GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

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

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

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

***3 November 2024 Pentecost 24***

***Communion***

***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 \* please stand.***

**Welcome, news and Notices**

**Introit and entry of Bible**

**We Sing –** Be Still and know that I am God CH4 755 *WB28*

# 1. Be still and know that I am God X 3

**2. I am the Lord that healeth thee X 3**

# 3. In thee, O Lord, I put my trust X 3

**Call to Worship – Psalm 146 (NIV responsive)**

1 Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

**2 I will praise the Lord all my life;**

**I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

3 Do not put your trust in princes,

in human beings, who cannot save.

**4 When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;**

**on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**6 He is the Maker of heaven and earth,**

**the sea, and everything in them—**

**he remains faithful forever.**

7 He upholds the cause of the oppressed

and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free,

**8 the Lord gives sight to the blind,**

**the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,**

**the Lord loves the righteous.**

9 The Lord watches over the foreigner

and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

**10 The Lord reigns forever,**

**your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

**Praise the Lord.**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*We Sing For all the saints CH4 740 ( v1-4 & 7 & 8)**

1. **For all the saints, who from their labours rest,  
   Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
   Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest—**

***Refrain:*  
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

1. **Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;  
   Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
   Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light—**
2. **Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
   Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
   And win with them the victor’s crown of gold—**
3. **Oh blest communion, fellowship divine!**

**We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;**

**yet all are one in thee, for all are thine, —**

1. **But, lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;**

**the saints triumphant rise in bright array;**

**the King of Glory passes on his way. —**

1. **From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,  
   Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
   Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—**

**Scripture Reading - Ruth 1:1-18 NIV**

**Reflection**

**\*We Sing Trust and obey WOV 531**

**When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word  
What a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.**

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.  
  
Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,  
But his smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,  
Can abide while we trust and obey.  
  
But we never can prove the delights of his love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor he shows, and the joy he bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey.**

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
Or we will walk by his side in the way;  
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go,  
Never fear, only trust and obey.**

**Offering & \*Dedication**

**Lord, You have blessed our lives in so many ways. Receive these tokens of our blessings and use them to work in this world which you have loaned to us to make light shine in the darkness and peace an attainable goal in all conflicts. We offer these gifts in Jesus’ name. AMEN**

**\*Communion Hymn Come to the Celebration AA 27 *Cana***

**Come to the celebration, all who are hungry,**

**the best wine is ready and the loaves of bread;**

**here he comes, the bridegroom, to welcome the people,**

**to share out the food and see that all are fed.**

**Who is invited to the house of the bridegroom,**

**to live while the dead are left to bury the dead?**

**Beggars from the roadside, amazed at the asking,**

**are called to the table where the feast is spread.**

**What kind of party is this wedding reception?**

**The first are the last and yet the last are first.**

**Royal guests of honour are standing and waiting**

**until all the servants satisfy their thirst.**

**When shall we come along to share in the feasting?**

**The day is today, the doors are open wide.**

**Endless the rejoicing at this celebration –**

**the Lord is the bridegroom, and his Church the bride.**

**Come empty-handed when you come to the table;**

**the drink flows forever, there is amply food.**

**Taste the wine of heaven and never be thirsty,**

**and see, as we break the bread, that God is good!**

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**\*We Sing Let our love shine out HS 88**

***1. Let our love shine out***

***though the day and in the darkness,***

***let our love shine out***

***to the glory of the Lord.***

**For the outer and the inner,**

**for the saint and for the sinner;**

**in Christ our love be given**

**for the healing of the world.**

***2. Let our goodwill show***

***through the day and in the darkness,***

***let our goodwill show***

***to the glory of the Lord.***

**For the righteous and the wrongful,**

**for the silent and the songful;**

**in Christ our will is working**

**for the healing of the world.**

**3. *Let our prayers be heard***

***through the day and in the darkness,***

***let our prayers be heard***

***to the glory of the Lord.***

**For the wealthy and the needy,**

**for the wretched and the greedy;**

**in Christ our prayers are offered**

**for the healing of the world.**

***4. Let our deeds be done***

***through the day and in the darkness,***

***let our deeds be done***

***to the glory of the Lord.***

**For the same and for the other,**

**for our sister and our brother,**

**In Christ our actions focus**

**on the healing of the world**

***5. Let our peace be shared***

***through the day and in the darkness,***

***let our peace be shared***

***to the glory of the Lord.***

**With the fearful and the fighter,**

**with the smitten and the smiter;**

**in Christ all peace be practised**

**for the healing of the world.**

***6. Let our love shine out***

***through the day and in the darkness,***

***let our love shine out***

***to the glory of the Lord***

**\*Blessing & Benediction** The Lord bless you and keep you CH4 796

**The Lord bless you, and keep you:**

**the Lord make his face to shine upon you,**

**and be gracious unto you:**

**the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,**

**and give you peace.**

**\*AMEN X 3**

**Ministers*:*** *All the people in Christ*

**Leader and Communion Celebrant*:*** *Val Hall* **Reader:** *Bev Kirkpatrick*

*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:** **Nov 3rd & 10th 2024** World Tensions. Those with declining health. GPP & Parish Councillors - give us strength, patience and understanding to explore options. Faith, family & friends. Children of the world.

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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proudly presents as part of the

**St Andrew’s Concert Series**

SAVVY

*a capella choir*

Led by Toni Griffin

Sunday 3 November 1.00pm

## St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church

### Cnr Childers Road & Cobden Street (Next to Pak ‘n Save)

Admission free; Koha or Donation to performers gratefully accepted

Complimentary tea and coffee at the door

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#### **DIARY**

**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 Monday 4 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 5 10.00am Open Door All welcome

Wednesday 6 9.45am mainly music

Friday 8 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 9 8-11.30am Car Boot sale

**SUNDAY 10** **PENTECOST** 25 Parihaka remembered: Bev Smith

**10.00am St. Andrew’s**  Parihaka remembered

**Matawhero** No service

2.00pm Trumpets and Joy a concert with

Gisborne Choral Society & Orchestra

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 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 |
| 10 November  Pentecost 25  Remembering Parihaka | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Bob Bos | **Pat Flockhart**  Jenny Lawton  Linda Savage | Trish Kwak | S&VHans  C: Hans |

**Communion Elders Jan Ewart, Barbara Larsen**

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