

**Gisborne Presbyterian Parish welcomes you to  
St Andrew's Church**

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**Sunday 1 December 2019 at 10.30 a.m.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE**



Farazia and her family from Uganda, saving and hoping for a water tank

*Please stay for morning tea in the church lounge*

**Worship leader:** *Rev Mary Petersen*

**Organist:** *Paul Pollock* **Prayers:** *written by Raewyn Hannah*

**Reader:** *Bob Bos*

**Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

**St Andrew's Choir**

**\*Please feel free to sit for the hymns if that is more comfortable for you\***

*We gather together as the people of God*

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

*We spend some moments in silence to prepare ourselves to worship*

**Introit:** *Please remain seated but join in singing with the choir*

CH4 277 Hark the glad sound v. 1 and 5

**Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long;  
let every heart exult with joy,  
and every voice with song!**

**Our glad hosannas Prince of Peace,  
thy welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven's exalted arches ring  
with thy most honoured name.**

**Call to worship:** adapted from words of Bronwyn Angela White  
*in Something new to say – words of spirit, faith  
and celebration for Advent and Christmas*

In this season of Advent, we celebrate wonder  
as we share in faith and community.

**We give thanks for life.**

Sometimes our lives seem like an endless Advent:  
**Always waiting, being ready, preparing for the big moment,**  
The fulfilment, the dream come true.

**When will there be peace on earth?**

When will poverty be history?

**How long before we need no ribbons, white, red or green?**

And we wait. How long, we ask, how long?

**This Advent, may we *be* the promise kept,**

**The word made flesh, the kingdom come,**

**Not just on high and holy days**

**But in ordinary times as well.**

So may we enjoy this time of preparation

Thrilling to angel song and sparkling lights,

*Snoopy's Christmas* and *Silent Night*;

**May the little boy drum for us,**

**And the wise one's gifts be ours**

Birthing the Christ each day in our imagination.

**Let us be the gift we long for**

Long after the paper's discarded and the cards are put away;

**Be the love that keeps on loving,**

Joy in our world, day after day.

**May our lives be candles of peace,**

May we light up our world and prepare the way.

**May we hear God's word of hope today.**

**The choir sings** CH4 284 v. 1 Hope is a candle

Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets,

never consumed, though it burns through the years;

dim in the daylight of power and privilege –

when they are gone, hope will shine on.

*The congregation joins in the second time through*

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**A Christian World Service Partner Story of Hope from Uganda**  
Farazia and her grandchildren  
Water, the essence of life

**Lighting the Candle of Hope in the Advent Wreath**

Gracious God, for those like Farazia  
who dare to hope for a better way,

**We give you thanks.**

For those who help to fulfil their hopes

**We praise you, God.**

For the relentless pursuit of this hope

**We light this candle. Amen.**

**Sing:** Hope is a candle v.1.

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never consumed, though it burns through the years;  
dim in the daylight of power and privilege –  
when they are gone, hope will shine on.**



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 609 Come, living God vv 1,2,3  
Tune: CH4 220 St Clement

**Come, living God, when least expected,  
when minds are dull and hearts are cold,  
through sharpening word and warm affection  
revealing truths as yet untold.**

**Break from the tomb in which we hide you  
to speak again in startling ways;  
break through the words in which we bind you  
to resurrect our lifeless praise.**

**Come now, as once you came to Moses  
within the bush alive with flame;  
or to Elijah on the mountain,  
by silence pressing home your claim.**

**Reflection: HOPE, WAITING AND PREPARATION**

- *woven threads, like a tartan – event and meaning bound together*
- *Matthew 1: 1 – 17 - prologue to Gospel signals who Jesus was*
- *history and theology – life of Jesus, & nature and purpose of God*
- *the present grounded in the past - God brings hope into our story*

*We respond to God*

**Sing:** CH4 609 Come, living God v. 4,5,6  
Tune: CH 220 St Clement

**So, let our minds be sharp to read you  
in sight or sound or printed page,  
and let us greet you in our neighbours,  
in ardent youth or mellow age.**

