

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

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

*19 July 2020*

*Pentecost 7*



**Ministers:** *All the people in Christ*    **Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim*

**Reader & Prayers of the People:** *Lynnor Cooke*

**Organist:** *David Russell*

**Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

*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*** – Something’s dead inside me, Music © Marnie Barrell Words ©  
Joy Cowley  
Hope is our song #123 (i), verses 1-2

**Something’s dead inside me,  
some yesterday is slain.  
My heart is hung upon a cross,  
my thoughts are filled with pain  
and yet there is within me  
a hope I can’t explain,  
*for in the darkness*  
*I can see God dancing in the rain,  
God dancing in the rain.***

**I surrender to the mystery  
of loss that turns to gain.  
The little seed of wheat must die  
to become a field of grain,  
and I know it’s in this time of grief  
that Christ is risen again,  
*for in the darkness*  
*I can see God dancing in the rain,  
God dancing in the rain  
God dancing in the rain.***

## **Call to worship**

Weeds and seeds, growing together.

**Each will influence the other.**

What will we learn from the weeds?

**Trials and tribulations, choices that have not always worked out.**

What will be gained from seeds?

**Inside each one of us is a special person – Christ, waiting to be nurtured to wholeness.**

**Each seed is unique; each has its own gifts to offer.**

In God's garden, God's love extends to both – asking both to consider what each has to offer to a hurting world.

**Lord, help us to be good seeds, bearing fruits of kindness, justice and compassion. Be in our hearts, O Lord, and in our lives. AMEN.**

*We sing* – The kingdom of God is justice and joy

TUNE: HANOVER, (#CH4 127) words: Bryn Rees

**The kingdom of God is justice and joy;**

**for Jesus restores**

**what sin would destroy.**

**God's power and glory**

**in Jesus we know**

**and here and hereafter**

**the kingdom shall grow.**

**The kingdom of God**

**is mercy and grace;**

**the captives are freed,**

**the sinners find place,**

**the outcasts are welcomed**

**God's banquet to share;**

**and hope is awakened**

**in place of despair.**

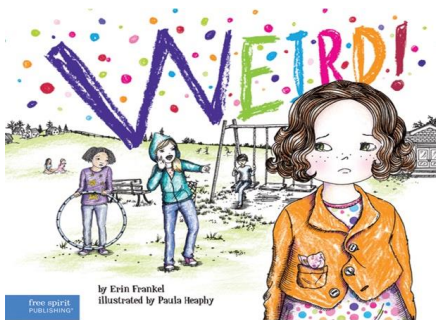
**The kingdom of God  
is challenge and choice:  
believe the good news,  
repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners  
brought Christ to his cross:  
our crisis of judgement  
for gain or for loss.**

**God's kingdom is come,  
the gift and the goal;  
in Jesus begun,  
in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom  
shall answer his call  
and all things cry 'Glory!'  
to God all in all.**

*Prayer of praise and confession*

*Words of Assurance*

*Story Time – Weird!* By Erin Frankel



***Question: What are the (good) seeds, and the weeds in this story?***

*We sing – God of the fertile fields* TUNE CH4 #112

**God of the fertile fields,  
Lord of the earth that yields  
our daily bread;  
forth from thy bounteous hand  
come gifts thy love has planned,  
that all in every land  
be clothed and fed.**

**We would thy stewards be,  
holding in trust from thee  
all thou dost give;  
help us in love to share,  
teach us like you to care,  
that earth may all be fair;  
your children live.**

**As grows the hidden seed  
to fruit that serves our need,  
thy kingdom grows.  
So let our toil be used,  
no gift of thine abused,  
no humble task refused  
thy love bestows.**

**God of the countryside,  
dear to our Lord, who died  
to make us one;  
we pledge our lives to thee  
to serve thee faithfully  
till in eternity  
our day is done.**

Music – Georgia Harkness, Words © 1955, Ren. 1983 The Hymn Society  
(admin. Hope Publishing Company, 380 S Main Pl, Carol Stream, IL 60188)

*Readings*

**First reading: Genesis 28:10-19a (NRSV)**

*Lynnor Cooke*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**Thanks be to God**

***Gospel reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NRSV)***

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
**Praise to Christ the Word**

