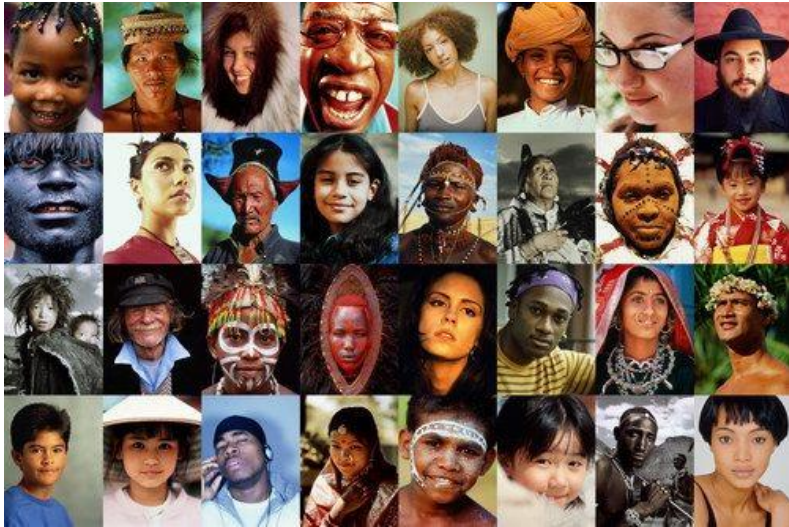


**Gisborne Presbyterian Parish welcomes you to  
St Andrew's Church  
Sunday 22 September 2019 at 10.30 a.m.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE  
to worship God together,  
and to enjoy fellowship together.**

**May God bless, inspire and challenge you  
and give you strength.**



**Please stay for the Annual Meeting in the Church Hall,  
after the service. All are welcome.**

Worship leader: Rev Mary Petersen  
Organist: David Russell  
Reader: Jill Wallis  
Director of Music: Catherine Macdonald  
St Andrew's Choir

*We gather together as the people of God*

**Welcome ... notices ...**

**Moments of silence to prepare ourselves for worship**

The Bible and candle, representing the light of Christ among us,  
will be carried into the church while we remain seated to sing.

**Introit:** CH 4 161 O God our help v. 1, 3 and 6

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home!

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

**Call to worship:** from Psalm 105, Proverbs 2 and Joshua 24.

Give thanks to the Lord.

**We will sing praises to God.**

Look to the Lord for strength and wisdom.

**From God comes knowledge and understanding.**

If we seek God's insight,

**we will know what it means to honour God.**

Choose this day to serve God.

**We will serve and trust God.**

Those who trust in God will receive God's blessing.

**We come to worship and praise the Lord.**

God is the Wisdom who knows us well.

**May our hearts and minds**

**be open to learn from God today.**

**Sing:** Words: Dorothy Preece    Tune: Londonderry Air (CH4 729)

**Eternal God, the Architect of Ages,**

**O Saviour Jesus, Carpenter of old,**

**And Holy Spirit, Teacher and Interpreter,**

**We stand in awe to see your plans unfold.**

**For we are here, as witness to your faithfulness.**

**This place was built for all to honour you.**

**And we have seen your guidance throughout history,**

**And so we come to praise you, who makes all things new.**

**The prayers and praise of countless faithful people,**

**Here, in the past claimed kinship in your grace,**

**And we can feel a crowd of silent witnesses**

**Assembled here within this sacred place.**

**And this we know, that we can trust your promises,**

**Who blesses us so mightily today,**

**And who has giv'n this place to meet as family**

**A place to witness, and a place to teach your way.**

**O may this building ever be a citadel**

**Of light and love, a haven of your peace,**

**And may we bear true witness to your purposes**

**Enabling troubled souls to find release.**

**And may your people be for ever faithful,**

**To Christ who welcomes all who choose to come,**

**And may His voice be heard in this community,**

**And we, in generous service, ever bring them home**

We listen to and engage with the Word of God

**Congregational story time:** *Being God's people, the Church*

We all have different gifts to use for God.



