

**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH
WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE**

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

15 March 2020

Lent 3

Where do we find the water of life?



Ministers: *All the people*

Minister: *Rev Jin Sook Kim* **Reader:** *Alvin Hall*

Director of Music: *Catherine Macdonald*

Organist: *David Russell*

Choir

We gather together as the people of God

Welcome & Notices

We take 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 during the singing.

Introit – Psalm 95 (CH4 #60) verse 1

**Come, let us praise the Lord,
with joy our God acclaim,
his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name.
Lift high your songs before his throne
to whom alone all praise belongs.**

Call to worship

O come, let us sing to our God
and make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation.
**We lift our hearts and voices
in joy and thanksgiving
for being here together
in the presence of our beloved God.**
Come, let us worship this amazing God,
for we belong to God.
**We will listen for God's word
and live in the hope it inspires.**

We sing – How sweet the name of Jesus sound

CH4# 461 (verses 1-3 & 6)

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds, in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrow, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.

Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death.

Prayer of praise and confession

Words of Assurance

We sing – Matthew was a lonely man (HoS #99)

Matthew was a lonely man (come, brother, stand by me);
lonely Matthew found a friend (come, Jesus, stand by me).
Another sullen money day, a rubber stamp, an empty tray,
unless we follow when you say 'come, brother, stand by me.'

Thomas was a doubting man (come, brother, stand by me);
doubting Thomas found a friend (come, Jesus stand by me).
Within a silent room we stand, or walk a dry and thirsty land,
unless we touch your wounded hand; come, Jesus, stand by me.

**Martha was a worried soul (come, sister, stand by me);
worried Martha found a friend (come, Jesus, stand by me).
A thousand clocks, a weary arm, each whirring moment cries alarm,
unless we find your inner calm; come, Lord, and set us free.**

**Peter was a frightened man (come, brother, stand by me);
frightened Peter found a friend (come, Jesus, stand by me).
And all the angry eyes look on, the true turns false, the right goes wrong,
unless we hear your triumph song; come, Jesus, stand by me.**

Colin Gibson

Story time

We sing – Just as I am without one plea (CH4 #553)
TUNE: WOODWORTH, (verses 1-3 & 5)

**Just as I am, without one plea
but that your blood was shed for me,
and that you call us, “Come to me”,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am you will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a season, then above –
O Lamb of God, I come.**

Readings

First reading: Exodus 17:1-7 (NRSV) *Alvin Hall*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading: John 4:5-42 (NRSV) *Alvin Hall*

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise to Christ the Word

We sing - As a deer in want of water CH4 #550

**As the deer longs for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.**

Refrain *You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.*

**I want you more than gold or silver; only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver, and the apple of my eye.**

Refrain

**You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything**

Refrain

Sermon: Water of life – where do we get this?

(We remain in silence while the choir sings anthem)

Anthem – May the mystery of God enfold us (AA #95)

May the mystery of God enfold us,
may the wisdom of God uphold us,
may the fragrance of God be around us,
may the brightness of God surround us,

may the wonder of God renew us,
may the loving of God flow through us,
may the peace of God deeply move us,
may the moving of God bring us peace.

Prayers of Intercession *(written by Beverley Smith)* *Alvin Hall*

Leader: In all our journeying O God,
we have the holy scripture to guide us.

Response: We feel truly Blessed and will honour this gift.

Offering

We pray together

**Life-giving God,
we offer you ourselves and our resources.
Use us and our gifts,
that we may be water bearers
to a world thirsty for love,
for meaning, for justice, and for hope.**

**May all your people encounter fullness of life
through the love of Christ, which lives within us.
Amen.**

***We sing* –I heard the voice CH4 #540**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast’:
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live’:
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright’:
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk,
till travelling days are done.**

Sending

Benediction (Together)

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all now and forever.**

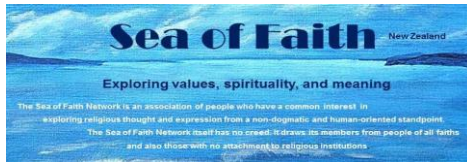
Sing: AMEN x 3 CH4 #819

Please join us for a cup of tea in the lounge

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
15 March	Alvin Hall	<u>Don McConnochie</u> Sarah McCon Gwenda C.	Trish Kwak Val McGreevy	S: Hans Kwak V: Colin Matthews
22 March	Pauline Ross	<u>Chrissie Parker</u> Pat Smith Dianne Burrows	Gwenda Gray Liz Lyell	S: Peter C V: Linda Savage

NOTICES

Sunday	15	9.00am	Matawhero Communion Service
		10.30am	St Andrew's Service Lent 3
		3.00pm	Sea of Faith Meeting in Lounge <i>Guest Speaker - Norman MacLean</i>
Monday	16	9.00am	Walking Group to Mahanga (weather permitting)
Tuesday	17	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	18	9.45am	mainly music
		4.15pm	Finance Meeting
Thursday	19	3.30pm	Dunblane Service - all welcome
Thursday	19	5.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday	20	1.00pm	choir practise
CANCELLED		7.00pm	Interfaith Meeting in Lounge
POSTPONED	21	10.00am	Over 90's morning tea
Sunday	22	10.30 am	St Andrew's Celebration Sunday & Guardian Angel Lent 4 No Service at Matawhero



Meeting in lounge today
Sunday 15th March at 3.00 pm
Guest Speaker Norman Maclean

WALKING GROUP
BEACH TRIP TO
MAHANGA TOMORROW
MORNING (Monday)
(weather permitting)



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

Gisborne Muslim Society invites you to join in a commemoration of the tragic incident in Christchurch
March 15 2019.

Sunday March 15th

Venue: Holy Trinity Church Hall

Time: 5.00 pm



OVER 90's MORNING TEA HAS BEEN POSTPONED on the advice from Presbytery and Rest Homes in the area.



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Saturday April 4th in the Hall
11.00 am



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David James

Wednesday 1 April

12.30 pm

St Andrews Presbyterian Church

Admission free; optional Koha

Complimentary tea and coffee

at the door

**MATAWHERO
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GARDENING AND
WORKING BEE**

MONDAY 6 April 9 am