#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW’S GISBORNE**

***Matawhero Church – Church Lane***

***St Andrew’s Church and Community Centre:***

***176 Cobden Street, Gisborne***

***29 October 2023 Pentecost 22***

***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.***

Leader: Welcome: Mike

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** Lynnor

**Share the hand of Peace:** Mike

**Introit and entry of Bible** Simply to be HS118 vv1-3

Simply to be, to be in stillness,

simply to trust that God is here,

simply to know the Holy Presence,

is to be blessed:

so am I blessed,

simply to hold the given moment,

simply to lay concern aside,

simply to let the heart be speaking,

is to be blessed:

so am I blessed,

so am I blessed within God’s keeping,

so am I freed from pointless stress,

steadied to feel the soul replenished,

given this grace,

folded in peace.

***Call to Worship*** (Psalm 90: 1-6; 13-17)

**1**Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
    **throughout all generations.**  
2Before the mountains were born  
**or you brought forth the whole world,  
    from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

**3**You turn people back to dust, **saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.”**  
**4**A thousand years in your sight  
    are like a day that has just gone by,  
    **or like a watch in the night.**  
**5**Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death— **they are like the new grass of the morning:**  
**6**In the morning it springs up new,  
**but by evening it is dry and withered.**

**13**Relent, Lord! How long will it be?  
**Have compassion on your servants.**  
**14**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,  
**that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days**.  
**15**Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
    for as many years as we have seen trouble.  
16**May your deeds be shown to your servants,**  
    **your splendour to their children.**

**17**May the favour[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+90%3A+1-17&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15396a)] of the Lord our God rest on us;  
    establish the work of our hands for us—  
**yes, establish the work of our hands.**

**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:** Make me a channel of your peace CH4 528

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| **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.**  **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**  **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.**  **It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**  **in giving to all men that we receive;**  **and in dying that we're born to eternal life** |  |  |

Sentence of the Day

***How good and pleasant it is    when God’s people live together in unity!***

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**: L-O-V-E Love

**Why does God put the rainbow in the sky?**

**L-O-V-E, Love, that’s why!**

**Why does God make frogs jump high?**

**L-O-V-E, Love, that’s why!**

**Why does God make Grandmas to hug?**

**Why does God make such fascinating bugs?**

**Why does God put the twinkle in your eye?**

**L-O-V-E, Love, that’s why!**

**Why does God send stars at night?**

**L-O-V-E, Love, that’s why!**

**Why does God give birds their flight?**

**L-O-V-E, Love, that’s why!**

**Why does God give the snail a house?**

**Why does God put the tail on a mouse?**

**Why does God make snow so white?**

**L-O-V-E, Love, that’s why!**

**Why did God send Jesus to die?**

**L-O-V-E, Love, that’s why!**

**Why on the third day did he rise?**

**L-O-V-E, Love, that’s why!**

**Why does Jesus live again?**

**Why does he forgive my sin?**

**Why do I lift praises high?**

**L-O-V-E, Love, that’s why!**

**Why do I lift praises high?**

**L-O-V-E, Love, that’s why!**

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 : **Good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold; feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, where you reign one God for ever. Amen.**

Reader: *First Reading is from:* 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 NIV (Lynnor)

### Paul’s Ministry in Thessalonica

**2**You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. **2**We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. **3**For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. **4**On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. **5**You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. **6**We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. **7**Instead, we were like young children[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Thessalonians+2%3A1-8+&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29578a)] among you.

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, **8**so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

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

**Response:** **Thanks be to God**

Leader: We continue together .......:

You Are Worthy

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

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

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

# Reader: *The Second Reading is from:* Matthew 22:34-46 (Mike)

**34**Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. **35**One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: **36**“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

**37**Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2022%3A34-46&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23910a)] **38**This is the first and greatest commandment. **39**And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2022%3A34-46&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23912b)] **40**All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

### Whose Son Is the Messiah?

**41**While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, **42**“What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?”

“The son of David,” they replied.

**43**He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says,

**44**“‘The Lord said to my Lord:  
    “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.”’[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2022%3A34-46&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23917c)]

**45**If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” **46**No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

**Reflection**  Reaching out

**Anthem:** Putting people first HS126

*Speaking up for those who cannot speak,*

*reaching out to all the poor and weak,*

*changing systems that prison the mind,*

*bringing hope and liberty:*

*putting people,*

*putting people,*

*putting people first for a change.*

Standing tall with those who stand alone,

in solidarity;

it is the work of Jesus Christ,

it is the work for me.

