#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### ***21 July 2024 Pentecost 9***

***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.***

Welcome and Notices.

Silent Preparation

Introit: (ALL) IN THE QUIET OF THIS DAY FFS 37

**In the quiet of this day,**

**in the safety of this place,**

**Holy Presence, hear me pray,**

**soothe my spirit with your peace.**

**Take the tangle of my thought,**

**Take the tension from my frame,**

**Free within me what is fraught,**

**still the waves I cannot tame.**

**I am tired and out of tune:**

**It is you who gives new song,**

**I am fearful and alone:**

**Bring me home where I belong.**

**What I am, you truly know,**

**More than lover, more than friend,**

**You the light to which I grow,**

**You my meaning and my end.**

***Alleluia, allelu, alleluia, allelu,***

***Alleluia, allelu Alleluia,*** *allelu, Shirley Murray*

Opening Worship (based on Ps.89)

Heart of all hearts You opened the way to life

**Your steadfast love came among us giving us strength**

Fear shall not overcome us we will not give into doubt

**For your love cast out fear and gives rise to forgiveness**

Through You is our purpose made known, that we might know your will and make it our own.

**In our gratitude we cry out “You are the Beloved, the Most High, our very Breath”**

Through you the Spirit of Truth comes to us

**Your enduring love is with us forever.**

We will know You as Loving Companion, Presence now, and the life to come. **Amen**

**Hymn:** The Lord is My Shepherd WB43

1. **The Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow,**

**wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.**

**Over the mountains, the waters and byways,**

**valleys and highways he's waiting for me.**

*Refrain***I want to go to meet him there**

**to lay myself down in his love.**

 **The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow,**

 **wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.**

1. **And while on the journey to where we are going,**

**he promised to be there to help us along,**

**and over the mountains, we'll walk on together,**

**to know all the wonders he's given to me.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION;

**We are sorry for the times**

**Our attitudes and actions have caused others humiliation and distress.**

**We have not trusted You**

**and wasted time with unnecessary worry and anxiety.**

**We have not recognised unjust situations.**

**We have not supported the small voices ignored in our society.**

**We have not offered understanding**

**to those suffering from the effects of abuse.**

**Have mercy on us compassionate God.**

**Hear and understand our yearnings to live in your Kingdom,**

**Your community of hospitality and kindness.**

**We ask this of Christ, the Way and the Spirit who leads.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn:** We are many we are one FF 67

**We are many, we are one, and the work of Christ is done**

**when we learn to live in true community,**

**as the stars that fill the night, as a flock of birds in flight,**

**as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;**

**as the branches of a tree, as the waves upon the sea,**

**as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**All division is made whole when we honour every soul,**

**find the life of God in every you and me,**

**as the fingers of a hand, as the grains that form the sand,**

**as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;**

**as the threads upon a loom, as a field of flowers in bloom,**

**as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.**

**We will join creation’s song, make a world where all belong,**

**build as one in peace and loving harmony,**

**as the voices of a choir, as the flames within a fire,**

**as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;**

**as the snowflakes in the snow, as the colours of a bow,**

**as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.** *Colin Gibson*

Reading; Eph. 2: 11-22 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

**One in Christ**

**11**So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+2%3A11-22&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-29224a)] called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— **12**remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **13**But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **14**For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. **15**He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, **16**and might reconcile both groups to God in one body[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+2%3A11-22&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-29229b)] through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+2%3A11-22&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-29229c)] **17**So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; **18**for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. **19**So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, **20**built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+2%3A11-22&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-29233d)] **21**In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; **22**in whom you also are built together spiritually[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+2%3A11-22&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-29235e)] into a dwelling-place for God.

**Hymn:** Gentle as silence *Estelle White WB16*

1. **O, the love of my Lord is the essence**

 **of all that I love here on earth.**

 **All the beauty I see**

 **he has given to me,**

 **and his giving is gentle as silence.**

**2. Every day, every hour, every moment**

 **has been blessed by the strength of his love.**

 **At the turn of each tide**

 **he is there at my side,**

 **and his touch is as gentle as silence.**

**3. There've been times when I've turned from his presence**

 **and I've walked other paths, other ways.**

 **But I've called on his name**

 **in the dark of my shame,**

 **and his mercy was gentle as silence.**

Reading; Mk 6: 30-34, 53-56.

