

GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Welcome to St Andrew's Gisborne
10.30 a.m. Sunday 15 September 2019

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE

*Today we acknowledge Maori Language Week
Te wiki o te reo Maori*



and Spring Flower Sunday



Please stay for morning tea.

Worship Leader: *Rev Mary Petersen*
Reader: *Gwenda Crawshaw* **Prayers of the People:** *Catherine Chrisp*
Director of Music: *Catherine Macdonald* **Organist:** *David Russell*
Choir

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.

We gather to worship as God's people

Welcome ... and notices

Introit & Entry of Bible and Christ Candle

Please remain seated while we listen

*and the Bible and candle, representing the light of Christ among us,
are carried into the church.*

We listen to Viva Voce singing: E Te Ariki

E te Ariki, whakarongo mai ra ki a matou

E te Ariki, titiro mai ra ki a matou

Tenei matou o tamariki

E whakapono ana matou ki a koe.

Aue, aue, Te Matua, te Tamaiti, Wairua Tapu e.

Te Matua, te Tamaiti, Wairua Tapu e.

Translation – (not for singing)

O God, listen to the cry of your children,

O God, see the plight of your children.

We are yours and we believe in you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Call to Worship

E te whanau a te Karaiti

(People of God

= literally 'To the family of the Christ')

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki

(The Lord bless you)

Ko te ra tenei i ihanga e Ihowa

(This is the day which the Lord has made)

Kia hari, kia koa tatou

(Let us rejoice and be glad in it)

Praise the Lord

We will thank and praise our God

Sing praises to the Lord!

We give thanks for the beauty of the world around us.

We thank God for the amazing range of flowers and blossom.

We thank God for the joys of Spring.

We come to praise and worship God together.

We come to connect with the Spirit of God. Amen.

Sing: CH4 181 v. 1,2,3,5 Tune 1: Lucerna Laudoniae

For the beauty of the earth,

For the beauty of the skies,

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies,

Christ, our God, to you we raise all our thankfulness in praise.

For the beauty of each hour,

Of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flower,

Sun and moon and stars of light,

Christ, our God, to you we raise all our thankfulness in praise.

For the joy of ear and eye

For the heart and mind's delight

For the mystic harmony

Linking sense to sound and sight,

Christ, our God, to you we raise all our thankfulness in praise.

For each perfect gift and sign,

Of your love so freely given,

Graces human and divine,

Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

Christ, our God, to you we raise all our thankfulness in praise.

We listen to and engage with the Word of God

Congregational story time: *Good, Bright, Beautiful, Growing*

Genesis 1: 11 – 12 + 2: 9a, Isaiah 40: 8, James 1: 21

We say responsively: *Something God Alone Can See*

In the bulb there is a flower;

In the seed an apple tree;

In cocoons, a hidden promise:

Butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter

There's a spring that waits to be,

Unrevealed until its season,

Something God alone can see.

Sing: All things bright and beautiful NZ version Tune: CH4 137 (1)

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful –
the Lord God made them all.*

**The wonder of the mountains
The snow capped tips on high
The richness of the colours
In land and sea and sky, *Refrain***

**The tui's in the kowhai
The gulls squawk in the sky
The kiwi sleeps through daytime
And has no wings to fly, *Refrain***

**God made the waves that ripple
And crash upon the shore
The fish that swim the ocean,
So thank God more and more. *Refrain***

Readings: Matthew 6: 26 – 30 Good News Bible

Luke 15: 1 – 10 Good News Bible

For the Word of God in scripture
For the Word of God among us
For the Word of God within us
Thanks be to God.

Sing: HS 63 How much am I worth

**How much am I worth? What's the value in me?
do I count if I stand or I fall?
If I'm weak or I'm strong, if I win or I lose,
am I someone, or no one at all?**

*I am worth everything, everything, everything,
I am worth everything in the eyes of God:
you are worth everything, everything, everything,
we are worth everything in the eyes of God.*

**I am that bird that dropped to the ground,
the tiniest bird of them all,
and nobody knew, and nobody cared,
but our Father, who cares for us all.**

**I am that stone that fell from a ring,
that was precious beyond all compare;
and they hunted the house, till they cried out with joy,
when they saw it, still gleaming down there.**

**I am that child who felt lost and afraid,
when she saw just how far she had roamed;
but they scoured the hills till they found her again,
and rejoicing, they brought her safe home.**

**How much am I worth? Do I matter at all?
When I'm thinking it through I may see
that I'm worth all the love of the Son of God,
who laid down his life just for me.**

Reflection: 'LOOK HOW THE WILD FLOWERS GROW'

- *The glory of flowers - God sees all is good.*
- *Flowers shared say 'we care about you' - a symbol of all beauty, and a reminder of connections and caring*
- *Lost but searched for – you are precious to God.*
- *How are you growing? What about fruit? Galatians 5: 22-23*
- *What kind of seeds are you sowing through the Spirit of God?*

We respond to God

The choir sings: AA94 Loving Spirit v. 1,2,3,5

Words: Shirley Murray Music: Colin Gibson

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, You have chosen me to be –
You have drawn me to your wonder, You have set your sign on me.

