

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

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

**5 February 2023**

**Epiphany 5**

***We welcome all visitors to our service this morning.***

***Please sign the Visitors' Book and make yourself known to the Hosts who stand at the back of the church.***

***A toilet is located in the foyer.***

***In our worship we use inclusive language as much as possible. Sometimes, especially in the hymns, this is not possible. Feel free to insert the language with which you are most comfortable.***

***BOLDED WORDS are for congregational response.***

***Where there is an asterisk \* please stand.***

*We gather together as the people of God*

*Kia Ora, Talofa, Bula, Shalom, Annyeong-haseyo, Bonjour, Guten Tag, Goede Morgen, Dobryi den*

LEADER: Welcome:

LEADER: Heavenly Father, be our watchman and our companion as we share in this service of prayer and praise this morning. We meet as family in Your presence, brothers and sisters in Christ, accepting the responsibility this places upon us - to love one another as you have loved us. We meet as your lights in this dark world, and pray that through our words and our lives, others might be drawn into your family, and accept you as their Saviour and Lord. Amen.

**NOTICES**

**Share the hand of Peace:**

**Introit and entry of Bible and Christ Candle: Let there be light WB 25 v1**

**Let there be light**

**let there be understanding,**

**let all the nations gather,**

**let them be face to face.**

*Call to Worship* (Psalm 112:1-9,(10))

Gina/Mike?

1 Blessed are those who fear the Lord:

**... and greatly delight in God's commandments.**

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land:

**the children of the upright will be blessed.**

3 Riches and plenty shall fill their houses:

**righteousness shall be theirs for ever.**

4 They are a light in the darkness for the upright:

**being gracious compassionate and just.**

5 It goes well with those who are generous in lending:

**who conduct their affairs with justice.**

6 For the righteous will never be shaken:

**they will be kept in re'membrance for ever.**

7 They will not live in fear of bad news:

**because with steadfast heart they trust in the Lord.**

8 Their heart is steady, they will not fear:

**in the end they shall see their enemies'downfall.**

9 They give freely to the poor:

**their righteousness stands for ever, and they will hold up their head with honour.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** Tama Ngakau WB 75 vv1,3,4

Tama ngākau mārie

Son of peace

Tama a te Atua

Son of God

Tēnei tonu mātou

here we are always.

Arohaina mai

Show us compassion.

Takahia ki raro

Trample down

Tau e kino ai

things evil to you

Kei pā kaha tonu

lest they gather strength,

Ko nga mahi hē.

all evil deeds.

Hōmai he aroha  
Mōu i mate nei  
Tēnei ra e Ihu  
Tākina e koe

Grant that we may have love  
for You who died  
May this be so Jesus,  
that you lead us.

Sentence of the Day

*Shine your radiant holiness into our lives, that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, to break every yoke and silence evil tongues. Amen.*

LEADER: Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

ALL: **Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

**Segment for the children**

**Hymn:** Longing for light *T. Christ be our Light* CH4 543

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.**

*Refrain*

**Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your Church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.**

**Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed.**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone.**

**Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.**

LEADER: *Together we pray .....*

ALL: **Great and Wonderful are your deeds, O Lord God  
almighty: just and true are your ways O Sovereign of the nations.  
Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord?; for you  
alone are holy.**

**All nations shall come and worship in your presence: for your just  
dealings have been revealed. to the one who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb: be blessing and honour, glory and might for ever  
and ever. Amen.**

*Revelation 15.3, 4*

LEADER: E te whanau a te Karaiti / Brothers and sisters in Christ, let  
us praise and worship God who has called us together. Let us celebrate  
God's majesty, and delight in the wonder of God's love.

ALL: **Together we shall confess our sins and receive assurance that  
we are forgiven. ....**

LEADER: As the scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us, and ponder its meaning for our lives. In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

LEADER: : Hear these words of scripture..... If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.. If we confess our sins, God is just and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong

ALL: **Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

LEADER: Let us, in silence, remember our need for God's forgiveness.

*Silence*

LEADER: Let us confess our sins to God.

ALL: **God of mercy, we have sinned against you and against others. We have sinned in what we have done, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, forgive us all that is past and raise us to newness of life. Amen.**

LEADER Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive our sins, strengthen us by the Holy Spirit, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

LEADER: O come let us sing to the Lord,

ALL: **let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.**

LEADER: \_ We sing to you, O God, and bless your name.

ALL: **and tell of your salvation from day to day.**

LEADER: We proclaim your glory to the nations,

ALL: **your praise to the ends of the earth.**

LEADER: Let's say together ..

**ALL : God of hospitality, even a glass of water given in your name is rewarded beyond measure. So fill our hearts with love that we welcome all in your name. For you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

READER: . *First Reading is from:* Isaiah 58: 1-12

Bidding: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

**Response: Thanks be to God**

LEADER: We continue together .....

You Are Worthy

**<sup>1</sup> You are worthy, our Lord and God: to receive glory and honour and power, <sup>2</sup> for you have created all things: and by your will they were created and have their being.**

**<sup>3</sup> You are worthy O Christ, for you were slain: and by your blood have ransomed us for God, <sup>4</sup> ransomed us from every tribe and people and nation: and made us a royal house of priests to our God.**

**<sup>5</sup> To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb: be blessing and honour, glory and might, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **REFLECTION**

**Anthem:** These Hills FFS 63 Colin Gibson

These hills where the hawk flies lonely,  
beaches where the long surf rolls,  
mountains where the snows meet heaven,  
these are our care.

Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,  
orchards where the apples grow,  
gardens where the roses cluster,  
these are our prayer.

Forests where the tree ferns tower,  
rivers running strong and clear,  
oceans where the great whales wander  
these are our care.

Race meeting race as equals,  
justice for age-old wrong, worth for every man and woman,  
these are our prayer.

Cities where the young roam restless,  
lives brought to deep despair,  
homeless and powerless people,  
these are our care.

Places where the Word is spoken,  
hands held in serving love,  
faiths of our many cultures,  
these are our prayer.

All that the old world gave us,  
all that the new world brings,  
language, ideas and customs,  
these are our care.

Life finding joy and value,  
faith seeking truth and light,  
God heard and seen in all things,  
this be our prayer.

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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OFFERING (*collection - put on Altar*)

LEADER: *All things have their origin with you, Lord, and from these riches we freely give, that your church may grow again here in this community through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Pg 10) Thanksgiving and Intercessions

LEADER: Make your ways known upon the earth

ALL: **your saving power among ALL peoples**

LEADER: Renew your church in holiness

ALL: **and help us to serve you with joy.**

LEADER: Guide the leaders of this and every nation

ALL: **that justice may prevail throughout the world.**

LEADER: Let not the needy, Oh God, be forgotten,

ALL: **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

LEADER: Make us instruments of your peace,

ALL: **and let your glory be over all the earth**

LEADER: Let us pray for the Church, the World and for ourselves giving thanks for God's goodness...

**Intercessions**

**Ruth**



*(After Intercessions)*

LEADER: Hear us loving and merciful God

ALL: Receive our prayer

LEADER: (As our Saviour has taught us we pray, singing)

WB 61

**ALL: Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of  
trial  
and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are your now and forever. Amen.**

Leader: /ALL: (Let us say together): **In darkness and in light, in  
trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to  
serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen**

**Hymn:**

God of Nations, at thy feet,  
In the bonds of love we meet;  
Hear our voices we entreat,  
God defend our free land!  
Guard Pacific's triple star  
From the shafts of strife and  
war,  
Make her praises heard afar;  
God defend New Zealand!

E Ihoa Atua,  
o nga Iwi Matoura,  
Ata whakarongona;  
me aroha noa.  
Kia hua ko te pai;  
Kia tau to atawhai;  
Manaakitia mai  
Aotearoa.

Leader: Kia tau ki a totou katoa  
Te atawhai o to tatou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti.  
Me te aroha o te Atua  
Me whiwhingatahitanga ki te wairua tapu  
Ake, ake ake  
Amine

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.

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*(The congregation is sent out with these words.)*

Leader: We go now to love and serve the Lord. Let us go in peace.

ALL: Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

**Sing:** 3-fold Amen CH4#819

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and friendship and a cup of tea or coffee  
in the lounge of the Community Centre next door*

**Leader:** Mike Coyle **Ministers:** *All the people*

**Reader:** Gina Highes **Organist:** Paul Pollock

**Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

**Daily Centering prayer at noon** (12 - 12:15 pm) wherever we are whatever we are doing. Focus on key word **GPP** (for its continuing mission and life in the community)

## DIARY

**SUNDAY 5 EPIPHANY 5**  
**Matawhero 9am Dan Van Brunt; Communion: Val Hall**  
**St Andrew's 10.00am Mike Coyle**  
**Monday 6 Waitangi Day Holiday**  
 9.00am Walking Group  
 Tuesday 7 10.00am Open Door resumes All welcome  
 1.30pm Kiri Te Kanawa Rest Home service tbc  
 2.30pm Beetham Health Care Rest Home service  
 Wednesday 8 9.45am mainly music resumes  
 3.00pm Te Wiremu Rest Home service  
 Friday 10 1.00pm Choir rehearsal  
 Saturday 11 8am-noon Car Boot Sale  
**SUNDAY 12 EPIPHANY 6**  
**10.00am St. Andrew's Communion Service: Val Hall**  
**Matawhero – no service**

**Please remember** donations for the Love basket. Breakfast cereals very welcome

### Coming up:

Series of Lenten and Easter services led by Rev Dr Clive Yates starting with

Ash Wednesday service 7pm 23 February at Matawhero

Thursday 23 12.30pm Lunchtime concert series Peter Shaw Trio

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
5 February Epiphany 5 Matawhero Communion Elder: Barbara	<u>Matawhero</u> Bev Kirkpatrick <u>St Andrew's</u> Gina Hughes	<u>Don</u> <u>McConnochie</u> Sarah McC Alvin Hall	Val Hall Pat Flockhart	S: Colin Matthews V.: Alan Groves
12 February Epiphany 6	<u>Matawhero</u> No service <u>St Andrew's</u> Lynnor Cooke	<u>Chrissie Parker</u> Linda Savage Jenny Lawton	Wendy Morris, Dianne Burrows	S: Colin Matthews V.: Alan Groves

**Communion Elders St Andrew's 12 February: Pat Flockhart, Don McConnochie,**

Raewyn Hannah, Jan Gordon

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