#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### [*www.standrewsgis.org.nz*](http://www.standrewsgis.org.nz)

***24 September 2023 Pentecost 17***



***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 \* you are invited to stand.***

**Welcome**, News and Information

**Call to Worship: based on reading for the day. Ex 16:2-15**

**L**: From the bustle of the world and the silence of our wilderness, we pause together for worship.
 **All: At times, we can be a grumbling people, quick to focus on**

 **the lack and the gaps.**

**L**: Yet in love, God, you listen to our cries and provide for us.
 **All: Impatiently, we are a searching people, craving peace**

 **and purpose.**
**L**: And with patience, God, you offer us hope and sustain us.
 **All: Help us to be a thankful people, recognizing your love for us**

 **in all its abundance**.
**L**: Through your presence, God, you turn us towards you and nourish us.

**All together**: **In this time of worship, let us open our hearts**

**and be filled.**

**Hymn: Feed Us Now … WB14**

**Opening prayer……**

**We pray together The Lord’s Prayer…..**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

**Reading:** Exodus 16: 2-15

**Children’s Time** and activities

**Poem: Hunger**  by Joy Cowley from *Psalms Downunder*

D**iscussion/Chat Time**

**Offering**

**Dedication**

**Closing Hymn:** Take Our Bread (Joe Wise) **WB74**

**Benediction**

**AGM of Gisborne Presbyterian Parish**

**Mindful Prayer topics:** Those unable to attend their Sunday Worship for whatever reason. GPP. The AGM & Parish Council; Ourselves.

“**In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us heavenly Father to trust your love, to serve your purpose and to praise your name, now and for ever. Amen”** (Bishop Allan Pyatt).

**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.

**Please remember** donations for the Love basket when shopping. All offerings gratefully received.

As you will have read in the recent *Signpost* 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:

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With blessings from the Pastoral Committee

Mindful Prayer contact Margaret Graham ph. 021 026 03990 or email m.n.e.gra@xtra.co.nz

**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 24** **PENTECOST 17**  (School Spring Holidays start)

 **10.00am (NZ Daylight Saving time) St Andrew’s**

 **Café Group Service in Hall followed by AGM**

 **Matawhero – No service**

3.00pm Sea of Faith

Monday 25 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 26 10.00am Open Door All welcome

Wednesday 2710.30 Beetham Healthcare Chapel

Thursday 28 2.30pm Leighton House Service

 **2.30pm Parish Council**

Friday 29 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 30 8.00 -11.30am Car Boot Sale

**SUNDAY 1 October**  **PENTECOST 18**  World Communion Sunday and Animal Blessing service (Mid School Spring Holidays)

 **10.00 am Matawhero** communion celebrant Pat Flockhart

 **St Andrew’s – No service**

**Coming up:**

 **Weekend of 11 and 12 November:** Visit of Rose Luxford, incoming Moderator, celebrating 150 years of Presbyterianism in Tairawhiti and commemorating the 155th anniversary of the Matawhero Tragedy.

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 24 SeptemberPentecost 17St A’s in Hall Café Group | **Matawhero**No service**St Andrew’s** Café Group | **~~Alvin Hall~~**Dianne Burrows Sarah McConnochie | Trish Kwak | Hall service  |
| 1 OctoberPentecost 18Matawhero | **Matawhero**communion**St Andrew’s** No service  | **Matawhero people** |  | Hall Service |

***Gisborne Presbyterian Parish***

***St Andrew’s Church and Matawhero Historic Church:***

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