

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

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

14 May 2023

Easter 6

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

Welcome and Notices

Introit and entry of Bible – I will enter his gates Scripture in Song 139

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;

I will enter His courts with praise.

I will say this is the day that the Lord has made.

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad,

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Collect Prayer

Responsive Prayer: Psalm 139 The Message (adapted)

L: God, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand.

C: I'm an open book to you; even from a distance you know what I'm thinking.

L: I look behind me and you're there - then up ahead you're there too - your reassuring presence coming and going.

C: This is too much - too wonderful - I can't take it all in!

L: You shaped me first inside, then out.

C: You formed me in my mother's womb. Body and soul I am marvellously made.

L: I worship in adoration - what a creation!

C: You know me inside and out - you know every bone in my body.

L: You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit - and how I was sculpted from nothing Into something.

C: Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth.

L: The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.

C: Let me rise in the morning and live always with you and guide me on the road to eternal life.

Hymn – Lord Jesus Christ #141 Servant Songs WOV 451 WB40

Lord Jesus Christ

You have come to us

You are one with us, Mary's Son

Cleansing our souls from all their sin

Pouring Your love and goodness in

Jesus, our love for you we sing

Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ

Now and every day

Teach us how to pray, Son of God

You have commanded us to do

This in remembrance Lord of you

Into our lives your power breaks through

Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ

You have come to us

Born as one with us, Mary's Son

Led out to die on Calvary

Risen from death to set us free

Living Lord Jesus, help us see

You are Lord

Lord Jesus Christ

I would come to you

live my life for you, Son of God

All your commands I know are true

Your many gifts will make me new

Into my life your power breaks through

Living Lord

Congregation invited to place mementos of their mothers on the table

Celebrations

Celebrations today: May God bless you, we pray.

Live for Jesus dear people. May he guide you each day.

Prayer for Mothers' Day – responsive

We praise you God, for your gift of motherly love, both gentle and fierce,

Both strong and humble,

Both kind and true.

For mothers who have joined you in heaven and whom we miss dearly -

We give you thanks

For mothers who work day and night to raise and care for their children.

We give you thanks

For mothers who are battling the trials and celebrating the triumphs of their children

We give you thanks

For mothers who love their children unconditionally - no matter what
We give you thanks

Motherhood is a precious gift and for this - **we give you thanks. Amen**

Hymn: Faith of our mothers Tune Tynemouth (St Catherine's) CH4 728

**Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air:
Faith of our mothers, living faith!
We will be true to thee to death.**

**Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race:
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
Is truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith!
We will be true to thee till death.**

Children's Chat

Joy Cowley poem "Offering" #10 Psalms Down Under

Hymn: - Father lead me day by day MHB 849
Father, lead me day by day,
Ever in your own sweet way;
Teach me to be pure and true;
Show me what I ought to do

When in danger, make me brave,
Make me know that you can save
Keep me safe by your dear side;
Let me in your love abide.

When I'm tempted to do wrong,
Make me steadfast, wise and strong;
And when all alone I stand,
Shield me with your mighty hand.

When my heart is joyful, too,
Help me to remember you,
Happy most of all to know
That my Father loves me so.

When my work seems hard and dry
May I press on cheerily,
Help me patiently to bear
Pain and hardship, toil and care.

May I see the good and bright
When they pass before my sight
May I hear the heavenly voice
When the pure and wise rejoice.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13: 2-7 & 11-13

Reflection 'A Godly Wife and Mother

Anthem - He shall feed his flock like a shepherd from *Messiah* by Händel.

Intercessory Prayer followed by sung Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today 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 yours now and forever. Amen (x8)**

Offering –

Note: The offering is now received at the door as we enter. If you miss noticing this, you may place a retiring offering in the offering boxes at the door as you leave.

Dedication

Hymn Trust and Obey #531 WOV

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word

What a glory he sheds on our way!

While we do his good will, he abides with us still,

And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,

But his smile quickly drives it away;

Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,

Can abide while we trust and obey.

**But we never can prove the delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor he shows, and the joy he bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.**

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
Or we will walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.**

Final prayer/ Benediction in Reo & English/sung Amen

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa,
Te ata-whai o tō tātou Ariki,
a Ihu Kara-iti,
Me te aroha o te Atua,
Me te whiwhi-nga-tahi-tanga,
Ki te wairua tapu,
Ake, ake, ake, Amine**

3-fold Amen

*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: Ruth McLennan
Reader: Dianne Burrows

Ministers: All the people
Organist: David Russell

DIARY

- SUNDAY 14 EASTER 6 Ruth McLennan Mothers Day**
10.00am St. Andrew's celebration and Guardian Angel
Matawhero – no service
- Monday 15 9.00am Walking Group
 9.30am Matawhero Gardening
- Tuesday 16 10.00am Open Door All welcome tbc
 1.30pm Kiri Te Kanawa Rest Home service tbc
- Wednesday 17 9.45am mainly music
 1.00pm Sorting Car boot Sale storage room. Helpers welcome
2.30pm Finance Committee
- Thursday 18 **Ascension**
 3.30pm Dunblane Rest Home Service tbc
- Friday 19 1.00pm Choir rehearsal
- SUNDAY 21 EASTER 7 Café Group Day**
9.00am Matawhero Hall service
10.00am St. Andrew's Hall

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Please remember donations for the Love basket. Breakfast cereals very welcome
Coming up: 4 June Combined Service at Mangapapa with PCANZ Moderator.

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
14 May Easter 6 Ruth McLennan Mothers' Day	<u>Matawhero</u> No service <u>St Andrew's</u> Dianne Burrows	<u>Don</u> <u>McConnochie</u> Sarah McC Cathy Porter	Pat Flockhart Wendy Morris	S: Hans Kwak C Hans Kwak V.: Alan Groves C Don McC
21 May Easter 7 Café Group St A Hall	<u>Matawhero</u> Jan Ewart <u>St Andrew's</u> Café Group	<u>N/A</u>	Danielle and Sophe Lapointe	N/A

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