

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

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

*26 July 2020*

*Pentecost 8*

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY**



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

**Reader:** *Pat Flockhart*

**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 – Just a mustard seed of faith,** Hope is Our Song, #82,  
© Colin Gibson, verses 1 & 3

**Just a mustard seed of faith will do  
to plant a fruiting tree  
in the salt and bitter sea;  
just a mustard seed will do.  
There are orchards waiting there  
to be born to ocean air;  
set them growing fresh and green.  
Just a tiny mustard seed,  
that is all the faith we need  
to transform our daily scene.**

**Just a mustard seed of faith will do.  
Watch it grow into a tree  
standing tall for all to see;  
just a mustard seed will do.  
In its canopy and shade  
birds may shelter, nests be made;  
plant the seed and clear the ground.  
Just a tiny mustard seed,  
that is all the faith we need  
to turn the world around.**

## Call to worship

Come with confidence before our God.

**For nothing can separate us from the love of God.**

Can hunger?

**No!**

Can hardship?

**No!**

Can people who are against us?

**No!**

Can death?

**No!**

Can anything in all creation?

**No!**

Then let us worship this most amazing God.

**We sing – Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah** (CH4#167) verses, 1-3

*\*The last line of each verse is repeated.*

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
*feed me till my want is o'er.***

**Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
*be thou still my strength and shield.***

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside!  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side!  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
*I will ever give to thee.***

*Prayer of praise and confession*

*Words of Assurance*

*Celebration Time*

an opportunity to share your special news with the church family



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

***Guardian Angel***– supporting vulnerable children in our community.  
Please place your koha in the yellow container at the back of the church.

***We sing*** – **Seek ye first the kingdom of God**, Words and Music: ©  
1972 CCCM Music, CH4 #641, verses 1-3

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness  
and all these things shall be added unto you  
allelu, alleluia**

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia***

**Ask and it shall be given unto you  
seek and ye shall find  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
allelu, alleluia**

**You shall not live by bread alone  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;  
allelu, alleluia**

*Readings*

**First reading: Romans 8:26-39 (NRSV)** *Pat Flockhart*  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NRSV)**

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

**Sermon – A reckless merchant or is s/he really reckless?**

(We'll have a moment of silence for reflection while listening to the choir)

**Anthem - How much am I worth?** Hope is Our Song #63, verses 1-5  
(The congregation will join the choir in verse 4 and 5)

How much am I worth? What's the value in me?  
do I count if I stand or I fall?  
If I'm weak or I'm strong, if I win or I lose,  
am I someone, or no one at all?

*I am worth everything, everything, everything,  
I am worth everything in the eyes of God:  
you are worth everything, everything, everything,  
we are worth everything in the eyes of God.*

I am that bird that dropped to the ground,  
the tiniest bird of them all,  
and nobody knew, and nobody cared,  
but our Father, who cares for us all.

I am that stone that fell from a ring,  
that was precious beyond all compare;  
and they hunted the house, till they cried out with joy,  
when they saw it, still gleaming down there.

**I am that child who felt lost and afraid,  
when she saw just how far she had roamed;  
but they scoured the hills till they found her again,  
and rejoicing, they brought her safe home.**

**How much am I worth? Do I matter at all?  
When I'm thinking it through I may see  
that I'm worth all the love of the Son of God,  
who laid down his life just for me.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **Offering**

*We pray together*

**Holy Spirit, you search the recesses of our minds and the depths of our hearts.**

**You call us to be not only givers but also receivers of your gift of grace. We believe that you will multiply our gifts to draw us nearer to your side. As we offer these gifts, we are grateful to be joined to the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

***We sing* – When Love is found and hope comes,  
Words Brian A. Wren, Tune: O Waly Waly (CH4# 234)**

**When love is found and hope comes  
home, sing and be glad that two are one.  
When love explodes and fills the sky,  
Praise God, and share our Maker's joy.**

**When love has flowered in trust and care,  
build both each day,  
that love may dare to reach beyond home's warmth  
and light, to serve and strive for truth and right.**

**When love is tried as loved-ones change, hold still to hope,  
though all seems strange,  
till ease returns and love grows wise  
through listening ears and opened eyes.**

**When love is torn, and trust betrayed,  
pray strength to love till torments fade,  
till lovers keep no score of wrong,  
but hear through pain love's Easter song.**

**Praise God for love,  
Praise God for life, in age or youth, in calm or strife.  
Lift up your hearts!  
Let love be fed through death and life in broken bread.**

*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**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Door &amp; Team</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Sound Visual</b>
26 July	Pat Flockhart	<u>Pat Smith</u> Cathy Porter Marilyn Matthews	Ruth McLennan Sally Willis	S: Peter Cowley V: Alan Groves
August 2	Colleen Skuse	<u>Jenny Lawton</u> Jean Robinson Jean Hillyard	Trish Kwak Jill Wallis	S: Peter Cowley V: Don McConnochie

**OFFERINGS**

“Please be informed that cheques will not be accepted by banks in the near future. If possible, please use either the internet banking or set up direct debit with the help of your bank. If you are uncertain as to how you might pay your offering in the future, please contact Liz, in the office. She will confidently advise the easiest/best way forward.”



