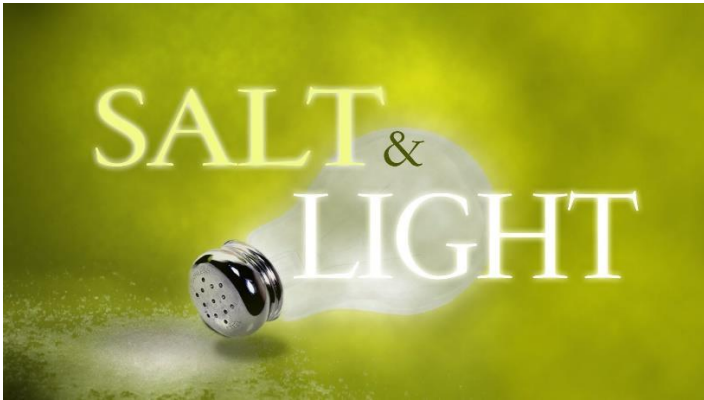


**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH  
WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE  
Sunday 9 February 2020 at 10.30 a.m.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE  
to share in Worship and Communion**



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

*Please stay for morning tea.  
If you are a visitor, please sign our visitors' book.*

Worship leader: Rev Mary Petersen  
Organist and Director of Music: Catherine Macdonald  
Reader: Lynnor Cooke  
St Andrew's Choir

*You are welcome to stay seated during the hymns  
if that is more comfortable for you.*

*We gather together as the people of God*

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

*A few moments of silence to prepare ourselves to worship God*

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

*Please remain seated to sing.*

**Introit:** CH4 600 Spirit of God

*Refrain            Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
Gentle as is the dove,  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love.*

**You spoke to us long, long ago,  
gave us the written word;  
we read it still, needing its truth,  
through it God's voice is heard.....*Spirit of God,...***

**Without your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live his way;  
we need your power, we need your strength,  
following Christ each day.....*Spirit of God,...***

**Call to worship:**

Blessed are those who honour the Lord, from *Psalm 112*

**All who seek to live God's way.**

Light shines in the darkness for all who honour God,

**For those who are merciful, kind and just.**

Those who have strong faith and trust God

Will be remembered and respected.

**They will not be worried or afraid.**

God's favour will shine on all

**It will be like the healing of the morning sun.**

God will always be with you.

**God is good and God's love is eternal.**

We come to worship God together.

**May we be open to hearing God's message today. Amen**

**Sing:** CH4 588 Praise the Spirit v. 3,5 Tune: Picardy

**Pray we now, Lord, Holy Spirit,  
on our lives descend in might;  
let your flame burn bright within us,  
fire our hearts and clear our sight,  
till, consumed with your compassion,  
we too set the world alight.**

**Praise the Spirit, who enlightened  
priests and prophets with the word;  
hidden truth behind the wisdoms  
which as yet know not their Lord;  
by whose love and power in Jesus  
God himself is seen and heard.**

*Michael Hewlett*

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

**Congregational story time:**

**WHAT DOES GOD WANT THE CHURCH TO BE?**

Salt and Light?

**Sing:** CH4 522 The Church is wherever

**The church is wherever God's people are praising,  
knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.  
The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying  
to live and to share out the good news of God.**

**The Church is wherever God's people are loving,  
where all are forgiven and start once again,  
where all are accepted, whatever their background,  
whatever their past and whatever their pain.**

**The Church is wherever God's people are seeking  
to reach out and touch folk wherever they are –  
conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,  
to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.**

**The Church is wherever God's people are praising,  
knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord.  
The church is where we as Christ's followers are trying  
to live and to share out the good news of God.**

*Carol Rose Ikeler*

**Readings:** Isaiah 58: 1 – 12    *Good News Bible*  
1 Corinthians 2: 3 – 6, 13 – 16    *GNB*

**Sing:** CH4 536 May the mind of Christ  
Tune: St Leonard's WOV 537

**May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling all I do or say.**

**May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.**

**May the peace of God my Father in my life for ever reign:  
that I may be calm to comfort those in grief, or pain.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self denying, this is victory.**

**May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,  
drawing all my strength from Jesus as I onward go.**

*Katie Barclay Wilkinson*

**Reading:** Matthew 5: 13 - 20 *Good News Bible*

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 252 As a fire is meant for burning ...

