

**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH
WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE
Sunday 16th February 2020 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.
If you are a visitor, please sign our visitors' book.*

Worship leader: Rev Mary Petersen
Organist: David Russell
Director of Music: Catherine Macdonald
Reader: Danielle Lapointe
Prayers of the People: Gwenda Crawshaw
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 ...

Moments of silence to prepare ourselves to Worship God

Introit:

*Please remain seated as the Bible and candle, representing
the light of Christ among us, are carried into the church.*

Please join in singing:

Sing: CH4 716 Come and find the quiet centre v.1 only

**Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

Shirley Murray

Call to worship:

From Psalm 119: 1 – 6

How blessed are those who keep the law of the Lord.

Blessed are those who observe God's decrees

and seek the Lord with all their heart,

and walk in God's ways.

You, Lord, have laid down your precepts

That are to be kept with care.

May we hold a steady course

In doing God's will.

We praise the Lord
We come to worship God together.

We gather as followers of Jesus, who embodied love
and showed us how to live God's way.

We are different people; each one of us is unique,
With different gifts and talents.

We think different thoughts and feel different emotions.

Yet 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.**

Sing: CH 4 63i All People that on earth do dwell

**All people that on earth do dwell
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**Oh, enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

We listen to and engage with the Word of God

Congregational story time:
Blessings from walking God's way

Sing: CH4 530 One more step v. 1, 2, 4

**One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you:**

*Refrain: And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

**Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn,
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:**

Refrain

**Give me courage when the road is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you,**

Refrain

Sidney Carter

Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20 NRSV *Danielle Lapointe*
1 Corinthians 3: 1 – 9 NRSV

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.

The choir sings: AA 143 Touch the earth lightly

Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ re-connect us,
using us gently and making us one.

Shirley Murray

Reflection: MAKING WISE CHOICES

- *love and obey, blessing and life*
- *Matthew 5: 21 – 37 memorable examples*
- *you are a field, a building and partners with God*

We respond to God

Sing: AA 113 Our life has its seasons

**Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,**

*Refrain: so there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

**There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep...but there's never a time...**

**There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end.....**

Refrain:

*but there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

Shirley Murray

Prayers of the People

prepared by Gwenda Crawshaw

Leader: God, may we take one step at a time.

Response: We are **Your** fellow workers

We say together the traditional version of the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy 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
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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 love, we offer these tokens of our thankfulness 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: AA 127 Take my gifts

**Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free.
Now, because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away;
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!**

**Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God;
spiced with humour, laced with laughter-
flavour of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.**

**Take whatever I can offer-
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.**

Shirley Murray

Blessing:

May you honour God with the talents and skills you have.

Use your gifts for God's glory.

May the flavor of the Jesus life flow through you.

Choose to live God's way and you will be blessed.

God loves you. God will make you a blessing to others. **Amen**

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

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
16 February	Danielle Lapointe	<u>Don McConnochie</u> Jenny Lawton Sarah McConnochie	Sally Willis Jean Hillyard	S: Hans Kwak V: Alan Groves
23 February	Jean Robinson	<u>Alvin Hall</u> Cathy Porter Gwenda Crawshaw	Val McGreevy Karen Neumegen	S: Pete Cowley V: Don McConnochie

NOTICES

Monday	17	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	18	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	19	9.45am	mainly music
Thursday	20	3.30pm	Dunblane Service - all welcome
Friday	21	1.00pm	choir practise
Saturday	22	8.00am	Car Boot Sale

Sunday 23 10.30 am St Andrew's Harvest Festival Service & Celebrations, Guardian Angel koha.

*****Farewell after the service for Mary
No Service at Matawhero

Monday	24	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	25	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	26	9.45am	mainly music
<u>Ash Wednesday</u>		7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service at Matawhero
Thursday	27	2.00pm	Leighton House Service
Friday	28	1.00pm	choir practise

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)

MATAWHERO CHURCH

Ash Wednesday Service



February 26th 7.00 pm

Worship Leader Rev Mary Petersen



**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.*

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