####  **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW’S GISBORNE**

***Matawhero Church – Church Lane***

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

***176 Cobden Street, Gisborne***

***12 May 2024 Easter 7***

***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 B63

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**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,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad**

**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 if they haven’t already done so.

**Children’s Chat**

**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.

**We give you thanks**

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.**

**Story**  *A Mother is...*

**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 John 4: 7-12 & 20-21 CEV

My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows that we have been given new life. We are now God’s children, and we know him.

God is love, and anyone who doesn’t love others has never known him.

God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life.

Real love isn’t our love for God, but his love for us.

God sent his son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven.

Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we must love each other.

No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us and his love is truly in our hearts.

But if we say we love God and don’t love each other, we are liars. We can’t see God. So how can we love God if we don’t love the people we can see?

The commandment that God has given us is: “Love God and love each other!”

**Reflection** “Trusting in the Lord”

**Hymn:** Turn your eyes upon Jesus BGNZ 50; Box 61

**O soul, are you weary and troubled?**

**No light in the darkness you see?**

**There’s light for a look at the Saviour,**

**And life more abundant and free!**

*Refrain*

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,*

*Look full in His wonderful face;*

*And the things of earth will grow strangely dim*

*In the light of His glory and grace.*

**Thro’ death into life ever lasting He passed,**

**And we follow Him there;**

**Over us sin no more hath dominion –**

**For more than conqu’rors we are!**

*Refrain*

**His word shall not fail you – He promised;**

**Believe Him, and all will be well**

**Then go to a world that is dying,**

**His perfect salvation to tell!**

*Refrain*

**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**

**We offer our gifts to you, Lord with grateful hearts**

**Thank you that you meet our needs**

**providing for us when we need it.**

**Trusting you, we can share what we have with others**

**and we do this joyfully**

**Amen**

**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.**

 **Benediction**

**As we take our worship, praise and prayer from this place and into our daily lives,**

**May we be sustained through the love of our Heavenly Father.**

**May we feel the presence of our Saviour walking beside us**

**and know the power of the Spirit in our actions and words**

**Sung 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 **Minister*s:*** *All the people*

**Readers:** Danielle Lapointe, Lynnor Cooke **Organist:** David Russell



**Mindful Prayer topics:** May 5th & 12th 2024 World Peace. The bereaved. Those undergoing surgery or medical treatment. The homeless and disadvantaged. Schools and their roles in society. GPP and Parish Councillors - open our minds to change. Families, friends & ourselves.

.Mindful Prayer contact Margaret Graham ph. 021 026 03990 or email m.n.e.gra@xtra.co.nz

Christian Blind Mission accepts used stamps. Send directly to them or Val Hall. (Leprosy Mission no longer accepts stamps)

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

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

**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 12** **EASTER 7 Ruth McLennan Mothers’ Day**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s Celebration Service**

 **Matawhero –no service**

Monday 139.00am Walking Group

 9.30 Matawhero gardening

Tuesday 14 10.00am Open Door **All welcome**

1.30pm Kiri Te Kanawa Rest Home service tbc

Wednesday 159.45am mainly music

 **2.30pm Finance Committee**

Thursday 16 3.30 Dunblane Rest Home service tbc

Friday 17 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

 **5.00pm Bring and Share meal in the lounge with the**

**Ministry and Leadership team**

**Saturday 18 10am-3pm Leadership Workshop at St Andrew’s Led by Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership, Presbytery Central**

**SUNDAY 19** **PENTECOST Rev Stewart Simpson**

**10.00am St. Andrew’scombined Service**

 **Matawhero – no service**

Week of Prayer for Christan Unity – Ascension to Pentecost

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 12 May Easter 7Mother’s DayRuth McLennan | **Matawhero**No service**St Andrew’s** Danielle Lapointe | **Chrissie Parker**Linda SavageJenny Lawton | Wendy MorrisMarilyn Matthews | S: HansV: AlanC: Hans |
| 19 May PentecostRev Stewart Simpson | **Matawhero**No service**St Andrew’s** Jan Ewart | **Don McConnochie**Jean Hillyard, Dianne Burrows | Lynne GriffithsVal Hall | S: HansV:LindaC: Don |

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