

**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH
WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE
Sunday 23 February 2020 at 10.30 a.m.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE
Today we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving
And Celebrations Sunday**



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

Please stay for a farewell lunch for Mary after the service

Worship leader: Rev Mary Petersen

Organist: David Russell

Director of Music: Catherine Macdonald

Reader: Jean Robinson

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 159 Lord for the years v.1 and 2 only

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the Word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

Call to worship: *From Psalm 126: 1 – 3, 5-6 Revised English Bible*

When the Lord restored us
We were like those renewed in health.
Our mouths were full of laughter
And we sang aloud for joy.

Among the nations it was said
The Lord has done great things for them.
Great things indeed the Lord did for us,
And we rejoiced.

Those who sow in tears
Will reap with songs of joy.
He who goes out weeping
Carrying his bag of seed,
Will come back with songs of joy
Carrying home his sheaves.

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.
We praise the Lord
We come to worship God together.

Sing: WOV 115 Let us sing

**Let us sing to the God of salvation,
let us sing to the Lord our rock!
Let us come to God's house with thanksgiving,
let us come before the Lord and sing!**

*Refrain Praise our Maker, praise our Saviour,
praise the Lord the everlasting One.
Every throne must bow before God,
God is Lord of everything!*

**In God's hands are the earth's deep places
and the strength of the hills is God's;
all the sea is the Lord's, for God made it,
by God's hands the dry land was formed.**

Refrain

**Let us worship the Lord our Maker,
let us kneel to the Lord our God;
for we all are the sheep of God's pasture,
God will guide us with a powerful hand.**

Refrain

**Let today be the time when you hear God!
May our hearts not be hard or cold,
lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion,
as God's people did in time of old.**

Refrain

Celebrations Sunday:

*this is the opportunity for anyone to share with the church family
something they want to celebrate.*

*Please contribute to our Guardian Angel for Family Works,
Presbyterian Support (yellow container at back of church)*

We sing the Celebrations Song:

**Celebrations today
May God bless you we pray
Live for Jesus dear people
May he guide you each day**

We listen to and engage with the Word of God

Celebrating music:

The choir sings:

AA 41 For the music of creation *Tune by Douglas Mews*

For the music of creation,
for the song your Spirit sings,
for your sound's divine expression,
Burst of joy in living things:
God, our God, the world's composer,
hear us, echoes of your voice:
music is your art, your glory,
let the human heart rejoice!

Psalms and symphonies exalt you,
drum and trumpet, string and reed,
simple melodies acclaim you,
tunes that rise from deepest need,
hymns of longing and belonging,
carols from a cheerful throat,
lilt of lullaby and lovesong
catching heaven in a note.

All the voices of the ages
in transcendent chorus meet,
worship lifting up the senses,
hands that praise and dancing feet;
over discord and division
music speaks your joy and peace,
harmony of earth and heaven,
song of God that cannot cease!

Shirley Murray

**Congregational story time: Harvest Celebrations
And Being Thankful to God Always**

Sing: AA 137 The Kingdom is within you

Refrain *The kingdom is within you, the kingdom is within you.
Why do we go searching for the answers of the mighty?
The kingdom is within you, the kingdom is within you.
Like a little seed planted in the ground, let it grow.*

**I will set my face to the wind,
scatter my handful of seed on high.
Needn't have to worry where the great wind takes it;
seeds will grow where ever they're planted.
All we need is courage to keep on facing the wind.**

Refrain

**I will set my hand to the plough;
don't look back, it's too late now.
The fullness of the kingdom is not quite yet,
but the seed of the kingdom is here and now.
Don't split the seed; be patient, let it grow.**

Refrain

Reading: Deuteronomy 16: 9 - 17 Good News Bible *Jean Robinson*

Sing: FFS 57 Song of faith that sings forever
Tune: Abbeyfield

**Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.**

**Song of faith in exultation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison:
faith must often sing alone.**

**And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.**

Shirley Murray

Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11 *GNB* *Jean Robinson*

Sing: CH4 231 For the fruits of all creation
Tune: 562 Ar Hyd y Nos

**For the fruits of all creation
thanks be to God;
for these gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

Frederick Green

Reading: Matthew 5: 43 – 48 GNB

Jean Robinson

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: CH 4 448 Shine, Jesus, Shine v. 1 and 3

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth You now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me,**

Refrain

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me,**

Refrain

Reflection: BLESSED AND THANKFUL

- *honouring God and being perfect?*
- *shining the light of God everywhere*
- *the Spirit of God is always with you*

We respond to God

The choir sings: HS 7 As the wind song ...

