GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

#### ***Matawhero Church – Church Lane***

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

#### ***176 Cobden Street, Gisborne***

***27 October 2024 Pentecost 23***

***Media Sunday***

***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 & notices**

**Introit** “All things praise thee”. #331 H&P verses 1 & 5

(Methodist hymn book 29 – Te Laudant Omnia)

**All things praise Thee, Lord most high,  
Heav’n and earth and sea and sky,  
All were for Thy glo­ry made,  
That Thy great­ness thus dis­played  
Should all wor­ship bring to Thee;  
All things praise Thee—Lord, may we!**

**All things praise Thee—gra­cious Lord,  
Great Cre­at­or, pow­er­ful Word,  
Omnipresent Spi­rit, now  
At Thy feet we hum­bly bow;  
Lift our hearts in praise to Thee;  
All things praise Thee—Lord, may we!**

**Introduction for Media Sunday and prayer**

**\*Hymn** “Sing for God’s glory” # 111 Common Ground hymn book 4 verses (tune Lobe den Herren *Praxis Pietatis**Melica 1668*) *CH4 172*

**Sing for God’s glory that colours the dawn of creation,**

**racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;**

**sun of delight**

**succeeds the velvet of night,**

**warming the earth’s exultation.**

**Sing for God’s power that shatters the chains that would bind us,**

**searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us,**

**touching our shame**

**with love that will not lay blame,**

**reaching out gently to find us.**

**Sing for God’s justice disturbing each easy illusion,**

**tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;**

**lifeblood of right,**

**resisting evil and slight,**

**offering freedom’s transfusion.**

**Sing for God’s saints who have travelled faith’s journey**

**before us,**

**who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;**

**in them we see**

**the new creation to be,**

**spirit of love made flesh for us.**

**Video:** Mark 10 46-52, ‘Blind Bartimaeus” from You Tube

(If this can’t be done then it will be read from Good News Bible)

**Childrens Chat**

**\*Hymn** “God of the Bible “ # 25 Faith forever singing, to tune of Morning has Broken (without the chorus.) CH4 212

**God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,**

**hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,**

**you are our centre, daylight or darkness,**

**freedom or prison, you are our home.**

**God in our struggles, God in our hunger,**

**suffering with us, taking our part,**

**still you empower us, mothering Spirit,**

**feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.**

**Those without status, treated as nothing,**

**you have made royal, gifted with rights,**

**chosen as partners, midwives of justice,**

**birthing new systems, lighting new lights.**

**Not by your finger, not by our anger,**

**will our world order change in a day,**

**but by your people, fearless and faithful,**

**small paper lanterns, lighting the way.**

**Hope we must carry, shining and certain**

**through all our turmoil, terror and loss,**

**bonding us gladly, one to the other,**

**till our world changes, facing the Cross.**

**Reflection** (adapted from a sermon by Dr Philip W. McLarty)

Listen and watch video by Don Moen singing “Heal me O Lord” followed by silent meditation (You tube Don Moen 12 January 2019 4:50, the 5th one down)

**Offering & \*dedication**

**We offer our gifts to you, Lord with grateful hearts.**

**Thank you that you meet our needs.**

**Providing for us when we need it.**

**Trusting you, we share what we have with others and we do this joyfully.**

**Amen**

**\*Final hymn** “Be Thou my vision” CH4 465

**Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, thine own I would be:**

**Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;  
Thou my soul’s Shelter, Thou my high Tower:  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven’s joys, O bright Heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

**\*Benediction**:

**May the strength of God sustain us**

**May the power of God preserve us**

**May the hands of God protect us**

**May the way of God direct us**

**May the love of God go with us,**

**this day and forever.**

**\*Sung Amen**

\*Exit of the Bible

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

**Reader:** *June Stichbury*

*Please join us in the lounge 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:

Jenny Lawton 868 4268; Ruth McLennan 021 02704867; Jan Gordon 0211836008; Lynnor Cooke 06 214 3945; Barbara Larsen 863-9009

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

#### **DIARY**

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

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

Matawhero– No Service

Monday 28 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 29 10.00am Open Door All welcome

Wednesday 30 9.45am mainly music

Thursday 31 2.30 Leighton House service tbc

Friday 1 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

**SUNDAY 3** **PENTECOST** 24 OR All Saints

**10.00am Matawhero** **Communion Val Hall**

**St. Andrew’s** No Service

1.00pm St Andrew’s Concert Series: Savvy

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 27 October  Pentecost 23  Ruth McLennan  St Andrew’s | **Matawhero**  No Service  **St Andrew’s**  June Stichbury | **Seton Clare**  Cathy Porter  Chrissie Parker | Val Hall | S&VLinda  C: Don |
| 3 November  Pentecost 24  Val Hall  Communion at Matawhero | **Matawhero**  Annette Ormiston  **St Andrew’s**  No Service | **Matawhero Team** | **Matawhero Team**  Contributions welcome | S&VN/A  C: N/A |

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