**Then, through our gloom, your Son will meet us  
as vivid truth and living Lord,  
exploding doubt and disillusion  
to scatter hope and joy abroad.**

**Then we will share his radiant brightness  
and, blazing through the dread of night,  
illuminate by love and reason,  
for those in darkness, faith's delight.**

**Prayers of the People**

*by Raewyn Hannah*

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

*We sing as the offering is carried down the aisle:*

**Sing:** CH4 809 to 808 Praise God, the source of life

**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.**

**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 192 vv 1,3,4,5 All my hope on God is founded

**All my hope on God is founded,**

**all my trust he will renew;**

**safe through change and chance he guides me,**

**only good and only true.**

**God unknown,**

**he alone**

**calls my heart to be his own.**

**God's great goodness lasts for ever,**

**deep his wisdom passing thought:**

**splendour, light, and life attend him,**

**beauty springing out of naught.**

**Evermore,**

**from his store**

**new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Day by day the mighty Giver**

**showers gifts on us below;**

**his desire our souls delight in,**

**pleasure leads us where we go.**

**See love stand**

**at his hand,**

**joy awaits at his command!**



**Still from earth to God in heaven  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Hear Christ call  
one and all:  
those who follow shall not fall.**

**Blessing:**

Go with hope into this Advent season.  
Go to live in the power of the Spirit of God.  
May God's grace and love flow through you,  
So that your life will be a blessing to others.  
God loves you. God will bless you. **Amen**

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

**DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> COMMUNION ROSTER**

**VAL HALL**

**ALVIN HALL**

Pat Smith, **Silia Letufuga** (tba) Raewyn Hannah, Grace Johnstone,  
Jan Gordon, Cathy Porter.

***\*\*\*Please could someone offer to do Silia's Communion duty – please  
let the office know, or Val/Alvin – thank you\*\****

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Door &amp; Team</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Sound Visual</b>
<b>1 December</b>	Bob Bos	<u><b>Pat Smith</b></u> Jenny Lawton Marilyn Matthews	Jan Gordon Gill Atkins	S: Pete Cowley V: Mike Willis
<b>8 December</b> <i>Communion</i>	Jean Robinson	<u><b>Don</b></u> <u><b>McConnochie</b></u> Sarah McC. Gwenda Crawshaw	Trish Kwak Marilyn Matthews	S: Hans Kwak V: Colin Matthews

### **NOTICES**

Monday	2	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	3	10.00am 12.00pm	Open Door PCANZ Finance Roadshow (Mat)
Wednesday	4	9.45am <b>12.00pm</b>	mainly music <b>Pastoral Care Meeting (lounge)</b>
Friday	6	1.00pm	Choir Practise
Saturday	7	11.30am	mainly music end of year lunch
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St Andrew's Service Communion</b> <b>Guardian Angel koha</b> No Service at Matawhero
Monday	9	9.00am 9.30am 5.30pm	Walking Group Gardening at Matawhero Church Advent Studies
Tuesday	10	10.00am 1.30pm	Open Door Christmas Rymans Service - All welcome
Wednesday	11	9.45am 7.00pm	mainly music last one for this year Matawhero Church <i>'Remembered at Christmas'</i>

REVEREND MARY PETERSEN

is running 2 Advent study classes  
starting

**Monday 9 December**

**at 5.30 pm**

in the lounge (community hall).

The second class will be on

**Monday 16 December at 5.30 pm**

***REMEMBERED AT CHRISTMAS***

**A special service**

**at Matawhero Church**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm**

**Christmas can be a sad time**

**when you have lost significant people in your life.**

***Remembered at Christmas*, includes a time when, if you want to,  
there will be the opportunity to light a candle to honour and  
remember your special someone or light a candle to symbolise  
shining light into/praying about a particular situation.**

***Everyone is welcome***

