

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

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

25 December 2020

Christmas Day



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

Reader: *Jenny Lawton*

Organist: *Belinda Behle* **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

Call to worship

A child has been born for us,

whose name is called:

Wonderful Counsellor—

Good Shepherd,

Deliverer,

Lamb of God,

The Word;

Mighty God—

First and Last,

Author of Life,

Morning Star,

The Light;

Everlasting Father—

Bread of Life,

Resurrection and Life,

Light of the World,

The Vine;

Prince of Peace—

Chief Cornerstone,

Lord of lords,

King of kings,

The Way.

He is Immanuel. God with us!

We sing – O Come, all ye faithful, *CH4* # 306, verses 1-4

**O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
born the King of angels:**

Refrain

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him'
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

**God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created.**

Refrain

**Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
'Glory to God in the highest':**

Refrain

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given:
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;**

Refrain

Candle lighting

Prayer of praise and confession

Words of Assurance

We sing – Joy to the world, *CH4* #320, verses 1-3

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

Reading

Jenny Lawton

Gospel reading: John 1:1-14 (NRSV)

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

Sermon

We sing – Unto us a boy is born, Words: © *CH4* #331,
verses 1-2 and 4-5

**Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn,
the Lord of every nation,
the Lord of every nation.**

**Cradled in a stall was he
with sleepy cows and asses;
and the very beasts could see
that he all folk surpasses,
that he all folk surpasses.**

**Herod then with fear was filled:
Now may Mary's son, who came
so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame
unto the joys above us,
unto the joys above us.**

**Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organ thunder,
while we sing our songs with glee
and rend the air asunder,
and rend the air asunder.**

Christmas Greetings

The light and hope of Christ lives in each of us.
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Prayers for Intercession

We sing – Hark! the herald angels sing, *CH4* #301 verses 1-3

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!'
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic host proclaim
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'**

Refrain

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King'.*

**Christ, by highest heaven adored.
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail, the Incarnate Deity,
pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel!**

Refrain

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth:**

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

**Friday 25 9.00am Christmas Day Service
No Service at Matawhero**

****Revd Jin Sook Kim will be on leave until 16th January****

**Sunday 27 10.30am St Andrew's Celebration
Service (*Lynnor Cooke*)**

JANUARY 2021

**Sunday 3 10.30am Combined Service & picnic at
Matawhero (*Alvin Hall*)**

Monday 4 9.00am Walking group

Tuesday 5 10.00am Open Door at 109 Ormond Road

Saturday 9 8.00am Car Boot Sale

Sunday 10 10.30am St Andrew's Service (*Val Hall*)

**Sunday 17 10.30am Combined St Andrew's
Communion Service
No Service at Matawhero**