

**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH  
WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE  
Sunday 12 January 2020 at 10.30 a.m.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE**

to worship God together, to share in the celebration of Communion  
and to enjoy fellowship together.

Today's service includes elements  
of the Methodist Covenant Service



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

*Please stay for morning tea in the lounge*

**Worship Leader:** Rev Mary Petersen  
**Organist:** Paul Pollock  
**Reader:** Jill Wallis  
**Director of Music:** Catherine Macdonald

*We gather together as the people of God*

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

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

**Introit:** *Please sing while seated*

CH 4 713 v. 1 and 2 Come all who look to God

Tune: Gonfalon Royal

Come, all who look to God today,  
Stretch out your hands, enlarge your mind,  
Together share God's living way  
Where all who humbly seek will find.

Come, young and old of every faith,  
Bring all your treasuries of prayer,  
And seek the living Spirit's breath  
To realise the truths we share.

*The Bible and candle, representing the light of Christ amongst us,  
will be carried into the church during the singing.*

**Call to worship:**

*From Jeremiah 33: 31 – 33*

The Lord says I will make a new covenant with my people.  
I will put my law within them and I will write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God and they shall be my people.

*From Psalm 25*

Teach us your ways, O God;  
**make them known to us.**  
Teach us to live your way,  
**for you are our God.**  
**We will always trust in you.**

*From Psalm 138*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
**Because of your constant love and faithfulness.**  
**You answered me when I called to you;**  
**With your strength you strengthened me.**

*From the Methodist Covenant Service:*

Let us worship God  
Who has established an everlasting covenant  
And calls us through Jesus Christ to be a faithful people.  
**We are here to make our response to God.**

God is with us in this place.  
God's love surrounds us. God welcomes us.  
God calls us again to the challenging way of love for all.  
**We come to worship in hope and peace.**

**Sing:** HS 55 Here I stand among God's people

Words: Marnie Barrell, Music: *Abbeyfield*, Colin Gibson

**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.**

**When the gospel words are spoken,  
When the bread and wine are blessed,  
Jesus makes me more than welcome  
At the table as his guest.  
And as I go out to serve him  
In my action, work and prayer,  
He will send me where I'm needed,  
When he calls me I'll be there.**

**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.**

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

**Congregational story time: *Heroes of faith***  
- including the Wesley family – and you !

**Sing:** CH4 694 ( or AA 8) Brother, sister, let me serve you

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you,  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear,  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you,  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love, and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you,  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.**

**Readings from the Good News Translation**

Deuteronomy 6: 4 – 9, 7: 9

John 15: 1 – 8

Romans 12: 1 – 2

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

**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.**

**Reflection:    THERE'S A THREAD WITHIN GOD'S STORY  
                         THAT IS YOURS ALONE TO KNOW**

- *Dedicate yourselves to God's service: Romans 12: 1 – 2*
- *"I am the vine; you are the branches" John 15: 5*
- *God's word a covenant in your heart: Jeremiah 31 : 31 - 34*
- *Methodist "Covenant" service: an opportunity to renew our commitment "One covenant of life to share"*

We respond to God

**Sing:** FFS 67 We are many, we are one  
Words and Music: Colin Gibson – a New Zealand Methodist

**We are many, we are one, and the work of Christ is done  
when we learn to live in true community,  
as the stars that fill the night, as a flock of birds in flight,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;  
as the branches of a tree, as the waves upon the sea,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**All division is made whole when we honour every soul,  
find the life of God in every you and me,  
as the fingers of a hand, as the grains that form the sand,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;  
as the threads upon a loom, as a field of flowers in bloom,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**We will join creation's song, make a world where all belong,  
build as one in peace and loving harmony,  
as the voices of a choir, as the flames within a fire,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;  
as the snowflakes in the snow, as the colours of a bow,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**Prayers of the People**

As heralds of God's good tidings, *(Isaiah 40: 9)*  
**we lift up our voices with strength this day  
praying to the One who comforts, restores, and heals.**

We pray for all leaders and peoples of the world.  
You have created one common humanity  
to live within your created order  
in righteousness and peace.

**Give us the humility and wisdom  
to order our common life  
according to your loving purposes,  
that your glory may be revealed  
and all people shall  
see it together.**

*(Isaiah 40:5)*

We pray for those who are sick, who suffer need,  
who are exiled or in danger.

