#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

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***20 October 2024 Pentecost 22***

#### ***Welcome to Matawhero Historic Church***

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**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE**

***We welcome all visitors to our service this morning.***

 ***Please sign the Visitors’ Book and make yourself known to the Hosts***

***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 \* please stand.***

Prelude

Welcome, Introduction and Notices

Silence

In preparation for the service, we will say together words written by Shirley Erena Murray

**Come and find the quiet centre**

**in the crowded life we lead,**

**find the room for hope to enter,**

**find the frame where we are freed:**

**clear the chaos and the clutter,**

**clear our eyes, that we can see**

**all the things that really matter,**

**be at peace, and simply be.**

**Call to Worship**

*This is the day the Lord has made*

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*Hymn CH4 166 You Tube Peter Anderson

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,**

**whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,**

**be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,**

**your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,**

**whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,**

**be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,**

**your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,**

**your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,**

**be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,**

**your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,**

**whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,**

**be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,**

**your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

**Prayer of Praise, thanks, adoration and forgiveness**

We praise your name God, you who created the universe and our planet earth, and provided us with all that we need. We bow before you in wonder and amazement, as we come to know you as ultimate Love, a thousand words are not be able to describe your glory.

God of all creation we come before you this morning, giving thanks for the glory of this spring season, for the trees in bloom, giving promise of the bounty to come, for the song of the birds as they welcome in each beautiful day. For our own lives and for the blessings we receive from you each fresh new day.

We give thanks for your love and for your forgiveness, and the knowledge that when we turn to you we know that you are there

Lord’s Prayer

**Mother Father God,**

**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. Amen**

Last week we sang and learned a lot about Hymns and the intent of them in glorifying, praising and honouring God. This week we are going to be focusing on prayer as we come to the last day of “A week of International Prayer for Peace”.

**Week of Prayer for World Peace devotions**

This week of shared faith worship has been celebrated for fifty years.

The overall theme this year is ‘Praying with hope in a troubled world’. The Founders described the world of 49 years ago as one ‘in turmoil and increasing violence’. Today that is still true, but we continue to ‘pray with hope’ for the peace that our world is so lacking. We pray with hope not just for a week but for the year.

As George McLeod, founder of the Iona Community wrote*: “Where people are praying for peace the cause for peace is strengthened by their very act of prayer, for they are themselves becoming immersed in the spirit of peace”*

You have received a leaflet containing devotions, thoughts and prayers for each of the eight days of the Sunday-to-Sunday week.  We hope today will inspire you to revisit the thoughts for each day over the last week, knowing that you are one of a company of people from many nations, many cultures and many faiths.

Each day explores a different facet of peace, and we ask you to explore each of these today.  We will then share what we talked about and then together we will join in a communal prayer taken from the leaflet, and printed in the bulletin.

1. **More That Unites Us Than Divides Us**

The things we agree on are many and precious. The things we disagree on are precious too. When we stand with a follower of another faith who is praying, whenever we can agree with the prayer, we give it our interior assent. Where we cannot agree we withhold our interior assent. It is still good to stand with that person as a friend and as a partner for peace.

God is pleased when we come together in what unites us rather than when we are pulled apart on the lines dividing us (Psalm 133:1).

God desires us to encourage each other even through our differences rather than tear each other down

(1 Thessalonians 5:11).

“I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.”

(1 Corinthians 1:10)

Two peoples, one land, Three faiths, one root, One earth,

one mother, One sky, one beginning, one future, one destiny,

One broken heart, One God. We pray to You: Grant us a vision of unity.

May we see the many in the one and the one in the many.

May you, Life of All the Worlds, Source of All Amazing Differences

help us to see clearly. Guide us gently and firmly toward each other,

toward peace. **Rabbi Sheila Weinberg – Jewish**

**We pray for the ability to nurture peace within and**

**between all our communities**

1. **Future Generations**

I believe that to meet the challenge of our times,

human beings will have to develop a greater sense of universal responsibility.