**Sing:** CH4 204 I am the Church v. 1, 3 and 5

*I am the Church! You are the Church!  
We are the Church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,  
Yes, we're the Church together.*

**The Church is not a building, the Church is not a steeple.  
The Church is not a resting-place, the Church is a people!**

*Refrain*

**And when the people gather there's singing and there's praying,  
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:**

*Refrain*

**I count if I am ninety, or nine, or just a baby;  
There's one thing I am sure about and I don't mean maybe:**

*Refrain*

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12: 1, 4 – 27  
*The Message version*

*Jill Wallis*

**The Choir Sings:** HS 55 Here I stand among God's people v1 &3

Here I stand among God's people  
giving thanks for all God's care,  
and I gladly bring my offering  
to the common life we share.  
There's a thread within God's story  
that is mine alone to know,  
and a vision of God's glory  
that my life was made to show.

With the Word of God to guide me  
I will learn my whole life long;  
with the Spirit here beside me  
I'll be confident and strong  
as I work for peace and justice  
in my own appointed place,  
and I'll stand among God's people  
till I see God face to face.

**Reading:** 1 Peter 2: 4 – 5, 9 – 10 (GNT)

*Jill Wallis*

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:** FFS 32 God who sets us on a journey to Hyfrydol CH4 519

**God who sets us on a journey  
to discover, dream and grow,  
lead us as you led your people  
in the desert long ago;  
journey inward, journey outward  
stir the spirit, stretch the mind;  
love, for God and self and neighbour,  
marks the way that Christ defined.**

**Exploration brings new insights,  
changes, choices we must face;  
give us wisdom in deciding,  
mindful always of your grace;  
should we stumble, lose our bearings,  
find it hard to know what's right,  
we regain our true direction  
focused on the Jesus light.**

**End our longing for the old days,  
grant the vision that we lack -  
once we've started on this journey  
there can be no turning back;  
let us travel light, discarding  
excess baggage from our past,  
cherish only what's essential,  
choosing treasure that will last.**

**When we set up camp and settle  
to avoid love's risk and pain,  
you disturb complacent comfort,  
pull the tent-pegs up again;  
keep us travelling in the knowledge  
you are always at our side,  
give us courage for the journey,  
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.**

**Reflection: WHO ARE YOU AS THE CHURCH IN THIS PLACE?**

- *Exodus 6: 7a You are my people and I will be your God*
- *“through each perplexing path of life our wandering footsteps guide”*
- *Jeremiah 31: 33 God makes a new covenant with us  
written on our hearts.*
  - *Listening to God together - a process of discernment*
  - *Wisdom from Scripture, learning from experience,  
inspiration from God*

*We respond to God*

The Choir sings: CH 4 782 Lord of life, we come to you

Lord of life, we come to you.  
Lord of all, our Saviour be,  
come to bless and to heal  
with the light of your love.

Through the days of doubt and toil,  
in our joy and in our pain  
guide our steps in your way,  
make us one in your love.

We say together An Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in the God of astonishing hope,  
Who accepts us, loves us and welcomes us  
We believe in Jesus the Christ  
Who showed us the depth of God’s love.  
We believe in the Spirit of Life  
Who fills us with God’s peace and strength.**

**We sing as a prayer** CH 4 268 O God of Bethel v.. 1,2,3,5

**O God of Bethel! by whose hand  
thy people still are fed,  
who through this earthly pilgrimage  
has all our fathers led:**

**Our vows, our prayers, we now present  
before thy throne of grace:  
God of our fathers! be the God  
of their succeeding race.**

**Through each perplexing path of life  
our wandering footsteps guide;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and raiment fit provide.**

**Such blessings from thy gracious hand  
our humble prayers implore;  
and thou shalt be our chosen God,  
and portion evermore.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*We pray together:*

