

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

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

21 February 2021

Lent 1



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

Reader: *Jean Robinson*

Organist: *David Russell* **Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

We gather together as the people of God

Welcome & Notices

Kia Ora, Bula (mbula), Talofa, Kia Orana, and An-nyeong Haseyo

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 – Nothing is lost on the breath of God, © Colin Gibson,
Faith forever singing, #50, verses 1-2

**Nothing is lost on the breath of God,
Nothing is lost forever;
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.**

**No feather too light, no hair too fine,
no flower too brief in its glory,
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,
but is counted and told in God's story.**

**Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God sees with love, and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.**

**No journey too far, no distance too great,
no valley of darkness too blinding,
no creature too humble, no child too small
for God to be seeking and finding.**

Call to worship

We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful.

Show us your ways and teach us your paths.

We wait for you.

Lead us in your paths of truth.

Do not remember our failures.

Out of your merciful grace, forgive us.

You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast.

**We lift up our souls to you,
and praise you always.**

We sing – In Christ alone, Stuart Townend & Keith Getty © 2001
Thankyou Music, verses 1-4

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

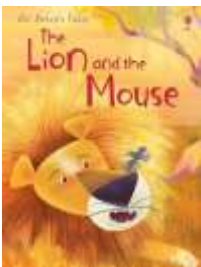
**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

Prayer of praise and confession

Words of Assurance

Story time – the Lion and the mouse by Aesop



Question: Do you see grace here? If so, what is it?

We sing – How deep the Father’s love for us, Words and Music, © 1995
Thankyou Music CH4 # 549, verses 1-3

**How deep the Father’s love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many souls to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there,
my pardon he accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that ‘it is finished’.**

**I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from all of this?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.**

Readings

First reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading: Mark 1:9-15

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon: Why me, Lord?

(We remain in silence while the choir sings anthem)

Anthem – Amazing Grace CH4 # 555, verses 1-5

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

We pray together

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen

We sing – Nothing, nothing in all creation, Music © Barry Brinson, Words © Shirley Erena Murray, *Hope is Our Song*, #102, verses 1-3

Refrain

*Nothing, nothing in all creation
can separate us from the love of God.
Nothing, nothing in all creation
can separate us from the love of God.*

**This is our faith:
trouble may break us,
grief overtake us,
sickness and death,
this is our creed:
no place so distant
that God is not present,
knowing our need,**

*for nothing, nothing in all creation
can separate us from the love of God.
Nothing, nothing in all creation
can separate us from the love of God.*

**Powers of our day,
angel and devil,
danger and evil
make their own play;
God's love is sure,
unseen but seeing
heart of our being,
comfort and cure,
*Refrain***

**Never alone,
though human error,
turmoil or terror
shake every bone,
hope is our song:
hope that is joyous,
born with Christ Jesus,
where we belong,
*Refrain***

Sending

By grace, we have received the Spirit

We are blessed by God.

In grace, believe the gospel.

Proclaim the good news.

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

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
21 February	Jean Robinson	<u>Don</u> & Sarah McConnochie Seton Clare	Danielle & Sabine	S: Peter Cowley V: Mike Willis
28 February IN THE HALL	Danielle Lapointe	<u>Chrissie Parker</u> Cathy Porter Jean Robinson	Trish Kwak Wendy Morris	Peter Cowley Sound NO VIDEO

Zoom meeting Gisborne Presbyterian Parish is inviting you to a scheduled

Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting **FRIDAY 10.30AM 26 FEBRUARY**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81404641419>

Meeting ID: 814 0464 1419

Passcode: 311582

PLEASE COME AND JOIN OUR CHOIR

(and make new friends)

We need YOU and your voice...

there are lots of empty seats to fill.

Choir meets once a week on

Friday at 1.00 pm in St Andrew's Church.

Just turn up on Friday and you will be welcomed with open arms by our friendly

St Andrew's choir,

or Phone Catherine 867 4937



OPEN DOOR TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 10am

(this is the new date)



Dr Alison McFarlane, who many of you will remember - will be the Guest Speaker at **Open Door** in the lounge.

Alison has worked in Thailand and also worked with Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders).

EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME!



MONDAY WALKING GROUP– trip to Mahanga **TOMORROW**. Meet at the church hall as usual, to carpool. Please bring your own lunch and togs if you want a swim. As usual, buckets and spades optional!

DIARY

SUNDAY	21	9.00am	Matawhero Worship Service
		10.30am	St Andrew’s Worship
Service			
		3.00pm	Sea of Faith in lounge
Monday	22	9.00am	Walking Group – MAHANGA
Tuesday	23	10.00am	Open Door
		4.30pm	Lent Study 1 (<i>Theme God</i>) in lounge
Wednesday	24	9.45am	mainly music
Wednesday	24	12.30pm	Korero me kai (Hall)
Thursday	25	2.00pm	Leighton House Service
Friday	26	10.30am	ZOOM (chat) meeting
		1.00pm	choir practise
Saturday	27	8.00am	CAR BOOT SALE

SUNDAY 28 10.30am St Andrew’s
 Combined Celebration Sunday in the **HALL** with shared lunch.
 Please bring a plate to share
No Service at Matawhero



A 'CELEBRATION POT LUCK' SERVICE will be held in the community hall next Sunday February 28th at the usual time of 10.30am.

Please invite your friends and family, also a plate to share. We are getting together, sharing stories and a meal. These Celebration Services we hope will become a permanent fixture and your feedback after the service will be very welcome and useful in planning future services.



ALL CLASSES HELD IN THE LOUNGE

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| Week 1 | Tuesday | 23 February | 4.30 – 5.30pm | (theme: God) |
| Week 2 | Tuesday | 2 March | 4.30 – 5.30pm | (theme: Image of God) |
| Week 3 | Tuesday | 9 March | 4.30 – 5.30pm | (theme: Sin) |
| Week 4 | Tuesday | 16 March | 4.30 – 5.30pm | (theme: Covenant) |
| Week 5 | Tuesday | 23 March | 4.30 – 5.30pm | (Crucifixion & Resurrection) |