup>“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

<sup>21</sup>“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

<sup>22</sup>“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

<sup>23</sup>“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

<sup>24</sup>“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup>So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

<sup>26</sup>“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup>Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

## **Message**

**\*Song**

CH4 147 *Tune Lasst uns erfreuen*

**All things of earth and sea and sky,  
with gladness lift your voices high,  
join the singing, Alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam  
thou silver moon with softer gleam  
join the singing, join the singing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Thou flowering earth who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
join the singing, Alleluia!**

**The grains and fruits that in thee grow  
let them God's glory also show  
join the singing, join the singing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**And all ye folk of tender heart  
forgiving others, take your part  
O sing ye, Alleluia!**

**Now let us our Creator bless  
and worship God in humbleness  
join the singing, join the singing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**\*Offertory**

**Blessing of animals**

**Prayers for the World**

**\*Song** O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth ELLACOMBE CH4 367

**O God, your creatures fill the earth with wonder and delight,  
And every living thing has worth and beauty in your sight.  
So playful dolphins dance and swim; Your sheep bow down and graze.  
Your songbirds share a morning hymn to offer you their praise.**

**You made the pets we welcome in - they're wondrous blessings, too.  
With paws and whiskers, wings and fins, they offer praise to you.  
O Lord, you call us to embrace these creatures in our care.  
May we show kindness, love and grace to all pets everywhere.**

**You made the creatures on each farm; You know the things they need.  
May they grow healthy, safe from harm, and safe from human greed.  
Just as a shepherd loves the sheep, You know their joy, their pain.  
Lord, bless the animals we keep; May all farms be humane.**

**Your creatures live in every land; they fill the sky and sea.  
O Lord, you give us your command; to love them tenderly.  
We're called to have dominion here; to care for them always.  
By loving creatures you hold dear, we offer you our praise.**

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**\*Sending Forth** / Benediction

I send you into God's creation,  
to live justly and peacefully.

**We go, blessed by our environment  
and challenged to care for it better.**

You go into a world of complexity,  
with a balance of all creatures.

**We go, blessed by the encounters we have,  
and called to look after all creatures.**

Through Christ we are assured of God's love  
and go with the power of the Spirit with us.

**We go, blessed by God the Creator  
and encouraged to be a blessing to all.**

**Ministers:** *All the people in Christ*    **Leader:** *Rev Peter MacKenzie, Executive Secretary, Presbytery Central*  
**Reader:** *Paulina Melief*

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

**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 kite at the door as you leave.

**LOST:** The double plug for the heater in the lounge. ???

**Mindful Prayer topics: Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2024.** World Peace. GPP, the AGM and decisions. Those recovering from surgery. Those affected by climatic disasters. Volunteers. Friends and family. Ourselves.

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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: Jenny Lawton 868 4268; Ruth McLennan 021 02704867; Jan Gordon 0211836008

### **DIARY**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>PENTECOST 19 Rev Peter MacKenzie</b>
		<b>Spring School Hols commence</b>
		<b>10.00am Matawhero Blessing of Animals</b>
		<b>St. Andrew's – no Service</b>
Monday	30	9.00am Walking Group
Tuesday	1	10.00am Open Door All welcome
Friday	4	1.00pm Choir rehearsal tbc
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>PENTECOST 20 Communion in Side Chapel St A's</b>
		<b>Mid Spring School Holidays</b>
		<b>10.00am St. Andrew's Communion Pat F.</b>
		<b>Matawhero– no Service</b>

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
29 September Pentecost 19 Matawhero Blessing of Animals. Rev Peter MacKenzie	<u>Matawhero</u> Paulina Melief <u>St Andrew's</u> No service service	<u>Matawhero</u> <u>Team</u>	<u>Matawhero</u> <u>Team</u> Contributions welcome	S&V: N/A C:N/A
6 October Pentecost 20 Communion in St A's Side chapel Pat Flockhart	<u>Matawhero</u> No service <u>St Andrew's</u> Lynnor Cooke	<u>Seton Clare</u> Cathy Porter Sarah McConnochie	Ruth McLennan	S&V: N/A C: N/A

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