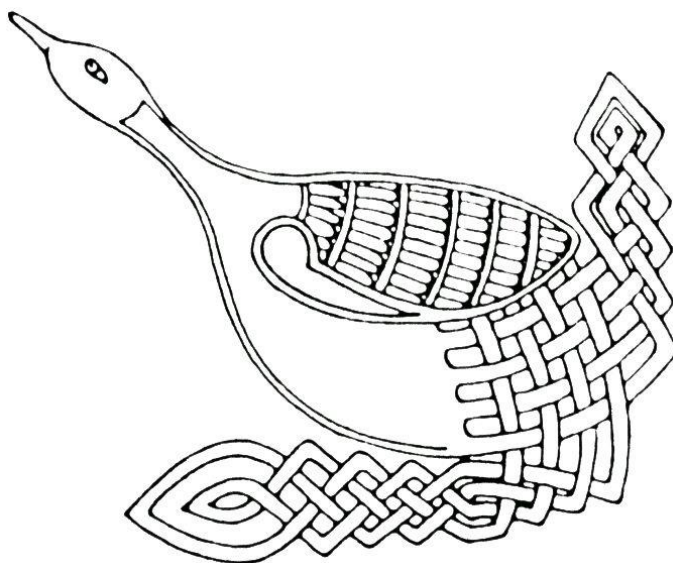


**Gisborne Presbyterian Parish welcomes you to  
St Andrew's Church  
Sunday 20 October 2019 at 10.30 a.m.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE**

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



***Please stay for morning tea and the congregational meeting***

Worship leader: Rev Mary Petersen  
Organist: David Russell  
Reader: Alvin Hall Prayers: Lynnor Cooke  
Director of Music: Catherine Macdonald  
St Andrew's Choir

*We gather together as the people of God*

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

*Some moments of silence to prepare ourselves for worship*

**Introit** *please remain seated to sing*

CH4 608 Spirit of truth and grace v. 1 and 3

Tune: Down Ampney

**Spirit of truth and grace, come to us in this place  
as now in Jesus' name God's people gather.  
Open our eyes to see truths that will ever be,  
and in communion draw us close together.**

**Spirit of life and power, revive us in this hour  
and stir our hearts to praise with true devotion.  
Fill us with heavenly fire, and every heart inspire,  
that we may serve the world with your compassion**

**Call to worship:**

Words from Shirley Murray

AA19 Women and men of God ( verses 3 and 4 only)

Women and men of God,  
come, as one Church to serve,  
bring all the skills we have,  
sharpen our every nerve:  
to save a world in bitter need  
the rule of love must come in deed.

We are the Body now –  
our feet must mark the Way,  
our speech declare the Word  
and live it day by day,  
the resurrection story ours,  
disciples gifted with new powers!

**WOMEN AND MEN OF GOD, COME AS ONE CHURCH TO SERVE  
... DISCIPLES GIFTED WITH NEW POWERS!**

We gather as followers of Jesus, who embodied love  
**and showed us how to live God's way.**  
We gather together in a common faith.  
**May our faith deepen so that our lives will share God's love.**  
May we all be open to listening to God today.  
**Give us wisdom, Lord, to know your will,  
And courage to do it. Amen.**

Praise the Lord  
**We come to worship God together.**

**Sing:** CH4 595 O breath of life vv 1,2,3  
Tune: WOV 322 Spiritus Vitae

**O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your Church with life and power;  
O breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your Church to meet this hour.**

**O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore; for this we plead.**

**O Breath of love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart:  
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your Church in every part.**

*We listen to and engage with the Word of God*

**Congregational story time:**    *Inspiration!*

**Sing:**    CH4 599    Holy Spirit, hear us    v. 1,3,4,5

**Holy Spirit, hear us;  
Help us while we sing;  
Breathe into the music  
Of the praise we bring.**

**Holy Spirit, teach us  
Through the words we read;  
Bring to life the Bible  
With the light we need.**

**Holy Spirit, give us  
Each a lively mind;  
Make us more like Jesus,  
Gracious, pure, and kind.**

**Holy Spirit, help us  
Daily, by your might,  
What is wrong to conquer,  
And to choose the right.**

**Reading:** 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5    Good News Bible    *Alvin Hall*

**The choir sings**    CH4 604    Holy Wisdom vv1 and 2

**Holy wisdom, lamp of learning,  
bless the light that reason lends.  
Teach us judgment as we kindle  
sparks of thought your spirit sends.  
Sanctify our search for knowledge  
and the truth that sets us free.  
Come, illumine mind and spirit  
joined in deepest unity.**