**Loving God, in whom is heaven,  
may your name be kept holy.  
Your new day come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
With the food we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
Now and forever. Amen.**



**Offering** ... and dedication of the offering and ourselves

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

AA 127 v.3 Take whatever I can offer

**Take whatever I can offer-  
gifts that I have yet to find,  
skills that I am slow to sharpen,  
talents of the hand and mind,  
things made beautiful for others  
in the place where I must be:  
take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me.**

*We pray together:*

**Holy God, bless these gifts we bring in thanks to you.  
Bless us as we recommit ourselves to share your love. Amen**

*We go blessed by the Spirit of God*

**Sing:** Words: Elizabeth Smith, Tune: Camberwell

**God gives us a future, daring us to go  
Into dreams and dangers on a path unknown.  
We will face tomorrow in the Spirit's power,  
We will let God change us, for new life starts now.**

**We must leave behind us sins of yesterday,  
For God's new beginning is a better way.  
Fear and doubt and habit must not hold us back;  
God gives hope and insight and the strength we lack.**

**Holy Spirit, teach us how to read the signs,  
 How to meet the challenge of our troubled times.  
 Love us into action, stir us into prayer,  
 Till we choose God's life and find our future there.**

**Blessing:**

You have a future with God – as individuals and as a parish.  
 May you be open to God's message, however it comes to you.  
 May you be inspired in all you do.  
 May you know the grace and love of God at work in your  
 life. God loves you. God bless you. **Amen**

**We sing: Amen, Amen, A-men**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Door &amp; Team</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Sound Visual</b>
September 22	Jill Wallis	<u>Seton Clare</u> Pat Smith Dianne Burrows	Danielle & Sabine	S: Peter Cowley V: Don McConnochie
September 29	Pauline Ross	MAT AWHEREO	BLESSING OF	THE ANIMALS

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**&**  
**THANKSGIVING OFFERING**

The Parish Council has decided to make an opportunity available for those who would like to make a special offering in thanks to God, to do so on

**Sunday 6 October**

there will be a Parish Service at St Andrew's at 10.30 a.m. with no service at Matawhero. This special offering is to help fund **future ministry in Gisborne Presbyterian Parish.**

**NOTICES**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>After Service – GPP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in the hall</b>
Monday	23	9.00am 5.30pm	Walking Group Reflection on Sunday's Reflection (lounge)
Tuesday	24	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	25	9.45am 2.00pm	mainly music (last one) Blessing & Re-dedication of Rev McAra Headstone will be at Makaraka Cemetery
Thursday	26	2.00pm	Leighton House Service
Friday	27	1.00pm	choir practise
<b>Ssaturday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>CAR BOOT SALE &amp; CAKE STALL</b>

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 27<sup>TH</sup> – 14 OCTOBER**

**\*\*DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Combined Service with St David's at Matawhero Animal Blessing</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9.00am 5.30pm</b>	<b>Walking Group Reflection on Sunday's Reflection</b>

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**SPRING FLOWERS**

A very BIG thank you to all the ladies who gave their time to help wrap, label and present our flowers for the Spring Flower Service. You made a great team and we all did well.

Thank you

*From the Pastoral Care Committee*

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**CAKE STALL AT CAR BOOT SALE SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPT**

Please bring contributions to the office on Friday. If you are unable to bake, then donations of ingredients are always very welcome.

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**CUPPA FOR A CAUSE**

**Alzheimers New Zealand,  
Open Door on Tuesday.**

We rely on the kind generosity of folk to be able to help support people living with dementia. Every dollar counts and your support is vital.

Your kind donations will be used locally to support people living with dementia. If you are unable to come to Open Door and would like to donate, please see Val Hall or leave your donation at the church office. Thank you.

**ADVANCE NOTICES**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 am** Matawhero Gardeners Meet.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2 pm**

All welcome to Afternoon Tea at Jenny & Peter Lawton's home