GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

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

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

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

***19 January 2025 Epiphany 2***

***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.***

Welcome and notices (please place your offerings in either the basket or the bag)

Opening thoughts (Ruth)

Hymn “Spirit of God, unseen as the wind “ (Skye Boat song)

***Refrain*** *Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,*

*Gentle as is the dove,*

*teach us the truth and help us believe,*

*show us the Saviour’s love.*

1. **You spoke to us long, long ago,**

**gave us the written word;**

**we read it still, needing its truth,**

**through it God’s voice is heard.**

1. **Without your help we fail our Lord,**

**we cannot live his way;**

**we need your power, we need your strength,**

**following Christ each day.**

Reading John 2 v 1-11 New International Version

**Jesus Changes Water Into Wine**

**2**On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, **2**and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3**When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.”

**4**“Woman,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%202%3A1-11&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26100a)] why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.”

**5**His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

**6**Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%202%3A1-11&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26102b)]

**7**Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim.

**8**Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.”

They did so, **9**and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside **10**and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

**11**What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Discussion time on the reading.

Intercessory prayer Ruth

Hymn “The Church’s one foundation” v 1,2 & 5 ***Aurelia CH4 739***

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord:

She is his new creation by water and the word;

from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,

her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth,

One holy name she blesses, and shares one holy food,

as to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

‘Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,

she waits the consummation of peace for evermore,

till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,

and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,

and mystical communion with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,

like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Benediction All say:

**With hearts full of gratitude we close our service today.**

**May we be filled with your grace.**

**We appreciate the wisdom shared and the connections made.**

**Bless each one of us and may we be committed to worshiping and serving you with joy in our daily lives. Amen**

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

**Leader:**  *Ruth McLennan* **Reader:** *Pat Flockhart*

**A special congregational meeting follows this service, followed by a workshop to discuss our options as a congregation, and light lunch.**

**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:** **January 12th & 19th 2025** A peaceful 2025. Those facing loss. Children of the world. Families in turmoil. Upcoming congregational meetings and decisions; Parish Councillors and Commissioners. Ourselves. Thanks to God for His love. Los Angeles Fires - Victims, fire crews and relief agencies

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)

**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*

#### **DIARY**

**SUNDAY 19 EPIPHANY 2 Methodist Martyrs Sunday**

**10.00 St Andrew’s Ruth McLennan**

**followed by congregational meeting, workshop and light lunch**

**Matawhero – no service**

Tuesday 21 10.00am Open Door 109 Ormond Road

**Wednesday 22 12 noon Worship Committee**

Thursday 232.30pm Leighton House service Val

Friday 24 1.00pm Choir resumes for 2025

**Saturday 25 8.00am – 11.30 CAR BOOT SALE**

**SUNDAY 26** **EPIPHANY 3**

**10.00 St Andrew’s Worship Service**

**Matawhero– no service**

**Coming up:**

**Sunday 9 February** **Congregational Meeting**.

In preparation of report to the Commission

**Note:**

No walking group scheduled for January

Open Door Tuesday sessions to be held at 109 Ormond Road from 7 January until 4 February, when St Andrew’s lounge sessions resume

Choir resumes on Friday 24 January

mainly music resumes Wednesday 12 February

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 19 January  Epiphany 2  Ruth McLennan | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Par Flockhart | **Chrissie Parker**  Cathy Porter | Val Hall | S&V: Hans  C: Hans |
| **Sunday 26th Epiphany 3** | M: No service  St A’s: Marilyn Matthews et al | **Jenny Lawton**  Don McConnochie | Lapointe Family | S&V: Linda  C: Don |

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