Working hard for change, not charity,

making blinded ones to see;

it is the work of Jesus Christ,

it is the work for me.

Letting go that others may be free,

teaching true community;

it is the work of Jesus Christ,

it is the work for me.

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**  **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.

**\*Doxology** Please stand and sing as offering is brought forward.

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;** CH4 809

**praise God the Word, who came to earth;**

**praise the Spirit, holy flame:**

**all glory, honour to God’s name**

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*.

**Prayers of the people**

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: Love Divine** *CH4 519 Charles Wesley*

**Love divine, all loves excelling,**

**joy of heaven, to earth come down,**

**fix in us thy humble dwelling,**

**all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion,**

**pure, unbounded love thou art;**

**visit us with thy salvation,**

**enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver;**

**let us all thy life receive;**

**suddenly return, and never,**

**never more thy temples leave.**

**Thee we would be always blessing,**

**serve thee as thy hosts above,**

**pray, an praise thee, without ceasing,**

**glory in thy perfect love.**

**finish then thy new creation:**

**pure and spotless let us be;**

**let us see thy great salvation**

**perfectly restored in thee,**

**changed from glory into glory,**

**till in heaven we take our place,**

**till we cast our crowns before thee,**

**lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

\*All: **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 **Minister*s:*** *All the people*

**Reader:** Lynnor Cooke **Organist:** Paul Pollock

# Moderator’s Visit 11-12 November

The Right Rev’d Rose Luxford

# *is visiting our region on the Weekend of 11 and 12 November to celebrate 150 years of Presbyterianism in Tairawhiti and commemorating the 155th anniversary of the Matawhero Tragedy.*

# 5pm Friday 10 November meeting and Potluck dinner in the lounge

# 2pm Saturday 11 November Matawhero: service of commemoration.

# 10am Sunday 12 November St Andrews: combined communion service celebrating the sesquicentenary of Presbyterian Worship in the Tairawhiti region.

**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 29 October**  **PENTECOST 22**

**10.00 am St Andrew’s** **Mike Coyle**

Matawhero – No service

**Monday 30** 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 31 10.00am Open Door All welcome

Wednesday 1 9.45am mainly music

Friday 3 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 4 2-4pm Bring items for display for talent service

**SUNDAY 5 November**  **PENTECOST 23** Talent service celebration

**10.00 am St Andrew’s** **Norman Maclean**

**11am-2 pm Display of talents in the Hall**

Matawhero – No service

**Mindful Prayer topics:** 22nd and 29th Oct 2023

World Peace; Families battling with health issues; Margaret’s daughter emigrating to Australia; GPP decisions; Ourselves.

Mindful Prayer contact Margaret Graham ph. 021 026 03990 or email [m.n.e.gra@xtra.co.nz](mailto:m.n.e.gra@xtra.co.nz)

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**Coming up:**

**Weekend of 11 and 12 November:** Visit of Rt Rev Rose Luxford, Moderator, PCANZ, celebrating 150 years of Presbyterianism in Tairawhiti and commemorating the 155th anniversary of the Matawhero Tragedy. Meeting and Pot-luck meal 5pm Friday 10th in the lounge

**Saturday 18 November 10:00am - 3:00pm** at Matawhero

Worship Workshop with Rev.Dr. Clive Yates. more information to follow

**Sunday 17 December** Lessons and Carols for Christmas. All-comers choir rehearsals on Tuesdays from 7th November 7-8pm St Andrew’s church

**Please remember** donations for the Love basket when shopping. All offerings gratefully received.

As you will have read in the recent *Signpost* Val Hall and Pat Flockhart are offering Home Communion, and they need an Elder to be present. Any Elders willing to assist, please phone or email Val Hall.

For all Pastoral care needs please contact one of the committee members:

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With blessings from the Pastoral Committee

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 29 October  Pentecost 22  Mike Coyle | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  - | **-** | Jenny Lawton  Paulina Melief | S:Hans  V:Don  C:Don |
| 5 November  Pentecost 22  Mike Coyle | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Gina Hughes | **Chrissie Parker**  Alvin Hall, Cathy Porter | Pat Flockhart  Trish Kwak | S:Hans  V:Linda  C:Hans |

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