**You have made us for a holy purpose,  
to comfort and care for one another,  
near and far.**

**Give us compassion to love and serve our neighbour  
and an open heart to care for those in need.**

We pray for your creation.

*(Psalm 85: 11)*

Your faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and your goodness looks upon us, as from the sky.

**Rid us of the arrogant laziness and greed that diminishes life  
and causes suffering and devastation  
on your created order, which you pronounced good.  
Stir afresh within us that watchfulness to care for your creation  
lest it be too late.**

We remember those who have died.

Ever-living God,

one day in your presence is like a thousand years,  
and a thousand years are like one day.

*(2 Peter 3: 8)*

**Make us one with the saints,  
who have found their eternal home in you,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit of Life. Amen.**

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

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

809 Praise God to tune 808 Tallis' Canon

**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**

**Sing:** HS 148 When at this table I receive a blessing

**When at this table I receive a blessing,  
The broken bread, the wine of life for me,  
Then let me share the peace with you, my neighbor,  
And let the Spirit set our spirits free.**

**If at this table I have need of healing,  
Unbidden grief, relationship gone wrong,  
Then let me know the hands of God enfolding,  
And let lament become believing song.**

**If at this table I forget the hungry,  
The dispossessed and warfare's spreading stain,  
Then let this bread become the bread of judgement,  
This wine the sharp awareness of that pain.**

**If at this table I make a dedication  
To give my life in serving what is good,  
Then let my centre be where God invites me,  
And show the words of Jesus understood.**

**What faith I have, I bring to join this table,  
What hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;  
With brothers, sisters, I will share the blessing,  
The feast where God is making all things new.**

*We are in communion with God and each other*



**This is the Lord's table: all are welcome here**

The peace of God be with you all.

**Peace is here for all to share.**

*We share the peace of God with one another.*

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Come, ready to receive.

**We come to receive the Bread of Life  
and the Spirit of Hope and Peace.**

Here we bring bread and the juice of the grape,  
gifts of the earth, and signs of our human need.

**We bring who we are to this sacred place.**

We place these gifts of the earth  
and ourselves in the hands of Christ.

**May God's spirit fill our hearts  
and shape our actions. Amen**

Let us worship the God of love.

**You created us, o God;**

**You continually preserve and sustain us;**

**You love us with an everlasting love;**

**Through the light of Christ**

**You have given us the knowledge of your glory.**

**We praise you;**

**We acknowledge you to be the Lord.**

Let us give thanks for the grace of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Though you were rich,**

**Yet for our sake you became poor.**

**You were tempted at all points as we are**

**Yet without sin.**

**You went about doing good**

**And preaching the gospel of the kingdom.**

**You were obedient to the point of death,**

**Even death on the cross;**

**You were dead, yet are alive for ever.**

Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

**You are the giver of life;**

**By you we are born into the family of God**

**And made members of the body of Christ.**

**Your witness confirms us;  
Your wisdom teaches us;  
Your power enables us.  
You will do far more for us than we ask or think.  
All praise to you, O Holy Spirit.**

We come here to do what Jesus told his disciples to do:  
**we remember, we thank God**  
and we are enabled to go on in the power of God's Holy Spirit.

*Let us pray:*

Merciful God, in Christ you have shown us the way of life.  
We confess with shame our slowness to learn,  
Our failure to follow, our reluctance to carry the cross.  
**Have mercy on us and forgive us.**

We confess that too often  
we have impoverished the life of the church  
By the half-heartedness of our worship,  
Our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace,  
Our hesitating witness for Christ,  
Our evasion of responsibilities in your service,  
Our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.  
**Have mercy on us and forgive us.**

We confess that too little of your love  
has reached others through us.  
Often we have been hasty in our judgements,  
Grudging in forgiveness,  
Slow in reconciliation,  
Unwilling to help our neighbour.  
**Have mercy on us and forgive us.**

Let each of us in silence  
make our own personal confession to God.

SILENCE

We are forgiven through the love of God.  
God breathes into us a new and faithful spirit.  
**Through the love we know in Christ  
we can share love with others.**

### **The Covenant**

In covenant, God chose Israel to be a servant people.  
Through trust in Jesus the Christ,  
we are called to be part of the new covenant.

**We stand within this covenant  
and we bear Christ's name.**

God promises to give us new life in Christ:  
**and we pledge to live not for ourselves but for God.**

Today we meet, as generations before us have met,  
to renew the covenant which bound them  
and which now binds us to God.

