#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### ***8 September 2024 Pentecost 16***

#### ***Welcome to the Rev Michael Cotton***

#### Gentle as silence - YouTube

***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, news and Notices**

**Introit and entry of Bible**  Spirit of the Living God CH4 619-20 ***SGP 98***

1. **Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me:**

**break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

1. **Spirit of the living God, move among us all;**

**make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:**

**humble, caring, selfless, sharing.**

**Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.**

***Words and Music Daniel Iverson V1; Michael Baughen 3***

***SGP 98***

*Call to Worship*

*Leader:-*Awake Sleepers – rise from the dead and Christ will shine upon you!

**All:- Open our lips Lord and our mouths will proclaim your praise and exalt your holy name.**

We sing:- “O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder” CH4 154

**Oh Lord, my God  
When I, in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed**

**Refrain:**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,**

**and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,**

**When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur**

**And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze,**

*Refrain*

**And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin**

***R****efrain*

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art**

*Refrain*

**Opening prayer All**

**God our Creator, yours is the morning and yours is the evening. Let Christ the sun of righteousness shine for ever in our hearts and draw us to that light where you live in radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer Amen**

Responsive -Psalm 67

Mike – Be gracious to us O God and bless us:

**And make the light of your face shine upon us.**

That your ways may be known upon earth:

**Your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you O God:

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy:

**And guide the nations on earth**

Your Blessing O God be upon us

**And let all the ends of the world revere you**

**Celebration time**

**We sing:**

**Celebrations today, May God bless you, we pray**

**Live for Jesus dear people, May he guide you each day**

We sing – “For the beauty of the earth” CH4 181

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies**

**for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,**

***Christ, our God, to thee we raise***

***this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,**

**hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,**

**for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,**

**friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,**

**For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,**

**graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,**

**For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,**

**offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,**

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark Chapter 7: verses 24 – 30 New International Version

**Jesus Honors a Syrophoenician Woman’s Faith**

**24**Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark%207%3A24-30&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24488a)] He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. **25**In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. **26**The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

**27**“First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

**28**“Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

**29**Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.”

**30**She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Mike – **Thoughts on the reading**

**We Sing**: **Gentle As Silence WB 16**

**Oh, 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.  
  
Every day, every hour, every moment,  
Have 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.  
  
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.**

**Presentation of Offerings.** Mike to Bless

**Prayers of the People** Lynnor Cooke

We sing: “Guide me O Thou great Redeemer **CH4 167**

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,**

**pilgrim through this barren land**

**I am weak, but thou art mighty;**

**hold me with thy powerful hand:**

**Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,**

**\* feed me till my want is o’er.**

**Open now the crystal fountain**

**whence the healing stream doth flow;**

**let the fire and cloudy pillar**

**lead me all my journey through:**

**strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,**

**be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,**

**bid my anxious fears subside!**

**Death of death, and hell’s destruction,**

**land me safe on Canaan’s side!**

**Songs of praises, songs of praises,**

**I will ever give to thee.**

\**The last line of each verse is repeated.*

Mike – **Blessing and Dismissal**

Sung:- Three fold Amen

**Ministers*:*** *All the people in Christ* **Leader*: Rev.*** *Michael Cotton*

**Reader:** *Colleen Skuse* **Organist:** *Lynne Cotton*

*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:** Sept 8th & 15th 2024. World Peace; Grieving families and friends; those in Hospice care. Neglected friendships. GPP and our forthcoming AGM with difficult decisions – give us strength, patience and understanding to explore options which may not fit individual preferences. In the words of Joyce Rupp ”Somewhere within I have been given life again. I can say goodbye to emptiness; I can say hello to fullness”

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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 8** **PENTECOST 16**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s Mike Cotton**

**Matawhero – no Service**

Monday 9 9.00am Walking Group

Tuesday 10 10.00am Open Door All welcome

1.30pm Ryman Rest Home Service tbc

Wednesday 11 9.45am mainly music

12.15pm Prayer for Creation (Holy Trinity) 7.30pm Speaker on Settler and recent History HT

Friday 13 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 14 8-11.30am Car Boot Sale

1.30-3pm Spring Flower preparation

**SUNDAY 15** **PENTECOST 17 Spring Flower service**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s Val Hall**

**Matawhero – no Service**

**Coming up:**

**Sunday 22 September AGM follows morning service at St Andrew’s**

**Friday 27 September** Parish meeting with Rev Peter McKenzie Presbytery

**Sunday 29 September** Animal Blessing service at Matawhero with Rev Peter McKenzie. Bring a pet or a photo of your pet.

***Gisborne Presbyterian Parish***

***St Andrew’s Church and Matawhero Historic Church:***

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 8 September  Pentecost 16  Mike Cotton  Celebration Sunday | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Colleen Skuse | **Chrissie P**  Cathy Porter Sarah McC | Wendy Morris | S&V: Linda  C: Don |
| 15 September  Pentecost 17  Spring Flower service. Val Hall | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Jenny McDonald | **Pat Flockhart**  Jean Hillyard  Alvin Hall | Lapointe Family | S&V: Don  C:Don |

**Notice from Holy Trinity Anglican Church**



Holy Trinity Anglican Church is celebrating the Season of Creation during the month of September along with many other churches in the global Christian community.

Our programme at Holy Trinity includes   
\* Creation-focussed liturgies during September,   
\* Midday Prayer for Creation each Wednesday at 12.15pm in the church   
\* Taruheru River Studies in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings:  
     Wed 4 Sept 7.30pm  - Tangata Whenua Perspective   
                     - Albie Gibson (TROTAK)  
     Wed 11 Sept 7.30pm - Settler and recent Past History   
                     - Sheridan Gundry (Heritage Tairawhiti)  
     Wed 18 Sept 7.30pm - Ecology and Management   
                     - GDC Staff with Grant Vincent (Forest & Bird)  
     Wed 25 Sept 7.30pm - Bible Study from Indigenous Theology Perspective   
                    - Ven Michael Tamihere (Te Rau College)  
Please note the Wednesday dates (Sept 4.11.18.25) in your diaries and plan to join us.   
[Ron Elder for Gisborne Parish Environment Justice and Peace Committee]