

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

8 December 2024

Advent 2



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

Canticle of the Gift WOV 213 Refrain, v 1 & refrain

Refrain:

**O what a gift, what a wonderful gift
Who can tell the wonders of the Lord?
Let us open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts
It is Christ the Lord, it is He**

**In the stillness of the night
when the world was asleep,
the almighty Word leapt out
He came to Mary, he came to us
Christ came to the land of Galilee
Christ our Lord and our King**

Refrain

Collect All say:

God of hope and present salvation

**In times past, you called your people to move earth
to dig, smooth and straighten the paths of love and justice.**

**Renew our work, so that, like Isaiah and John the Baptist and
Christian World Service workers in our neighbouring islands
we too may dig for love and act for justice.**

In the name of Christ, the saving one, we pray - Amen

First hymn "Come our long expected Jesus" WOV 200 CH4 472

**Come our long expected Jesus,
born to set your people free
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth you are
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born your people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign is us for ever,
now your gracious kingdom bring.**

**By your own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by your all-sufficient merit
raise us to your glorious throne.**

Celebrations

**Celebrations today, may God bless you we pray
Live for Jesus, dear people. May he guide you each day.**

Prepare the Advent wreath - bring forward your contributions

Childrens Chat - Mrs Mafi and her work in Tonga

Prayer for the work of CWS

All Sing **Te Harinui by Willow Macky AA 98; COC 31**

**Not on a snowy night
by star or candle light
Nor by an angel band
there came to our dear land**

*Te Ha-ri-nu-i, Te Ha-ri-nu-i, Te Ha-ri-nu-i
Glad tidings of great joy*

**But on a summer day
within a quiet bay
The Maori people heard
the great and glorious word
The people gathered round
upon the grassy ground
And heard the preacher say
"I bring to you this day"**

**Now in this blessed land
united heart and hand
We praise the glorious birth
and sing to all the earth**

Reading Luke 1: 68-79 Contemporary English Version

⁶⁸ Praise the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has come to save his people.

⁶⁹ Our God has given us a mighty Savior^[a]

from the family of David his servant.

⁷⁰ Long ago the Lord promised by the words of his holy prophets

⁷¹ to save us from our enemies and from everyone who hates us.

⁷² God said he would be kind to our people and keep his sacred promise.

⁷³ He told our ancestor Abraham

⁷⁴ that he would rescue us from our enemies.

Then we could serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ by being holy and good as long as we live.

⁷⁶ You, my son, will be called the prophet of God Most High.

You will go ahead of the Lord to get everything ready for him.

⁷⁷ You will tell his people that they can be saved

when their sins are forgiven.

⁷⁸ God's love and kindness will shine upon us

like the sun that rises in the sky.^[b]

⁷⁹ On us who live in the dark shadow of death

this light will shine to guide us into a life of peace.

Reflection - Prepare the Way (with acknowledgment to Dr Keith Wagner)

Hymn Tell out my soul” WOVS 109 CH4 285 Tune *Woodlands*

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;

tender to me the promise of his word;

in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God’s Name!

Make known God’s might, the deeds God’s arm has done;

God’s mercy sure, from age to age the same;

God’s holy Name – the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God’s might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by.

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,

the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of God’s word!

Firm is God’s promise, and God’s mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

to children’s children and for evermore!

Prayers of the People (with acknowledgment to Archbishop Emeritus Winston Halapua) -

Call - You create and give life and see that your Creation is good.

Response - **We praise you for your gift of creation**

Offering and dedication All say:

We offer our gifts to you Lord

with grateful and cheerful hearts.

Thank you that You meet our needs,

providing what we need when we need it.

We share what we have with others and we do this joyfully.

In Jesus’s name Amen

Final hymn “Mine eyes have seen the glory” WOV 205(ii) CH4 476

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are
stored**

**He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on**

Glory, Glory, hallelujah! X3

His truth is marching on

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on**

Glory, glory, hallelujah! 3x

Our God is marching on

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me
As He died to make men holy, let us die live to make men free
While God is marching on**

Glory, glory, hallelujah! X3

While God is marching on

**He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
He is Wisdom to the mighty, He is Succour to the brave,
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of Time His
slave,**

Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! x3

Our God is marching on!

Blessing All say

Lord Jesus - Master of light and darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

3x Amen

Ministers: *All the people in Christ*

Leader: *Ruth McLennan* **Reader:** *tbc*

Organist: *Paul Pollock*

Please join us in the lounge for a time of fellowship and friendship over a cup of tea or coffee after the service

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.

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:

Jenny Lawton 868 4268; Ruth McLennan 021 02704867; Jan Gordon 0211836008; Lynnor Cooke 06 214 3945; Barbara Larsen 863-9009

Matawhero Gardening happens from time to time. If you would like to help, please contact Paulina Melief 867 0605

Mindful Prayer topics: December 1st & 8th 2024 International and National tensions. Climatic disasters. Those being made redundant. GPP, the Commissioners visit and decisions to be made. Parish Councillors. Reflection on the true meaning of Christmas. Faith, Family and Friends. Ourselves.

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

DIARY

SUNDAY	8	ADVENT 2	Ruth McLennan
		10.00am	St. Andrew's
			Matawhero No service
Monday	9	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	10	10.00am	Open Door All welcome
		1.30pm	Ryman KTK Rest Home service
		7.00pm	Lessons and Carols Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	11	9.45am	mainly music
		3.00pm	Te Wiremu Rest Home service
		3.30pm	Kids' Café – Christmas theme
Friday	13	1.00pm	Choir rehearsal
Saturday	14	8-11.30am	Car Boot sale
SUNDAY	15	ADVENT 3	
		10.00am	Matawhero
			St. Andrew's No service
		7pm	St Andrew's - Concert of Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
8 December Advent 2 Ruth McLennan	<u>Matawhero</u> No service <u>St Andrew's</u> Kids Café	<u>Chrissie Parker</u> Cathy Porter	Trish Kwak	S&V: Hans C: Hans
15 December Advent 3 Matawhero Leader Barbara Larsen	<u>Matawhero</u> Jan Ewart <u>St Andrew's</u> No service	<u>Matawhero Team</u>	Matawhero Team Contributions welcome	S&V: N/A C: N/A

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