

**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH
WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE**
*Matawhero Church – Church Lane
St Andrew's Church and Community Centre:
176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

6 December 2020

Advent 2



Ministers: *All the people in Christ* **Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim*
Reader: *Jenny McDonald*
Organist: *Paul Pollock* **Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

Welcome & Notices

We take a few moments of silence to prepare ourselves to worship God

*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.

Introit – Hope is a candle, Music © Douglas Galbraith, CH 4#284,
verses 2 & 5

Call to worship

Let everything praise God!

**All the mountains and hills, the valleys and plains shall resound
with praises to God.**

Let everything that has breath praise God! P: All creatures on earth, in
the skies, in the seas shall sing praise to God! L: Let us, here and now,
praise God!

We praise God with our whole heart and soul and strength! AMEN.

We sing – On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry, CH4#334, verses 1-4

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be every heart from sin:
make straight the way for God within,
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty Guest may come.

3 For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward.
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

4 Stretch out your hand, to heal our sore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
once more upon your people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Lighting the Advent candle of Peace

[after each successive lighting]

I will lead the blind by a road they do not know,
By the paths they have not known I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
The rough places into level ground.
These are the things I will do
And I will not forsake them. (Isaiah 42:16)

Prayer of Praise and Confession

Words of Assurance

Story time – *Watership Down* written by Richard Adams (1972)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZsY2i0Cz_k (1978)

Question: What has Fiver - the seer's vision brought to the rabbits?

We sing – Let all mortal flesh keep silence, Harmonisation from *The English Hymnal*, 1906 Oxford University Press CH4 #666

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending,
Comes our homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords we now receive him
In the body and the blood,
As he gives to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
Streams before him on the way,
As the Light of light descending
from the realms of endless day
Conquers all the powers of darkness,
Drives the gloom of hell away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
'Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high'.

Readings: Jenny McDonald

First reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

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

Gospel reading: Mark 1:1-8

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

Sermon – The work of the voice crying out in the wilderness

Anthem – Wait for the Lord, Words & Music © Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, CH4 #276 (The congregation will join the choir in chorus)

Wait for the Lord, his day is near

Wait for the Lord, Keep watch, take heart

1. Prepare a way for the Lord. Make a straight path for him.
Prepare a way for the Lord.
2. Rejoice in the Lord always: God is at hand.
Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord.
3. The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
All the earth will see the Lord.
4. O Lord, show us your way. Guide us in your truth.

Prayers of Intercession – Gwenda Crawshaw

Hope came down at Christmas
We cry out for Love.

Offering

We pray together

Lord, we bring these gifts to you, thankful for all the ways you have healed and enriched our lives. May these gifts be used in service to others in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

We sing – Where is the room? Music © David Dell, Words © Shirley Erena Murray, *Alleluia Aotearoa* #154

1. Where is the room,
where is the house of Christmas?
Where shall we welcome Jesus,
where are the signs of home?
Where are the signs of home?

2. Let Christ have space,
Place at the heart of living,
centre for birth's new breathing,
cradle for hope and peace,
cradle for hope and peace.

3. Let there be room,
Room for the friend and stranger,
Room without hurt or anger,
Room for whoever come,
Room for whoever come.

4. Let love be here,
Love from the Christmas stable,
Love at our open table,
Love to be shared all year,
Love to be shared all year.

Sending

Benediction

Go to celebrate the God who is our home forever.

God's love goes with us!

Go to follow Christ's example in loving God, self,
and neighbour.

God's love goes with us!

Go with the Holy Spirit to change the world with love.

God's love goes with us!

Sing: AMEN x 3 CH4 #819

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
December 6	Jennifer McDonald	Pat Flockhart Jenny Lawton Dianne Burrows	Jan Gordon Sally Willis	S: Peter Cowley V: Colin Matthews

NEXT WHAKARONGO Thursday 10 December

4:00 pm St Andrew's lounge

Theme – Year B Bible Reading Project

KORERO ME KAI - Wednesday 12.30 pm in the lounge

Gisborne Presbyterian Parish is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom



Join Zoom Meeting **FRIDAY 11 December 10.30 AM**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83603772706>

Meeting ID: 836 0377 2706 Passcode: 329064

Advent Bible Study at St Andrew's lounge

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

7pm Sunday December 13th

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