As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known
where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain,
as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new,
making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

We respond in prayer:

- **Prayers for ourselves and others**
- **we sing as a prayer:** AA 54 God of the galaxies

**God of the galaxies spinning in space,
God of the smallest seed, our living source,
yours is the gift of this beautiful place.**

Let us care for your garden and honour the earth.

**Careless and covetous, gross are our greeds,
taking the riches the garden provides,
wasting its goodness, forgetting its needs.**

Let us care for your garden and honour the earth.

**Forests and rivers are ravaged and die,
raped is the land till it bleeds in its clay,
silenced the birdsong and plundered the sea.**

Let us care for your garden and honour the earth.

**Let there be beauty, and let there be air
fragrant with peace, never poisoned with fear,
freed from the plagues of pollution and war.**

Let us care for your garden and honour the earth.

**Life is a holy thing, life is a whole,
linking each creature and blessing us all,
making connections of body and soul.**

Let us care for your garden and honour the earth

- *a few moments for silent reflection*

**Catherine Macdonald sings
the Malotte version of the Lord's Prayer**

- *a few moments for silent reflection*

Offering ... and dedication of the offering and ourselves

We sing as the offering is carried down the aisle:

CH4 229 We plough the fields and scatter v. 1 and 3

**We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
God sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine
and soft refreshing rain.**

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

**We thank you then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
with what we know you long for:
our humble, thankful hearts. *All good gifts***

We pray together:

**God of love, we give you our thanks
for all your blessings in our lives.
We bring these offerings as a symbol of our thanks,
And pray that you will bless their use.
We offer ourselves to serve you
And pray for your blessing as we share your love. Amen**

We go blessed by the Spirit of God

Sing: FFS 32 God who sets us on a journey
Tune: Hyfrydol

**God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward
stir the spirit, stretch the mind;
love, for God and self and neighbour,
marks the way that Christ defined.**

**Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.**

**End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack -
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.**

**When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent-pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side,
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.**

Joy Dine

Blessing:

God is with you on your journey, wherever you may go,
As individuals and as the people of God in this place.
May you always focus on the Jesus light.
May the Spirit of God inspire and enthuse you every day.
May your life be a blessing to others.
God loves you. **Amen**

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

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
23 February	Jean Robinson	<u>Alvin Hall</u> Cathy Porter Gwenda Crawshaw	Marilyn Matthews Karen Neumegen	S: Pete Cowley V: Don McConnochie
1 March	Sabine Lapointe	<u>Alvin Hall</u> Pat Flockhart Jean Robinson	Jan Gordon Dianne Burrows	S: Hans K V: ColinM

Notices

Monday	24	9.00am	Walking Group to Mahanga
Tuesday	25	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	26	9.45am	mainly music
Ash Wednesday		7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service at Matawhero
Thursday	27	2.00pm	Leighton House Service
Friday	28	1.00pm	choir practise
Saturday	29	2.00pm	INDUCTION SERVICE for Rev Jin Sook Kim at St Andrew's
Sunday	01	10.30am	St Andrew's Service Rev Jin Sook Kim No Service at Matawhero

BEACH TRIP TO MAHANGA TOMORROW

(Monday 24th)– Walking Group and anyone else who would like to go, please meet at St Andrew's 9.00 am for car-pooling. Bring your lunch, hat, sunscreen, drink (*surf board, buckets & spades optional!*)



MATAWHERO CHURCH

Ash Wednesday Service



February 26th 7.00 pm

Worship Leader Rev Mary Petersen

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)