

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

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

*29 November 2020*

*Advent 1*



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

**Reader:** *Marilyn Matthews*

**Organist**    **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  
The Bible 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 worship God*

***Introit*** – Hope is a candle, Music © Douglas Galbraith, CH 4#284,  
verses 1 & 5

***Call to Worship***

Come, people of faith, come join your hearts  
in worship.

**We hear the invitation  
and hunger to join in the feast.**

God is faithful and calls us into the loving presence  
of Jesus, who is the Christ.

**We come to join with those who watch  
and wait and celebrate. Amen.**

***Lighting the Advent candle of Hope***

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not  
walk in darkness but have the light of life.”

**We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Marilyn**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness –  
On them light has shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

Today we also remember 75 years of Christian World Service's Christmas Appeals. We celebrate the work of the aid Agency in the provision of hope in our world. Our first Advent candle speaks to our hunger for hope, it speaks to our world's hunger for hope.

*(lighting the candle)*

*This candle represents the future that is full of possibilities for a new way of living as we dream our dreams. We are hungry for hope.*

***We sing*** – © All my hope on God is founded  
Music © Novello & Co. Ltd, CH4 # 192

**All my hope on God is founded,  
all my trust he will renew;  
safe through change and chance he guides me,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.**

**God's great goodness lasts for ever,  
deep his wisdom passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore,  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Day by day the mighty Giver  
showers gifts on us below;  
his desire our souls delight in,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
See love stand  
at his hand,  
joy awaits at his command!**

**Still from earth to God in heaven  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Hear Christ call  
one and all:  
those who follow shall not fall.**

*Prayer of praise and confession*

*Words of Assurance*

Fear not, for our creator is the loving maker  
of every thought and thing...In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ,  
you are forgiven.

**In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

*We sing* – Our life has its seasons, Words: © 1992 Shirley Erena  
Murray Music by Colin Gibson © 1992 Hope Publishing Co. AA #113

**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 ... *so there's never.....***

**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,  
but there's never a time ...*so there's never ...***

***Readings:***

**First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9**

*Marilyn Matthews*

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

**Gospel reading: Mark 13:24-37**

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

***Reflection on Hope with the work of Christian World Service:***

- <https://youtu.be/dR7BP-B-dk4>



- Rasu's story
- Discussion: Talk about the ethics of food. Does it matter to you how it is grown, prepared, consumed or wasted?
- Where does our food come from? Share some food stories from the Scripture – how do they speak to us about food?

(We will have a reflection on the message while listening to the Choir)

***Anthem – Choir*** -When out of poverty is born, Words © the Revd  
Kathy Galloway, CH 4# 291, verses 1-4

***Prayers of Intercession***

***Offering***

*Offering prayer*

**Holy One, you have given us all that we have and all that we are.  
Through these gifts and in our lives, help us be the shepherds and  
healers and lovers that you are calling us to be. Amen.**

*We sing* – Deep in the human heart, Words © William Livingstone  
Wallace, Tune: DIADEMATA CH4 #594, *Hope is Our Song* #19

**Deep in the human heart  
the fire of justice burns;  
a vision of a world renewed  
through radical concern.  
As Christians we are called  
to set the captives free,  
to overthrow the evil powers  
and end hypocrisy.**

**This is our task today  
to build a world of peace;  
a world of justice, freedom, truth,  
where kindness will increase;  
a world from hunger freed,  
a world where people share,  
where every person is of worth  
and no-one lives in fear.**

**Taking the step of faith,  
we leave the past behind  
and move into the future's world  
with open heart and mind.  
By grace we work with Christ,  
as one community,  
to bring new hope and fuller life  
to all humanity.**

*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*

**COMMUNION COME FORWARD ROSTER FOR DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**VAL HALL**

**ALVIN HALL**

Jean Robinson, Seton Clare, Lynnor Cooke, Cathy Porter



Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
November 29	Marilyn Matthews	<b><u>Don McConnochie</u></b> Cathy Porter Jean Hillyard	Danielle & Sabine	S: Peter C V: Colin M
December 6	Jennifer McDonald	<b><u>Pat Flockhart</u></b> Jenny Lawton Dianne Burrows	Jan Gordon Sally Willis	S: Peter Cowley V: Colin Matthews

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**KORERO ME KAI - Wednesday 12.30 pm in the lounge**

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**Gisborne Presbyterian Parish is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Join Zoom Meeting FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER at 10.30am**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88927014123>**

**Meeting ID: 889 2701 4123      Passcode: 724822**

## DIARY

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St Andrew's Worship</b>
		<b>Matawhero</b>	<b>No Service</b>
Monday	30	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	1	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	2	9.45am	mainly music
		12.30pm	Korero me kai St Andrew's lounge
		4.30pm	Advent Study 1 – <i>Hope</i> – St Andrew's Lounge
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Whakarongo &amp; Fellowship – Matawhero Lounge</b>
Friday	4	1.00pm	Choir practise
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Matawhero Communion Service</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St Andrew's worship service</b>

### 7pm Sunday December 13th



Interdenominational  
Lessons and Carol Service at  
St Andrew's Church  
*Please bring a plate for supper*



**ALL STUDIES WILL BE HELD IN ST ANDREW'S LOUNGE**

Advent Study 1 - **HOPE** on Wednesday 2 Dec 4.30 - 5.30pm

Advent Study 2 - **PEACE** on Wednesday 9 Dec 4.30 - 5.30pm

Advent Study 3 – **LOVE** on Wednesday 16 Dec 4.30 - 5.30pm

Advent Study 4 – **JOY** on Wednesday 23 Dec 4.30 - 5.30pm

**Signpost for DECEMBER/JANUARY**



**This will be published in Dec to allow for some important late notices to go in covering dates next year.**

**If you have anything to go into Signpost, please send it in to the office by November 27<sup>th</sup>.**