**As a fire is meant for burning  
with a bright and warming flame,  
so the Church is meant for mission,  
giving glory to God's name.  
Preaching Christ, and not our customs,  
let us build a bridge of care,  
joining hands across the nations,  
finding neighbours everywhere.**

**We are learners; we are teachers;  
we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers;  
we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle, loving actions,  
we will show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening spirit,  
we will live to God's delight.**

**As a green bud in the springtime  
is a sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness  
'mid earth's peoples, many-hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens  
when a storm is passed and gone,  
so may we reflect the radiance  
of God's new and glorious dawn.**

*Ruth C. Duck*

**Reflection: SIGNS OF ONENESS**

- *You are salt and light – and God's image*
- *every day live to God's delight*
- *Find the love and energy in the Spirit*

We respond to God

**The choir sings:** AA 36 Every day I will offer you

Every day I will offer you, loving God, my heart and mind,  
every way I discover you in the work your hand has signed;  
help me see I'm your image, and you have dreamed what I might be,  
every day in your Spirit, I'll find the love and energy!

Every day I will look to Christ, and give thanks for wine and bread  
through the pain and the emptiness where your world cries to be fed;  
help me see I can work for change, and wherever I might be,  
every day in your Spirit, I'll find the love and energy!

Every day I will take your word, answer your compassion's claim,  
celebrate every sign of hope, every deed done in your name;  
help me see you are always there, and your light can shine through me,  
every day in your Spirit, I'll find the love and energy!

*Colin Gibson / Shirley Murray*

**Prayers of the People**

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

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

CH 4 809 to 808 Praise God the Source

**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 Life, we offer these gifts to you  
And pray they will be blessed.  
We offer ourselves to serve you  
And pray for your blessing as we share your love. Amen**

**Sing:** AA 100 Now to your table spread

**Now to your table spread we come, each one, in faith  
that you alone provide the words of life and death:  
In wine and bread, in promised food  
we find your loving heart, O God.**

**Hands of the world stretch out, your mystery to touch,  
in longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,  
to sing in joy, to cry in grief,  
to know your meaning for our life.**

**Here is our common wealth in sharing what is good  
as though all human kind around one table stood,  
this bread to break, this wine to taste –  
one people in the name of Christ.**

*Shirley Murray*

*We are in Communion with God and with 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 Love.**

Come together, with thanks and hope.

**God's grace is our peace and our joy.**

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 his spirit fill our hearts and shape our actions. Amen**

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

God comes to us in love poured out as the means  
to fill our deep places of emptiness and fear.

**God is with us now to comfort, strengthen,  
challenge and guide us through the journey of life.**

We have the assurance that God is always with us.

As we celebrate the love of God offered to us,  
we also celebrate being God's people  
in this time and place.

We come to this table together  
but we also come as individuals.

*We say together a version of the Prayer  
that Jesus taught his disciples:*

**Eternal Spirit,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Loving God in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name  
echo throughout the universe  
The way of your justice  
be followed by the peoples of the earth.  
Your heavenly will be done by all.  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread 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**

In this communion service today we acknowledge the call of Christ to share the love of God in this world, and to live by faith.

We thank God for the guidance and strength of the Spirit which enables us to share God's love.

We are also grateful for all those who have taught us by word and example how to be followers of Jesus. They are a great cloud of witnesses around us.

*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.**

*Today we sing a Prayer of thanksgiving*

**Sing:** AA 39 For the bread and wine and blessing  
**For the bread and wine and blessing,  
for the friends around this table,  
for the peace and for the healing,**  
*we celebrate you, Jesus Christ.*

**For the faithful of all ages,  
for the dead and for the living,  
for the hope that we remember,**  
*we celebrate you, Jesus Christ.*

**When your love breaks through our darkness,  
when the broken come to wholeness –  
for each sign of resurrection,**  
*we celebrate you, Jesus Christ.*

**Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia,**  
*we celebrate you, Jesus Christ.*

*Shirley Murray*

Alleluia. Sharing Communion is about celebrating Jesus.

*We continue in prayer*

We thank you, loving God, for Jesus  
who brings hope and healing,  
looks deep into troubled hearts,  
welcomes the lonely and those rejected by others

and offers new opportunities to follow and serve,  
even when we have failed you.

**We celebrate your love shown to us in Jesus.**

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 those who were fearful  
or felt rejected and despised 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.**

With friends gathered for a special meal,  
on the last night they shared together,  
Jesus took bread and gave thanks to God.