**Feeding the Five Thousand**

**30**The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. **31**He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. **32**And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. **33**Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. **34**As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

**53-56**

**53**When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. **54**When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, **55**and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. **56**And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

**Reflection:**

**Prayer**

 **In the silence of my inner most being**

**In the fragments of my yearning for wholeness**

**Can I hear the whispers of God’s presence?**

**Can I sit at the edge of silence and hear God?**

 Hymn: I lift up my eyes to the quiet hills Psalm 121 *WB 17*

**I lift my eyes to the quiet hills**

**in the press of a busy day;**

 **as green hills stand in a dusty land**

**so God is my strength and stay.**

 **I lift my eyes to the quiet hills,**

**to a calm that is mine to share;**

 **secure and still in the Father’s will**

**and kept by the Father’s care.**

 **I lift my eyes to the quiet hills**

**with a prayer as I turn to sleep;**

 **by day, by night, through the dark and light**

**my Shepherd will guard his sheep.**

**I lift my eyes to the quiet hills,**

**and my heart to the Father’s throne;**

**in all my ways to the end of days,**

**the Lord will preserve his own.**

\*Doxology; (Sung) CH4 807 Old 100th or 808 Tallis’Canon

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise God, all creatures high and low;**

**give thanks to God in love made known:**

**Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

\***Dedication**;

Accept the gifts we offer with love and gratitude.

What is our treasure but Your Love.

There is nothing on earth that we desire besides You.

Our bodies and minds may fail but You are the strength of our hearts and our joy forever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.

Our Father;

 **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**

**\*Hymn**: Jesus calls us here to meet him CH4 510

1. **Jesus calls us here to meet him**

**as through word and song and prayer,**

**we affirm God’s promised presence,**

**where the people live and care.**

**Praise the God who keeps the promise,**

**praise the Son who calls us friends,**

**praise the Spirit who, among us,**

**to our hopes and fears attends.**

1. **Jesus calls us to confess him**

**Word of Life and Lord of All,**

 **sharer of our flesh and frailness,**

**saving all who fail or fall.**

**Tell his holy human story,**

**tell his tales that all may hear,**

**tell the world that Christ in glory**

**came to earth to meet us here.**

1. **Jesus calls us to each other:**

**found in him are no divides.**

**Race and class and sex and language,**

**such are barriers he derides.**

**Join the hands of friend and stranger,**

**join the hands of age and youth,**

**join the faithful and the doubter**

**in their common search for truth.**

Blessing:

Heal the unseeing parts of our lives.

Lead us to our awaking places.

Awaken us to the new light.

Open the doors of our hearts, the windows of our souls, the walls of our minds.

Awaken us to hope.

Let us go in peace.

Sung Amen

**Ministers*:*** *All the people in Christ* **Leader*:*** *Sr Cynthia Kearney*

**Reader:** Seton Clare **Prayers of the People:**  *Lynnor Cooke*

**Organist** *David Russell*

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and friendship over a cup of tea or coffee in the Lounge next door.*

**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.

**Mindful Prayer topics:** July 14th & 21st 2024 Global tensions. The bereaved especially those connected with GPP. Those at GPP dealing with difficult decisions. Those who tirelessly compile our services & deal with ongoing administration.. Those recovering from surgery or receiving medical treatment. Those with mental health challenges. Care givers. Faith, family and friends.

.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 21** **PENTECOST 9 Winter School Holidays End**

**9.00am Matawhero – Hall Service**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s Sr Cynthia Kearney**

Monday 22 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 23 10.00am Open Door All welcome

Wednesday 24 9.45am mainly music resumes

 10.30am Beetham Rest Home service

 3.30pm Kids’ Café

Thursday 25 2.30pm Leighton House Rest Home service tbc

 2.30 **Parish Council**

Friday 26 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 17 8-11.30am Car Boot Sale

**SUNDAY 28** **PENTECOST 10 Winter School Holidays End**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s Hall favourite bible**

 **passages, and why**

 **Matawhero – no Service**

**Coming up:**

**Sunday 28th July. Favourite Bible passages and why. Please think about your favourite and the reason to present at this Bible Month service coordinated by Ruth McLennan**

**Saturday 5 September – Parish Garage Sale.** Start sorting saleable goods.

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 21st JulyPentecost 9Cyinthia Kearney | **Matawhero**Heather WebbL: Marie Burgess**St Andrew’s** Seton Clare | **Chrissie Parker**Sarah McCCathy Porter | Marilyn MatthewsPat Flockhart | S&V:LindaC:Hans |
| 28th JulyPentecost 10Your Favourite Bible passagesSt A’s HallRuth McLennan | **Matawhero**No service**St Andrew’s** The people | **Pat Flockhart**Ruth McLennan, June Stichbury  | Lapointe famiy | N/A |

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