

# **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

*Matawhero Church – Church Lane  
St Andrew's Church and Community Centre:  
176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

**Welcome to St Andrew's Gisborne  
10.30 a.m. Sunday 29 December 2019**



**Another decade....**

*Please stay for morning tea in the community hall*

**Worship Leader:** *Rev Petra Barber*    **Reader:** *Pauline Ross*  
**Organist:** *Paul Pollock*  
**Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

*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.***

## WELCOME AND NOTICES

## SILENT PREPARATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We may have stopped feasting,  
many folk may have a hangover,  
but certainly Christmas is not over:  
Christ our Saviour is born among us  
**Amen! Thanks be to God!**

Praise, yes joyfully praise our God!  
**Lift praises high above the clouds!**  
Sing praise from outer space!  
**Sing praise all you angels!**  
Praise God all stars in the universe!  
**Praise, yes joyfully praise our God!**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

PRAYER AND CONFESSION

FAMILY/CHILDREN'S TIME

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God:  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed you for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou mayest smile at all your foes.**

**See! the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever will their thirst assuage-  
grace, which like the Lord the Giver,  
never fails from age to age?**

**Saviour, since of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy Name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.**

SCRIPTURE READING:    Isaiah 63: 7-9  
                                  Matthew 2: 13-23

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.**

SERMON – Another decade is ahead of us

HYMN 3      Love came down at Christmas

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**Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love Divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
star and angels gave the sign.**

**Worship we the Godhead,  
Love Incarnate, Love Divine;  
worship we our Jesus:  
but wherewith for sacred sign?**

**Love shall be our token,  
love be yours and love be mine,  
love to God and all men,  
love for plea and gift and sign.**

OFFERING & DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**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.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray God's trust;  
though with care and toil we build them,  
tower and temple fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.**

**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

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**COMMUNION ROSTER JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup>**

**JANUARY 12 (2020) ‘Come Forward’**

**PAT FLOCKHART**

**SETON CLARE**

Jean Robinson, ~~Grace Johnstone~~, Gwenda Crawshaw, Jean Hillyard,  
Lynnor Cooke, ~~Don McConnochie~~

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**OPEN DOOR**



An invitation is extended to anyone  
who would like to come to our home at  
109 Ormond Road for morning tea – commencing  
at 10am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> Jan.  
*Val Hall*

OPEN DOOR RESUMES 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 10.00 AM  
IN THE LOUNGE AT  
ST ANDREW’S COMMUNITY HALL, COBDEN STREET,  
ALL WELCOME

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The church office will be closed over the Christmas Holiday period and re-opens 22 January. Please phone Rev Mary Petersen 027 2448396 Jenny Parish Clerk 868 4268 for any urgent matters: Emails and phone messages will be cleared regularly.

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## SIGNPOST



The next *Signpost* will be published end January - if you have information you want included in that edition, please give it to Liz by 29 January at the latest.

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### NOTICES

Monday            30            9.00am      Walking Group

### JANUARY 2020

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10.30AM</b>	<b>MATAWHERO COMBINED PICNIC with St David's</b>
			No Service at St Andrew's
Monday	6	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	7	10.00am	Open Door resumes at Val & Alvin's - 109 Ormond Rd
Saturday	11	8.00am	Car Boot Sale
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St Andrew's Communion &amp; Covenant Service Guardian Angel koha</b>
			No Service at Matawhero