***Sermon – The seeds and weeds***

***Anthem*** – Simply to be, Music © Colin Gibson,  
Words © Shirley Erena Murray Hope is Our Song #118, verses 1-3

**Simply to be, to be in stillness,  
simply to trust that God is here,  
simply to know the Holy Presence,  
is to be blessed:  
so am I blessed,**

**Simply to hold the given moment,  
simply to lay concern aside,  
simply to let the heart be speaking,  
is to be blessed:  
so am I blessed,**

**So am I blessed within God's keeping,  
so am I freed from pointless stress,  
steadied to feel the soul replenished,  
given this grace,  
folded in peace.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

*Offering*

**Lord, we present these tokens of the many blessings you have poured into our lives. Make us people who are unafraid to proclaim your healing mercies. Help these gifts to bring hope and comfort to all those in need. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

*We sing* – **A pinch of salt** © Colin Gibson (Hope is Our Song #1),  
verses 1-4

**A pinch of salt in a tasteless stew  
Will give that stew some flavour;  
Just a pinch or two and it tastes like new,  
If the salt has kept its savour.  
We're to be the light of a candle flame,  
Where it's darkest gleaming brightly,  
And salt for the world into which we're hurled:  
When you sprinkle it just go lightly.**

**A drop of hope in a hopeless world  
Will give that world some flavour;  
Just a drop or two and it tastes like new,  
For hope has its own sweet savour.  
Not a pillar of salt – that's a grievous fault,  
And it's very backward looking;  
Yet salt we must add, says the Jesus lad,  
To give zest to the world's sour cooking.**

**A grain of faith in a doubting world  
Will give that world some flavour;  
Just a grain or two, it will taste like new,  
For faith has its own rich savour.  
Not a sea of brine – that’s a serious sign  
That the water’s been polluted;  
And a dry salt lake may a race track make,  
But for us it’s quite unsuited.**

**A touch of love in a loveless world  
Will give our life some flavour;  
Just a touch or two and the world’s made new,  
For love brings a special savour.  
Add a pinch of salt, just a drop of hope,  
And a grain of faith to your baking,  
With a touch of love and, by heav’n above,  
Christ’s kingdom’s in the making.**

*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*



Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
19 July	Lynnor Cooke	<u>Pat Flockhart</u> Chrissie Parker Dianne Burrows	Danielle Lapointe & Sabine	S: Hans Kwak V: Mike Willis
26 July	Pat Flockhart	<u>Pat Smith</u> Cathy Porter Marilyn Matthews	Ruth McLennan Sally Willis	S: Peter Cowley V: Alan Groves

## NOTICES



Join Zoom Meeting Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87925207054>

**Meeting ID: 879 2520 7054**

**Password: 543399**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Sea of Faith Meeting in lounge</b>
Monday	20	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	21	10.00am	Open Door
	21	12.00pm	Pastoral Care Meeting
Wednesday	22	9.45am	mainly music resumes
		10.30am	Beetham Health Care Service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23</b>	2.00pm	Leighton House Service
<b>St Andrew's</b>	**	5.30pm	Whakarongo (Listen!) in the lounge with refreshments
Friday	24	10.30am	<b>ZOOM korero</b>
		1.00pm	choir practise
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Car boot Sale</b>
<b>St Andrew's</b>		<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Memorial Service – Gordon Hair</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St Andrew's Celebration Service</b>
			<b>No Service at Matawhero</b>

**WHAKARONGO (Listen!)** and Fellowship  
Combining Drawing for Spirituality and bible study.

Thursdays from 5.30pm.

Registration form - clipboard in the church foyer

The **first session is Thursday 23 July** at St  
Andrew's

All sessions listed on clipboard



**Monster Garage Sale**  
**St Andrew's Community Centre**  
**Saturday 5th September**

**From 8.00 am**

Please bring in your goods anytime from  
now on (no broken items please)



Convenor: Jenny Lawton

# ADVANCE NOTICE

## SUNDAY 15 AUGUST AT 2.00 PM

St Andrew's Lunchtime Concert Series assisted by Marjorie Redstone Trust, J.N. Williams Memorial Trust and H.B. Williams Turanga Trust presents:

**Gisborne Concert Band** conducted by Matthew Lee.

A celebration of Matt's few months home in Gisborne working with the band, before returning to Boston, US, to take up a scholarship for his doctoral music study.

