GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

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

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

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

***5 January 2025 Epiphany 1***

***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.***

**Welcome, news and Notices**

**The Road of life**

**Holy Communion for informal occasions**

**Readings** *Jeremiah 6:16* New International Version

16This is what the Lord says:

“Stand at the crossroads and look;  
    ask for the ancient paths,  
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,  
    and you will find rest for your souls.  
    But you said, ‘We will not walk in it.’

**Genesis 12:1** New International Version

The Call of Abram

12 The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

**Genesis 12:4** New International Version

4So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

**Reflection by Joyce Rupp from her book “May I have this dance”**

**Hymn :Brother Sister let me serve you** *Richard Gillard AA 8*

1. **Brother, sister, let me serve you,**

**let me be as Christ to you,**

**pray that I may have the grace**

**to let you be my servant too.**

1. **We are pilgrims on a journey,**

**we are travellers on the road,**

**we are here to help each other**

**walk the mile and bear the load.**

1. **I will hold the Christ-light for you**

**in the night-time of your fear,**

**I will hold my hand out to you,**

**speak the peace you long to hear.**

**4. I will weep when you are weeping,**

**when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you,**

**I will share your joy and sorrow**

**till we’ve seen this journey through.**

**5. When we sing to God in heaven,**

**we shall find such harmony,**

**born of all we’ve known together**

**of Christ’s love, and agony.**

**6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,**

**let me be as Christ to you,**

**pray that I may have the grace**

**to let you be my servant too.**

**Hymn: For the Bread and Wine and blessing**

1. For the bread and wine and blessing,

**for the friends around this table,**

**for the peace and for the healing,**

**we celebrate you, Jesus Christ.**

1. **For the faithful of all ages,**

**for the dead and for the living,**

**for the hope that we remember,**

**we celebrate you, Jesus Christ.**

1. **When your love breaks through our darkness,**

**when the broken come to wholeness –**

**for each sign of resurrection,**

**we celebrate you, Jesus Christ.**

1. **Alleluia, alleluia,**

**alleluia, alleluia,**

**alleluia, alleluia,**

**we celebrate you, Jesus Christ. *Shirley Murray***

**Blessing at the end.**

Let the stream of God’s love flow among us

**We will draw from it.**

Let the fire of God’s love flame within us

**We will nourish it.**

Let the bread of God’s providing shower upon us

**We will feed on it**

Let the wind of God’s spirit stir around us

**We will be moved by it.**

Let the arms of God’s mercy enfold us

**We will share the embracing**

Let the dove of God’s peace be a guide to us

**We will follow it**.

**Final Carol: NZ 12 days of Christmas**

On the first day of Christmas

My true love sent to me

A pukeko in a ponga tree!

2. On the second day……

Two kumara

3. On the third day…..

Three flax kits

4. On the fourth day…..

Four huhu grubs

5. On the fifth day…..

Five - big - fat - pigs

6. On the sixth day…..

Six pois a twirling

7. On the seventh day…..

Seven eels a-swimming

8 On the eighth day…..

Eight plants of puha

9. On the ninth day…..

Nine sacks of pipis

10. On the tenth day…..

Ten juicy fish heads

11. On the eleventh day…..

Eleven haka lessons

12. On the Twelfth day…..

Twelve piupius swinging

…..and a

A pukeko in a ponga tree!

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

**Communion Celebrant:**  *Pat Flockhart* **Leaders***: Matawhero Team*  **Reader:** *tbc* **Organist:** *Paul Pollock*

*Please join us for a celebratory picnic 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:** **December 29th 2024 & January 5th 2025** World Peace as we welcome in 2025. Holiday travellers; safety on the road and on the water. GPP and Parish Councillors, the way ahead; the commissioners and decisions. Those facing loss. Thanks to God for Faith, Family and Friends. New born babies and their families facing uncertainty and change..

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 5** **CHRISTMAS 2** Anniversary of GPP

**Combined Communion and Picnic @ Matawhero: outside if fine**

**Celebrant Pat Flockhart** *Paul*

**St Andrew’s** No service

Tuesday 7 10am Open Door at 107 Ormond Rd All welcome

Saturday 11 8-11.30 Car Boot Sale

**SUNDAY 12 10am St Andrew’s service – Sr Cynthia Kearney**

**With guest organist Ian Miles**

Matawhero – no service

**Note:**

Office closed from Friday 20th December to 14th January

No walking group scheduled for January

Car boot Sale resumes on 11th January

Open Door Tuesday sessions to be held at 109 Ormond Road from

7 January until Tuesday 4 February when St Andrew’s lounge sessions resume

Choir resumes on Friday 31 January

mainly music resumes Wednesday 12 February

**Commission News**

**Dates for  Meetings** - the focus of which will be discerning our future and preparing our report to the Commission

**Sunday19th January**  **Congregational Meeting**.  Brief Meeting including a vote for new Parish Councillors, followed by a Workshop to address the options regarding our future.  A simple lunch will be provided.

9th    February: **Congregational Meeting**.

In preparation of report to the Commission/

**Commission contact**: Commission Convenor *Rob McIntosh,* **email**[*rob.mcintosh02@gmail.com*](mailto:rob.mcintosh02@gmail.com)*,*

*or* **Phone** *0274411392 to arrange a time to talk further*

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 5 January  Christmas 2  GPP anniversary  Communion & Picnic | **Matawhero**  Bev Kirkpatrick  **St Andrew’s**  No service | **Matawhero Team** | **Matawhero Team**  Shared Picnic | S&V: N/A  C: N/A |
| 12 January  Epiphany 1  Sr Cynthia Kearney | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Alvin Hall | **Seton Clare**  Dianne Burrows | Lynne Palmer | S&V: Don  C:Don |

**Communion Elders:** *Pat Flockhart (Celebrant) Jan Ewart, Barbara Larsen*

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