We must all learn to work not just for our own self, family, or nation,

but for the benefit of all humankind. Universal responsibility is the key to human survival. It is the best foundation for world peace.

**His Holiness The Dalai Lama – Buddhist**

**We pray that we may always act and speak responsibly about the part we all play in a future for our children**

1. **Personal Growth**

May peace be your virtue, May peace be your property, May peace be your prayer.

May you bring peace to all those you meet, you talk to, you live with. May you even bring peace to the person you hate, your enemy. May your friends enjoy your peaceful disposition and may your enemies enjoy your peaceful opposition.

May this world be based on one word: peace. As God has shredded Himself into all souls and piece by piece we get together into this beautiful world. May in our hearts we pray this day for world peace.

 Sat Nam(I am Truth) **Sikh Tradition—blog of Sikh Dharma Intl**.

**We pray that we continue to learn, listen and grow in our understanding of ourselves and others**

1. **Rights of Creation**

The land is my mother. Like a human mother, the land gives us protection, enjoyment and provides our needs economic, social and religious. We have a human relationship with the land: Mother, daughter, son. When the land is taken from us or destroyed, we feel hurt because we belong to the land and we are part of it.

**Djinyini Gondarra—Indigenous Australian**

**We pray for our world, we marvel at creation and we pray that we can nurture and care for it so that it continues to provide for those who follow us**

1. **Forgiveness and Compassion**

Praise be to the Lord of the Universe who has created us and made us into tribes and nations that we may know each other, not that we may despise each other. If the enemy incline towards peace, do thou also incline towards peace, and trust in God, for the Lord is one that hears and knows all things. And the servants of God Most Gracious are those who walk on the Earth in humility, and when we address them, we say, "Peace."

**U.N. Day of Prayer for World Peace Muslim Prayer for Peace**

 **The Peace Prayer for 2024**

**Let us pray to the Lord: Christ, be our light. For our political leaders, that they will not provoke division and hatred but pursue a shared understanding, reconciliation and healing. And for our nation, that we may lead the world in laying down arms and in working to achieve a just peace.**

**6**. **Those Working For Justice**

We are convinced that peace is not only possible, it is one of the most urgent needs of our time. We affirm that every single human being has the right to peace and justice, and that at the same time peace is a responsibility we must all assume.

**World Peace Flame, Ambassador’s Statement**

**We pray that people are treated in a fair and just way and that the peace we hope for is achieved**

**7 Displaced People**

Life-giving, love-bringing,

home-making God,

may the shelter of your presence

bring hope and healing

to all those who have been

uprooted and stranded in unfamiliar lands,

because of the brokenness of this world.

Amen

**Bible Reading Fellowship – Christian**

**We pray for those who are struggling to survive who are displaced or have lost their homes, their lands and so much more be with them as we pray for peace**

**8. Keeping Hope Alive**

 There is a spirit which I feel, that delights to do no evil,

nor to avenge any wrong, but delights to endure all things

in hope to enjoy its own in the end. Its hope is to outlive

 all wrath and contention, and to weary out all exaltation

and cruelty, or whatever is of a nature contrary to itself.

It sees to the end of all temptations. As it bears no evil in itself,

so it conceives none in thought to any other: if it be betrayed, it bears it; for its ground and spring are the mercies and

forgiveness of God.

Its crown is meekness, its life is everlasting love unfeigned,

and takes its kingdom with entreaty, and not with contention,

and keeps it by lowliness of mind. In God alone it can rejoice,

though none else regard it, or can own its life.

