

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

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

*10 January 2021*

*Epiphany 1*

*Kindness*



*Led by Val Hall*

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

**Reader:** *Bob Bos*

**Organist:** *Paul Pollock*

**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:** Spirit of God unseen as the wind CH4# 600

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
Gentle as is the dove,  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love.*

**You spoke to us long, long ago,  
gave us the written word;  
we read it still, needing its truth,  
through it God's voice is heard.**

**Without your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live his way;  
we need your power, we need your strength,  
following Christ each day.**

**Call to Worship:**

I waited patiently for the Lord's help  
**God listened to me and heard my cry.**  
God set me safely on a rock,  
**God made me secure.**

God taught me to sing a new song,  
**a song of praise to our God.**

Those who hear will put their trust in the Lord.

**Blessed are those who trust the Lord.**

I love to do Your will, O God.

**I keep Your teaching in my heart.**

I will keep sharing Your good news, O God.

**I will speak of your faithfulness and help, Your loyalty  
and constant love.**

The Light of God shines among us. God is with us.

**May our minds be open to understanding God's word for us today.**

May our souls be open to God's healing and inspiration.

**May our hearts be open to worship God together.**

Sing with joy to God, all the earth.

**We will praise God together.**

*Prayer of approach and confession:* Creator God, still our hearts and minds and create in us a new awareness of Your presence in this place. We praise You this morning for Your faithfulness to us by gifting us such an amazing world to live in where we can be sure of day and night, seedtime and harvest and all the seasons following in sequence.

Thank You for providing so abundantly for all our needs.

Thank You for making us in Your own image and that You know each of us by name. Thank You that You know what the future holds and that the plans You have for each one of us are for good and not for evil. Help us not to limit You by our own limited faith and understanding, but to trust You to lead us. Show us the way, be our light and help us to keep our eyes on Jesus

**Loving God, we ask Your forgiveness  
for whatever is wrong in our lives.**

**If we have hurt or offended others or treated anyone unfairly**

**If we have gone back on our word or forgotten to keep our promises**

**If we have been jealous, resentful or bitter about anything**

**We are sincerely sorry and ask Your forgiveness.  
Help us to see and admit our faults  
and to make amends where we can.  
We pray in the Name of Jesus, the Saviour of the world**

*Assurance of Pardon:* Your Word says that if we confess our shortcomings You are faithful and just and will forgive us and cleanse us from all wrongdoing.

**Thanks be to God**

*We Sing:* As with gladness, men of old CH4# 326

**As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onwards, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led to thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped,  
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
thee, whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy-seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy homely cradle bare;  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.**

**Holy Jesus, every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.**

**In the heavenly country bright,  
need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down;  
there for ever may we sing  
alleluias to our King.**

### *Children's Chat*

*We Sing:* One more step along the world I go CH4 #530

**One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go;  
from the old things to the new  
keep me travelling along with you:**

#### ***Refrain***

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.*

**Round the corners of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;  
all the new things that I see  
you'll be looking at along with me: *And it's from the old.....***

**Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though the world is tough;**

**pray and sing in all I do,  
keep me travelling along with you: *And it's from the old.....***

**You are older than the world can be,  
you are younger than the life in me;  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me travelling along with you: *And it's from the old.....***

### ***Scripture Readings***

Psalm 103

*Bob Bos*

Galations 5:22 – 26

### ***Reflection***

### ***Offering***

***Offering Prayer said together:* Loving God, we offer these gifts to You and ask that You will bless their use. Inspire us, as we seek to live as Your people, and help us to share Your love in the world.**

**AMEN**

***We sing:* Make me a channel of Your peace**

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

***Refrain* Oh, master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy *O master.....***

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive;  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

*Prayers of the People*

**Response – Lord, hear our prayer**

*We sing:* Your hand, O God, CH4# 511

**Your hand, O God, has guided your flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page;  
your people owned your goodness, and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least;  
they summoned all to hasten and share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely to guard the nation's life.  
Their Gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, life restored,  
was all in this enfolded: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us, your victory shall be won;  
by mortals and by angels your name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Blessing:** Thank you, God, for all who lift our spirits so that we feel able to mount up with wings as eagles, to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint. Show us how we too can encourage each other. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us and remain with us always.

**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  
 ..... AMEN**

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
<i>10 January</i>	Bob Bos	<u><b>Don McConnochie</b></u> Sarah McConnochie Marilyn Matthews	Karen Neumegen Sally Willis	S: Peter Cowley V: Colin Matthews
<i>17 January Communion</i>	Jill Wallis	<u><b>Pat Smith</b></u> Chrissie Parker Dianne Burrows	Paulina Melief Jill Wallis	S: Peter Cowley V: Linda Savage

Monday	11	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	12	10.00am	Open Door at 109 Ormond Rd
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Combined St Andrew's Communion Service</b> <b>No Service at Matawhero</b>
Monday	18	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	19	10.00am	Open Door at 109 Ormond Rd
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Car Boot sale</b>
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Farewell to Msg Frank</b>
Pot Luck Finger Food dinner at St Mary Star of the Sea Parish Centre.			