#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### ***9 February 2025 Epiphany 5***

***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, news and Notices**

**Introit and entry of Bible Please remain seated** Living Lord vv1,4 WB40

**Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us  
You are one with us Mary’s Son  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin  
Pouring Your love and goodness in  
Jesus, our love for you we sing  
Living Lord**

**Lord Jesus Christ I would come to you  
live my life for you Son of God  
All your commands I know are true  
Your many gifts will make me new  
Into my life your power breaks through  
Living Lord**

**Call to Worship** (Ephesians 4: 2-6) Good News Bible

Leader: Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another. Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together.

**All: There is one body and one Spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called you**. 

Leader: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

**All: There is one God and Father of all people, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all.**

**We sing**:- **Thank you for giving me the morning** WB 77

**Thank you, for giving me the morning.**

**Thank you, for ev’ry day that’s new.**

**Thank you, that I can know my worries can be cast on you.**

**Thank you, for all my friends and neighbours.**

**Thank you, for everyone that lives.**

**Thank you, for even greatest enemies I can forgive.**

**Thank you, I see your Word has meaning.**

**Thank you, I know your Spirit here.**

**Thank you, because you love all people, those both far and near.**

**Thank you, O Lord, your love is boundless.**

**Thank you, that I am full of you.**

**Thank you, you made me feel so glad and thankful as I do.**

**Reading:** Galatians 5: 13-14; Good News Bible

**13**As for you, my friends, you were called to be free. But do not let this freedom become an excuse for letting your physical desires control you. Instead, let love make you serve one another. **14**For the whole Law is summed up in one commandment: “Love your neighbor as you love yourself.”

Galatians 6: 9-10

**9**So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. **10**So then, as often as we have the chance, we should do good to everyone, and especially to those who belong to our family in the faith.

**Celebrations**

**Celebrations today, may God bless you, we pray**

**Live for Jesus dear people. May he guide you each day**

**Story-time**

**Morning Prayer** Lynnor Cooke

**We sing** – Here I am, Lord WB20 CH4 251 *Based on Isaiah 6 Dan Schutte*

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.**

**All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.**

**I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.**

**Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard You calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if You lead me.**

**I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.**

**I have wept for love of them. They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?**

***Refrain***

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.**

**I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.**

**I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send**?

***Refrain***

**Reflection** (taken from *Word for Today)*

**Offering and Dedication**  V4 AA148

**We thank you for your gifts of life, supplying all our needs;  
we hope and trust in Jesus Christ and follow where he leads.  
Through water and the Spirit his love has set us free  
to work and worship, learn and grow in God’s own family.**

**We sing**: Your hand, O God has guided CH3 424 (CH4 511) Thornbury

**Your hand, O God, has guided your flock, from age to age;**

**the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page;**

**our forebears knew your goodness, and we their deeds record;**

**and both of this bear witness: one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least;**

**they summoned all to hasten and share the great King’s feast;**

**and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,**

**to all alike proclaiming: one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife,**

**the faithful few fought bravely to guard the nation’s life.**

**Their Gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, life restored,**

**was all in this enfolded: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone;**

**with your right hand to help us, your victory shall be won;**

**by mortals and by angels your name shall be adored,**

**and tis shall be their anthem: one Church, one Faith, one Lord**

**Benediction**  Now as we go AA99 v2

**Now as we go, sister and brother,**

**give us good care one of the other,**

**more hope to share, more strength to gather,**

**more life to know in faith together.**

**Sung:- Three fold Amen**

**Ministers*:*** *All the people in Christ* **Leader*:*** *Lynnor Cooke*

**Reader:** *Dianne Burrows* **Organist:** *David Russell*

*Please join us for friendship and fellowship and a cup of tea or coffee after the service, followed by a congregational meeting.*

**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:** **Feb 9th & 16th 2025** World tensions. 'Natural' disasters and all concerned. The lonely & homeless. GPP and decisions as to our way forward. Parish Council past & present. Health. Ourselves. “Blessed are those whose strength is in You”

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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**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 9** **EPIPHANY 5 Transfiguration Celebration**

**10.00am St. Andrew’sfollowed by**

**congregational meeting**

**Matawhero – no service**

Monday 10 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 11 10.00am Open Door

1.30pm Kiri Te Kanawa Rest Home

service tbc

Wednesday 129.45am mainly music resumes

3.00pm Te Wiremu Rest Home service

Thursday 13 3.30pm Dunblane Rest Home Service

Friday 14 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

**SUNDAY 16** **EPIPHANY 6**

**9.00am Matawhero informal service**

**St. Andrew’sNo Service**

**Coming up:**

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 12 January  Epiphany 1  Sr Cynthia Kearney | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Alvin Hall | **Seton Clare**  Dianne Burrows | Lyn Griffiths | S&V: Don  C:Don |
| **Sunday 9th Epiphany 5** | M: No service  St A’s: Dianne Burrows | **Seton Clare**  Sarah McConnochie | Pat Flockhart | S&V: Don  C: Don |
| **Sunday 16th**  **Epiphany 6**  **Matawhero** | M: Hall Service  St A’s: No Service | **Matawhero Team** | **Matawhero Team** | S&V: N/A  C: N/A |

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