Like a mother, you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father, you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
Hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, You have chosen me to be –
you have drawn me to your wonder, You have set your sign on me.

Prayers of the people - written by Catherine Chrisp
- read by Gwenda Crawshaw

Leader: This is our prayer

People: Spirit of God search our hearts

We sing the Lord's Prayer together WOV 676

**Our Father in heaven, holy be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not put us to the test, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever *Amen x 8***

Offering ... and dedication of the offering and ourselves

**We sing as the offering is brought forward,
as our prayer of dedication**

We plough the fields and scatter (words from *Together in Song 130*)

**We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
God sends the cold in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,**

**the breezes and the sunshine
and soft refreshing rain.**

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for such abounding love.*

**We glorify the maker
Of everything that is,
who gives to us to care for
the earth, the air, the seas,
who wills that all the peoples
might have their daily bread,
that we might share our plenty
as channels of God's love. *All good gifts***

**We thank you, gracious giver
of all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Help us in our thanksgiving
To use your gifts with care,
To serve as friends and neighbours
Your children everywhere. *All good gifts***

Blessing of the flowers

We say a Litany of Spring

CH4 224

The Spring has come
Let all the Church be part of it!
The world has changed,
And God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day,
New colour after winter grey.
**New light, new day, the spring has come,
Let all the church be part of it!**

The sun is warm,
Let all God's children play in it!
The world expands,
Let's spread the Gospel way in it!
New leaf, new thrust,
New greening for the love of Christ.
New leaf, new thrust, the sun is warm,
Let all God's children play in it!

The spring has come,
New people are the flowers of it.
Through wind and rain,
New life is in the showers of it.
New bud, new shoot,
New hope, will bear the Spirit's fruit.
New bud, new shoot, the spring has come,
New people are the flowers of it.

We go blessed by the Spirit of God

Sing: CH4 231 (to tune 562 Ar Hyd y Nos)

**For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God;
for these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

Blessing: As you enjoy the beauty of Spring, and the glory of flowers,
Be thankful for silent growth and the harvests of the Spirit in your life.
You are precious to God. God loves you.

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki (*The Lord bless you*)
Haere i runga i te rangimarie i runga i te aroha
me te ngakau hihiko ki te mahi ki te Ariki.

(Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.)

Amine. Ka haere matou i runga i te ingoa o te Karaiti.

(Amen. We go in the name of Christ.)

Sing: Amen, Amen, A-men.

If you are over 80 years old, please come and receive a flower gift at the end of the service today. If you are willing to deliver flowers to others, please also report to the Pastoral Care Team at the front of the church. Thank you.

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
15 September <i>Flower Service</i>	Gwenda Crawshaw	<u>Pat Flockhart</u> Joan McKay Jean Hillyard	Gwenda Gray Robin Woods	S: Peter Cowley V: Colin
22 September <i>AGM after service</i>	Jill Wallis	<u>Seton Clare</u> Pat Smith Dianne Burrows	Danielle & Sabine	S: Peter Cowley V: Don McCon

The Annual Reports & Statement of Accounts are available in the foyer of the church
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GPP 22 September 2019
After the service at St Andrew's

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BLESSING AND RE-DEDICATION OF REV JOHN McARA HEADSTONE

Makaraka Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 25 September

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THANKSGIVING OFFERING - Sunday 6 October. That date is **World Communion Sunday** & there will be a **Combined Communion Service at St Andrew's at 10.30 am.** No service at Matawhero

NOTICES

Sunday	15	3 p.m.	Sea of Faith meeting in the lounge
Monday	16	9.00am	Walking Group
		5.30 p.m.	Reflection on Reflection *
Tuesday	17	10.00am	Open Door
		4.15 pm	Finance Meeting
Wednesday	18	9.45am	mainly music
Thursday	19	5.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday	20	1.00pm	Choir Practise
		7.00pm	Interfaith Meeting 'Being Bahai' John & Valerie Giffin (lounge)

And 2 p.m. St Andrew's Hastings Ministers and Leaders Day
 Presbytery Central re Finances
 Saturday 21 10.30 a.m. Presbytery Central Gathering Hastings
Sunday 22 10.30am St. Andrew's Service
 (No Service at Matawhero) *Rev Mary Petersen* + **AGM**

* **Reflection on Reflection** is a three week trial opportunity,
 on Mondays 16, 23 and 30 September, for anyone interested to explore and
 discuss the readings and reflection from Sunday's service.
Printed copies of the Reflection will be available each Sunday.
This is in response to a request. All welcome

CARBOOT SALE REQUEST

Wanted – donation of a large beach umbrella with stand or gazebo that is simple to erect, for the Saturdays when the weather is inclement. Please see Pat Flockhart or contact the office.

**ANIMAL BLESSING
 COMBINED OUTDOOR SERVICE
 (with St Andrew's & St David's)**

*If it is raining, the service will be held
 inside the church*

**SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 10.30 am
 MATAWHEREO CHURCH**

*The bond between person and pet
 is like no other relationship*

