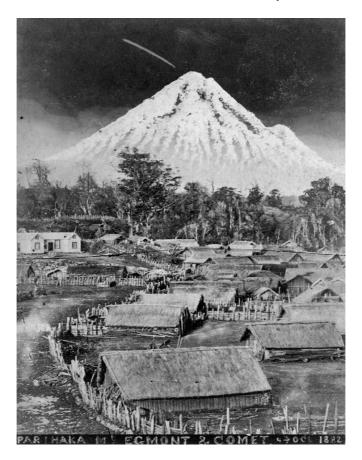
# **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

Matawhero Church – Church Lane St Andrew's Church and Community Centre: 176 Cobden Street, Gisborne

# SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER, 2024



Ministers: All the people Liturgist: Beverley Smith

Readers: **Bob Bos & Colleen Skuse** 

Organist: David Russell

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 AND NOTICES**

PEACE TO THE WORLD: CHOIR HS 114

**Prayer of Approach** 

Leader: The world belongs to God

All: The earth and all its people

Leader: How good and lovely it is

All To live together in unity

Leader: Love and faith come together

All: Justice and peace join hands

Leader: If the Lord's disciples keep silent

All: These stones would shout aloud

Leader: Open our lips O God

All: And our mouths shall proclaim your presence.

**AMEN** 

HYMN: AA 16

Christ is our peace, Christ is our health, he the true word, his the true wealth – gifts to be shared by the simple and poor: peace in your land, peace at your door.

Peace in your mouth, peace in the hands open to truth, to love's demands; those who would go with Christ also must bleed – bright is the flower, burst is the seed.

Who work for peace find the true wealth, who heal the hurt find their own health peace will flow on through the hearts that believe; this may we know, thus may we live.

Shirley Murray

## Readings:

Micah: 6:8 The Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God.

Romans 14-v19 We must always aim at those things that bring peace and that help strengthen one another.

Philippians 4:7-8. God's Peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus. In conclusion, my brothers, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: that are true, noble, right, into practice what you learned and received from me, both from my words and from my actions. And the God who gives us peace will be with you.

## **ADDRESS: PART ONE PACIFISM**

\*HYMN 61: Honour the Dead (HOPE IS OUR SONG) v3
Honour the brave whose conscience was their call,
Answered no bugle, went against the wall,
Suffered in prisons of contempt and shame,
Branded as cowards, in our country's name.
SILENCE

**CHOIR:** Hine e Hine

**Fannie Rose Howie of Tokomaru Bay** 

Address: Part II PART TWO PARIHAKA GRIEVING

Video: Apirana Taylor - Parihaka Grieving

Poem: 'A Story Shared' Benita Kape

\*Hymn AA 85

Let justice roll down like a river, let justice roll down like a sea, Let justice roll down like a river, let justice begin through me.

Justice for all who go hungry, crying to God to be fed, Left in a world of abundance to beg for a morsel of bread. Let justice..

Justice for those who are homeless, victims of warfare or need, Trapped on the borders of nowhere, lost in the canyons of greed. Let justice ..

Justice for all who are powerless, yearning for freedom in vain, Plundered, and robbed of their birthright, silently bearing their pain. Let justice..

Colin Gibson

## \*Offering & Dedication:

Nun Danket CH4 182 v1
Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices:
who from our mothers' arms
hath blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

#### **Dedication:**

All: We saw a stranger yesterday,

We put food in the eating place
Drink in the drinking place
Music in the listening place
And with the sacred name of the Triune God –
He blessed us and our house, our animals and our dear ones.

God, who has given us so much – We bring our gifts with all our love and gratitude That we may cherish others as you have so cherished us and That our offering will sustain the work of the Church. Amen.

\*Hymn: WOV 677 v1 Maori V1,2&4 English

E Ihoa Atua,
O nga Iwi Matoura,
Ata whakarongona
Ne aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau to atawhai
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa

God of Nations, at thy feet, In the bonds of love we meet; Hear our voices we entreat, God defend our free land! Guard Pacific's triple star From the shafts of strife and war, Make her praises heard afar; God defend New Zealand.

Men of every creed and race Gather here before thy face, Asking thee to bless this place; God defend our free land! From dissension, envy, hate And corruption guard our state; Make our country good and great, God defend New Zealand!

May our mountains ever be Freedom's ramparts on the sea; Make us faithful unto thee; God defend our free land! Guide her in the nations' van, Preaching love and truth to man, Working out thy glorious plan; God defend New Zealand.

God makes peace within us.

All: Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us

All: Let us share it.

The peace - Please pass the peace to your neighbour

#### Benediction:

## Sung Amen

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

<u>Note:</u> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 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

# **DIARY**

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
Monday	11	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	12	10.00am	Open Door All welcome
		1.30pm	Ryman Rest Home service
Wednesday	13	9.45am	mainly music
Friday	15	1.00pm	Choir rehearsal
SUNDAY	17	PENTECOST 26	
		9.00am	Matawhero Hall service
		10.00am	St. Andrew's Café Group in Hall
Coming up:			
Saturday	30	3:00pm	Commissioners meet with Parish
Saturday	30	•	Council and Committee Convenors
Saturday	30	3:00pm 4:00pm 5:30pm	

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December** Concert of Lessons and Carols. Rehearsals for singers on Tuesdays 7-8pm starting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Sunday	Reader	Door &	Morning	Sound
		Team	Tea	Visual
10 November	<u>Matawhero</u>	<u>Pat</u>	Trish Kwak	S&V Hans
Pentecost 25	No service	<u>Flockhart</u>		C: Hans
Remembering	St Andrew's	Jenny Lawton		
Parihaka	Bob Bos			
Matawhero				
17 November	Matawhero	Café Group	Pat	S&V Don
Pentecost 26	L: Jan Ewart		Flockhart	C: Don
Hall services	R: Wendy Johnston			
both churches	St Andrew's			
	Café Group			

Shirley Murray wrote in 2007: New Zealand spirituality is most at home, not in churches, but in the cathedrals of tree ferns and high mountains, places where incarnation seems natural and resurrection experienced in the springing up of life from the rotted leaves of green bush and the clear waters.

Our two official languages, Maori and English, spell out our bicultural life together. The struggle for domination by colonizing British and European powers has coloured our history with blood, we did not honour the peacemakers, and still honour a strong warrior tradition, though that is now rather transmuted into prowess in sport. We take no little pride in having declared our country nuclear-free and are committed to keeping it this way.

So, on our national day, 6 February, for Anzac and Parihaka what can we possibly sing that would capture the spirit of all this? We are a largely secular nation, but we have our own vision and values, voiced by prophets, priests and poets, especially poets.

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