## NOTICES



Gisborne Presbyterian Parish is inviting you to a  
Join Zoom Meeting **FRIDAY 31ST JULY AT 10.30 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85313530529>

**Meeting ID: 853 1353 0529**

**Passcode: 764526**

### **DIARY**

Monday	27	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	28	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	29	9.45am	mainly music
Friday	31	10.30am	<b>ZOOM</b> korero
		1.00pm	choir practise
<b>Sunday</b>	02	9.00am	Matawhero Communion
		10.30am	St Andrew's Worship
Monday	03	12.00pm	Korero me Kai meeting
Tuesday	04	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	05	9.45am	mainly music
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Whakarongo at Matawhero</b>
Friday	07	1.00pm	choir practice
Saturday	08	8.00am	Car Boot Sale

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

Thursdays from 5.30pm.

Registration form - clipboard in the church foyer

<b>Thurs 06</b>	<b>August 5.30pm</b>	<b>Matawhero lounge</b>
Thurs 13	August 5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge
Thurs 27	August 5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge
Thurs 03	Sept 5.30pm	Matawhero lounge
Thurs 10	Sept 5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge
Thurs 24	Sept 5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge
Thurs 22	Oct 5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge
Thurs 05	Nov 5.30pm	Matawhero lounge
Thurs 12	Nov 5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge
Thurs 26	Nov 5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge



**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)

**(furniture on day before as no storage)**

**Convenor: Jenny Lawton**

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

If you have any pots you are willing to donate, please let Marilyn Matthews, or Margaret Savage know, or bring into the office.

## **Korero me Kai - Conversation with food**

Sharing food and conversation is an important part of our lives. The idea of korero with kai was first raised by Jin Sook as a means of involving the congregation in sharing a meal together and discussing topics of interest. During Covid-19 lockdown this idea could not be attempted.

Over the Covid period we asked the agencies working from the hall if there would be anyone who would benefit from receiving a meal, we received one referral and started providing three meals per week to this person who was living alone. The meals were very much appreciated but it raised some questions about what more could we offer that would involve some skill sharing, teaching, cooking ideas, food preparation and eating together.

Parish Council has supported the idea that Gisborne Presbyterian Parish look at reaching out to our own parishioners and the wider community to offer food and conversation once weekly. It has also been discussed with some of the groups using our Hall space as we thought this would be a good place to start. The plan is to invite people who are part of these groups along with those who use the grounds around St Andrews to come and share a meal with us.

As a starting place we will invite parishioners who would like to support this project and agencies working from the hall to come to a korero me kai on **Monday the 3 August at 12:00**. This will enable us all to share food and talk about how we see this project will work. We will provide simple fare such as soup and bread and this will be the intent for all meals. The people we wish to focus on will be those who live alone, have a disability and are keen to participate in a shared meal and conversation. There will be no charge for these lunches but a koha will be accepted if people wish to contribute. It is hoped those who attend will in time assist in all stages of a meal.

It is possible the other groups using the hall may well assist in leading these korero with kai sessions.

We will open and close with a prayer or blessing and will also include a 5 min gospel message. A topic for discussion will be introduced and might be led by a diverse range of people. This project could develop in

any way depending on what the group may wish. The important part is that we have members of GPP present and participating in korero me kai

We will need volunteers, help and support in getting this project up and running so please consider what part you might be able to play. If you would like to come along to the korero me kai discussion on 3 August please do so, just let Liz know so we can have an idea of numbers. Any ideas or questions you might have please contact me and have a chat.

The korero me kai will start officially on Monday the **10 August at 12:00** so if you or others you know might enjoy such a gathering please come.

**Jan Ewart 8627505/0273481434    email: ewartjc14@gmail.com**

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

#### **SATURDAY 15 AUGUST AT 2.00 PM**

**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

#### **OVER 80's SPRING FLOWERS**

To be dedicated and distributed after Church on Sunday 13 September.

Assistance with assembling of flowers on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> from 1.30pm would be a great help, please let Seton Clare 868 5665 or the office know if you can help. Donations are requested from those under 80 towards costs and can be left with Liz in the office.



Or you can pay online: **03-0638-0462917-00 ref: flowers**