He broke the bread and shared it, saying

*Take, eat –  
Each time you do this, remember me.*

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup  
and shared it with them, saying,

*“Drink from this all of you.  
My life is poured out for you.  
All may share in God’s covenant of love.”  
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.**

*The elders will come to serve you where you are seated.  
Please eat the bread when you receive it  
But hold the cup so that we may drink together  
as a symbol of our unity in Christ.*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
Come let us drink together.

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

*We say together:*

**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 112 God, whose almighty word

**God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight; hear us,  
we humbly pray,  
and, where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.**

**Saviour, who came to bring,  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind  
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
Speed forth your flight;  
move o'er the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.**

**Blessed and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world far and wide  
let there be light.**

*John Marriot & T Raffles*

**Blessing:**

Let there be light, God's light, shining through you.  
May you truly be the salt of the earth.  
Live in a way that delights God  
And your life will 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>
9 February Communion	Lynnor Cooke	<u><b>Alvin Hall</b></u> Joan McKay Pat Flockhart	Danielle & Sabine	S: Pete Cowley V: Mike Willis
16 February	Danielle Lapointe	<u><b>Don McConnochie</b></u> Jenny Lawton Sarah McConnochie	Sally Willis Karen Neumegen	<b>S:</b> Hans Kwak <b>V:</b> Alan Groves

## **NOTICES**

Monday	10	9.00am 9.30am	Walking Group Matawhero Gardeners Meet
Tuesday	11	10.00am 1.30pm 2.30pm	Open Door Rymans Service - all welcome Beetham Health Care Chapel Service - all welcome
Wednesday	12	9.45am 3.00pm	mainly music resumes Te Wiremu Service - all welcome
Thursday	13	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
Friday	14	1.00pm	choir practise
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Matawhero Worship Service</b> <b>St Andrew's Service</b>



## **INDUCTION SERVICE**

The Induction Service for Rev Jin Sook Kim is on

**Saturday 29 February** at 2 p.m. at

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Gisborne.

Jin Sook will begin her ministry with

Gisborne Presbyterian Parish

on 1 March 2020.

Afternoon tea provided

There will be a combined service at St Andrew's on

March 1 (no service at Matawhero)

## **MAINLY MUSIC**



There is still room for a few more families if you know someone who would like to come.

**mainly music**  
est. 1990

mainly music resumes in the lounge on:

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9.45am**

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**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH  
HARVEST FESTIVAL AND  
CELEBRATIONS**

Final Sunday Service with Mary.

Come and join us for lunch  
after the service to farewell Mary and  
express our thanks for all she has done  
over the last two and a half years.

*\*\*Please bring a plate\*\**

**10.30 am SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY**

*Your gifts of food brought for display will be  
distributed through Presbyterian Support to  
clients of their Family Works,  
Tairawhiti Men's group  
and Guardian Angel programmes.*

**MATAWHERO CHURCH**  
**Ash Wednesday Service**



**February 26<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm**

*Worship Leader Rev Mary Petersen*

# To all Pastor / Ministers / Church leaders & your congregations in Gisborne

**PLEASE NOTE:** the following in your 2020 Diary . . .

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

All are invited to a **'Special Combined Church Evening Prayer Meeting'** in preparation for the delivery of the  
**EASTER 2020 HOPE Project Booklets**

**Your Local Host - House of Breakthrough Church – with Pastor Jess McLeod**  
**The Shining Lights Trust team** will dispatch booklets to the House of Breakthrough Church in Gisborne  
**Pastor Jess McLeod** has volunteered to be our District Co-Ordinator for Gisborne city.

**At the Combined Church Evening Prayer Meeting** - Pastor Jess will lead a briefing on delivery co-ordination to our city.

- Maps of delivery routes will be supplied with the Booklets
- Volunteers have three weeks to prayer-walk the streets while delivering booklets - to complete before the Easter weekend.

**BUT – FIRST –**

we are all encouraged to gather on the evening of the **8<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2020 to PRAY for our CITY**

**Ray Sheldrake – on behalf Pastor**

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## Stride for Stroke Sunday March 8

10.00 am Event Start at Beacon Reserve,  
Distance 5km.

Midway Beach. \$10 adult \$5 16yrs and under.

Spot prizes

*pay online: [gisbornestrokesupport.org.nz/fun-run](http://gisbornestrokesupport.org.nz/fun-run)*