**James Naylor – Quaker**

**Dear God, Please forgive us for all the terrible things that**

**humans have done to each other and the planet.**

**There is so much destruction and pain caused by**

**terrible wars that have gone on forever. We know**

**that animals and the natural environment also suffer when there is war. Please help us all to be better people and to treat**

**everyone with respect and kindness.**

**Please encourage our world leaders to look for ways that avoid war and violence.**

**May all the faiths of the world come together in friendship and work for world peace so that we can all feel safe.**

**Please help us all to work together for a kinder world. Amen**

**Year 6 Peace Mala Team Catwg Primary School, Neath,**

**South Wales UK**

**\*Hymn**  CH4 528 You Tube Chet Valley Churches

 **1 Make me a channel of your peace.**

 **Where there is hatred let me bring your love;**

 **where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;**

 **and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

 **Chorus: Oh, master, grant that I may never seek**

 **so much to be consoled as to console;**

 **to be understood as to understand;**

 **to be loved, as to love with all my soul.**

 **2 Make me a channel of your peace.**

 **Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;**

 **where there is darkness, only light;**

 **and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

***Chorus***

 **3Make me a channel of your peace.**

 **It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

 **in giving to all men that we receive;**

 **and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Offering

Doxology

**Take our gifts and let us love you,**

**God who first of all loved us,**

**gave us light and food and shelter,**

**gave us life and set us free,**

**now because your love has touched us,**

**We have love to give away**

**now the bread of love is rising,**

**loaves of love to multiply!**

Dedication (Read together) FFS 42

**Let there be peace**

**and love**

**among all beings of the universe.**

**Te rangimarie**

**peace**

**shalom**

**aroha**

 **\*Hymn** You Tube Hastings College Choir

 1 **Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;**

 **let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be,**

 **with God our Creator, we're one family,**

 **let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

 **2. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.**

 **With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:**

 **To take each moment and live each moment**

 **in peace eternally.**

 **Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

**Dismissal/Blessing**

We pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving;

the patience to be understanding; and the endurance

to accept the consequences of holding on to what we believe to be right.

May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and

the power of love to overcome hatred.

May we go in peace and share that peace with all

Amen

Deep peace of the running wave to you

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

Deep peace of the shining stars to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you

Deep peace of the gentle light to you

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you

Deep peace of the light of the world to you

Now and always

Amen

Three fold Amen

 **Ministers*:*** *All the people in Christ* **Leader*:*** *Barbara Larsen*

**Reader:** *Bev Kirkpatrick*

*Service adapted from one provided by members of Wellspring in 2013 &16. Leaders Matawhero Team:*

*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 boxes at the door as you leave.

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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*Matawhero Gardening happens from time to time. If you would like to help, please contact Paulina Melief 867 0605*

**Mindful Prayer topics:** **Oct 20th & 27th 2024.** World Peace. Those suffering from climatic or seismic events. Those caring for loved ones at home. Hospice patients, staff, families and friends. GPP and the road ahead. Ourselves. Give thanks for the love of God.

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



#### **DIARY**

**SUNDAY 20** **PENTECOST 22**

**10.00am Matawhero**

**St. Andrew’s No Service**

Monday 21 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 22 10.00am Open Door All welcome

 **12 noon Worship Committee**

Wednesday 23 9.45am mainly music

 10.30pm Beetham Healthcare Chapel

 3.30pm Kids’ Café

Thursday 24 2.30 Leighton House service tbc

 **2.30 Parish Council**

Friday 25 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 26 8-11.30am Car Boot Sale

**SUNDAY 27** **PENTECOST 23 Media Sunday**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s Ruth McLennan**

Matawhero– No Service

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 20 OctoberPentecost 22 Matawhero St A’s No service | **Matawhero**L Barbara Larsen, R: Bev Kirkpatrick**St Andrew’s** No service | **Matawhero Team** | **Matawhero Team**Contributions welcome | S&V: N/AC:N/A |
| 27 OctoberPentecost 23 Ruth McLennan | **Matawhero**No Service**St Andrew’s** June Stichbury | **Seton Clare**Cathy PorterChrissie Parker | Val Hall | S&V LindaC: Don |

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