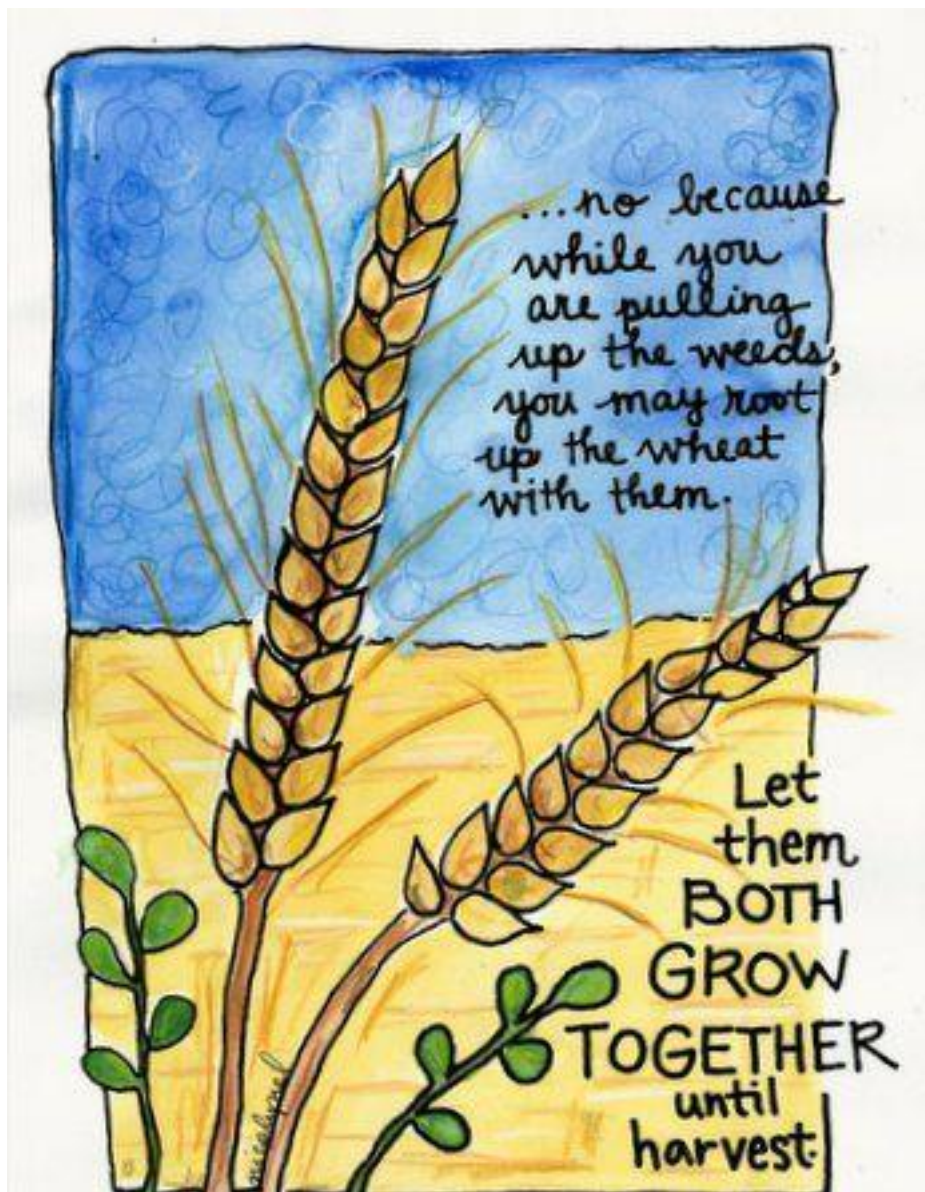
## SUNDAY 23 AUGUST AT 2.00 PM

**Choral Capers concert** – led by Gavin Maclean more details to follow

**WANTED** for garage sale planting—  
large pots preferably ceramic which would hold  
up to 6 plants, or sturdy plastic pots.



If you are able to help, please let Marilyn Matthews,  
or Margaret Savage know.



...no because  
while you  
are pulling  
up the weeds,  
you may root  
up the wheat  
with them.

Let  
them  
**BOTH**  
**GROW**  
**TOGETHER**  
until  
harvest.