In this communion service today we acknowledge the  
call of Christ to share the love of God in this world  
**and we thank God for the guidance  
and strength of the spirit  
which enables us to share God's love.**

As part of our act of commitment to God's Covenant  
we say together the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*And we continue with the words of commitment,  
if you wish to say them.*

**I am no longer my own but yours.  
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,  
wherever you may place me,  
in all that I do and in all that I may endure;  
when there is work for me and when there is none;  
when I am troubled and when I am at peace.  
Your will be done when I am valued  
and when I am disregarded;  
when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;  
when I have all things, and when I have nothing,  
I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you,  
as and where you choose.  
Glorious and blessed God  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
you are mine and I am yours.  
May it be so forever.  
Let this covenant now made on earth  
be fulfilled in heaven. Amen**

(Covenant words from *The Methodist Worship Book*  
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As we have made our covenant with God,  
we now share communion together.

Sharing communion is about celebrating  
God's covenant with us  
And celebrating Jesus.

In the symbolic imagery of spiritual food  
we receive encouragement,  
strength and assurance through the grace of God.

*Let us pray:*

Gracious God, come to us in the broken bread  
– **nourish us.**

In the sharing of the cup

**be our joy and our courage for life ahead.**

May we be fed by your love  
and set free by your power

**and may we go from this place**

**refreshed and renewed by your spirit.**

In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

Even when the world rejected Jesus,  
on the very night that he was betrayed,  
he continued to care for others and to feed them.  
This was God's love in action.

Jesus invited all to eat with him,  
especially the outcasts of society  
and those who were treated badly by others.  
Jesus invites us to eat with him now.

We take these symbols of bread and the cup  
and do what Jesus asked of his followers.

We remember Jesus.

**We remember Christ's story.**

**We celebrate his life among us.**

Jesus sat with his friends  
and shared a simple meal.

Jesus took bread  
and after giving thanks to God, he broke it  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take, eat – my life is given for you.  
Each time you do this, remember me.*

In the same way Jesus took the cup

*A body was broken,  
a life poured out with the living hope of life,  
healing, justice and peace for all.  
This cup is the symbol of the new covenant  
between you and God.*

Jesus said:

*Whenever you drink this, remember me.*

The God of grace welcomes us all to this table,  
this moment of communion  
with God and with each other.

**We who are many are one body  
for we all share the one bread.**

These are the gifts of God  
for the people of God.  
**May we who share these gifts  
be in Christ and Christ in us.**

**Today you are invited to follow Methodist tradition and come to the table to receive the bread and the cup or to the two other places where elders will stand.**

*If you are unable to leave your seat, or would prefer not to, you are very welcome to stay there, and an elder will come to serve you.*

**Eat this bread, drink this cup**

...

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all evermore. **Amen.**

**For the power of Christ's love in our lives,  
For the promise of a world renewed,  
We give our thanks and praise,  
Most gracious God to you. Amen**

*We go blessed by the Spirit of God*

**Sing:** CH4 352 O for a thousand tongues v. 1,2, 6  
Words: Charles Wesley (2<sup>nd</sup> tune: Lyngham)

**O for a thousand tongues, to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.**



26 January 10.30am

**ST ANDREW'S WORSHIP &  
CELEBRATIONS**

followed by a *Congregational Meeting* to  
review the trial of changing the time of  
St Andrew's services from 10 a.m. to  
10.30 a.m. and decide about time of  
services for the future.

**NOTICES**

Monday	13	9.00am	Walking Group
		9.30am	Matawhero Gardening Group
Tuesday	14	10.00am	Open Door at Val & Alvin - 109 Ormond Road
		1.30pm	Ryman Service - All welcome
Thursday	16	3.30pm	Dunblane Service - All welcome



*St Andrew's Luchtime Concert Series*  
featuring  
***Ian Miles British organist & Friends***



**Wednesday 15 January 12.30**

Ian is back in Gisborne visiting family, and presents a fourth biennial concert on the St Andrew's organ, with local performers. Presented by the Gisborne Presbyterian Parish,

*assisted by Marjorie Redstone Trust, J.N. Williams Memorial Trust  
and H.B. Williams Turanga Trust.*

*Koha welcome. Bring your lunch,  
complimentary tea & coffee at the door*