**Vine of truth, in you we flourish;  
by your grace we learn and grow.  
May the word of Christ among us  
shape our life, your will to know.  
Joined to Christ in living, dying,  
may we help the Church convey  
witness to the saving gospel,  
bearing fruit of faith today.**

**Reading:** Luke 18: 1 – 8            Good News Bible            *Alvin Hall*

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:** CH4 547 What a friend we have in Jesus

**What a friend we have in Jesus  
all our sins and griefs to bear,  
what a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer;  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations,  
is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Jesus is our only refuge:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
in his arms he'll take and shield you,  
you will find a solace there.**

**Reflection: INSPIRATION FOR LIVING**

- *what is inspiration from God, in scripture – or elsewhere?*
- *a confusing parable : an inspirational story from Jesus*
- *taking a risk to live prayerfully, persistently and with responsibility*
- *God loves you, can inspire you, transform you. Are you ready?*

*We respond to God*

**Sing:** AA 137 The Kingdom is within you

*Refrain The kingdom is within you, the kingdom is within you.  
Why do we go searching for the answers of the mighty?  
The kingdom is within you, the kingdom is within you.  
Like a little seed planted in the ground, let it grow.*

**I will set my face to the wind,  
scatter my handful of seed on high.  
Needn't have to worry where the great wind takes it;  
seeds will grow where ever they're planted.  
All we need is courage to keep on facing the wind.**

*Refrain*

**I will set my hand to the plough;  
don't look back, it's too late now.  
The fullness of the kingdom is not quite yet,  
but the seed of the kingdom is here and now.  
Don't split the seed; be patient, let it grow.**

**Prayers of the People**

*Lynnor Cooke*

## Offering

**And we sing as the offering is carried down the aisle**

CH4 809 to 808 Praise God

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;  
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;  
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame:  
All glory, honour to God's name.**

... and dedication of the offering and ourselves

*We pray together:*

**God of love, we offer these gifts to you  
And ask that you will bless their use.  
We offer ourselves to serve you  
And ask for your blessing as we share your love. Amen**

*We go blessed by the Spirit of God*

**Sing:** CH4 594 Come, Holy Spirit, come vv1, 3 and 6  
Tune: Diademata

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Inflame our souls with love,  
transforming every heart and home  
with wisdom from above.  
Let none of us despise  
the humble path Christ trod,  
but choose, to shame the worldly wise,  
the foolishness of God.**



**Come with the gift to heal  
the wounds of guilt and fear,  
and to oppression's face reveal  
the kingdom drawing near.  
Where chaos longs to reign,  
descend, O holy Dove,  
and free us all to work again  
the miracles of love.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, dance  
within our hearts today,  
our earthbound spirits to entrance,  
our mortal fears allay.  
And teach us to desire,  
all other things above,  
that self-consuming holy fire,  
the perfect gift of love.**

**Blessing:**

Go to love and serve God.

God is always with you offering inspiration and encouragement.

May your life be a blessing to others.

God loves you. God will bless you. **Amen**

**Sing: Amen, Amen, A...men**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Door &amp; Team</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Sound Visual</b>
<b>October 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Alvin Hall	<u><b>Chrissie Parker</b></u> Jean Robinson Sarah McConnochie	Jan Gordon Marilyn Matthews	S: Peter Cowley V: Linda Savage
<b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Rev Petra Barber</i>	Lynnor Cooke	<u><b>Alvin Hall</b></u> Jean Hillyard Pat Flockhart	Ruth McLennan Robin Woods	S: Hans Kwak V: Mike Willis

## **NOTICES**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Matawhero Worship Service &amp; congregational meeting</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St Andrew's Service &amp; congregational meeting</b>
		<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Sea of Faith in lounge</b>
Monday	21	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	22	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	23	9.45am	mainly music
Thursday	24	2.00pm	Leighton House Service
Friday	25	1.00pm	choir practise
Saturday	26	8.00am	Car Boot Sale
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>St Andrew's Service</b> <i>Rev Petra Barber</i> No Service at Matawhero