#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### ***18 May 2025 Easter 5***

#### ***Welcome to Matawhero Historic Church***

***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 hall next door.***

***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**

**Call to Worship:** WB 46 v1

**Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.**

**Hymn**:- I am the light of the world **WB 41**

**CHORUS:
I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, You'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.
1. When the song of the angels is stilled.
When the star in the sky is gone.
When the kings and the shepherds have found their way home.
The work of Christmas is begun!

2. To find the lost and lonely one,
To heal that broken soul with love,
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
To feel the earth below the sky above!

3. To free the prisoner from his chains,
To make the powerful care,
To rebuild the nations with strength and goodwill,
To call a man your brother everywhere.

4. To bring hope to every task you do,
To dance at a baby's new birth,
To make music in an old man's heart,
And sing to the colors of the earth!**

**Morning Prayer** WB 46 vv3-4 Lynnor

As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving
your abundant life to share.

Called from worship to your service,
forward in your name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;

hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your children, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know, and live.

**Readings:**  Good News

Genesis 1: 1-5

**The Story of Creation**

1 In the beginning, when God created the universe,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%201%3A1-5&version=GNT#fen-GNT-1a)] 2the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%201%3A1-5&version=GNT#fen-GNT-2b)] was moving over the water. 3Then God commanded, “Let there be light”—and light appeared. 4God was pleased with what he saw. Then he separated the light from the darkness, 5and he named the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.” Evening passed and morning came—that was the first day.

John 1: 1-5Good News

**The Word of Life**

1 In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2From the very beginning the Word was with God. 3Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. 4The Word was the source of life,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%201%3A%201-5%20&version=GNT#fen-GNT-29089a)] and this life brought light to people. 5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

**Turn your face to the sun Lynnor**

**Hymn:** Living Lord 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**

**Presentation of Offerings and Dedication:**

**Loving God, bless our offerings of money,**

**food and service we pray.**

**Bless us with strength to lie in your light**

**That others may see you through us.**

**As we give, may it be your hand reaching out**

**And your promises fulfilled in all we do.**

 **Amen**

**In the Light**  ) Eddie Askew Lynnor

**Prayer** )

**Hymn**: Morning has broken WB55

**Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world**

**Sweet the rain’s new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day**

**Blessing:**

**You, Lord, have stamped Your image on Your creation,
And though we have marred that image, love us still;
Uplift our eyes to Christ, that in His face
We may discern the beauty of Your will.**

Sung:- Three fold **Amen**

**Ministers*:*** *All the people in Christ*

**Leader*:*** *Lynnor Cooke* **Reader:** *Jennifer McDonald*

**Organist:** *Val Hall*

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

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:** **~~April 20~~~~th~~ ~~& 27~~~~th~~ ~~2025~~**

~~The TRUE meaning of Easter. Global turmoil. ANZAC Day and the sacrifices made. GPP, Parish Council and our future. Thanks to those who bring joy. Ourselves.~~

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

**Commission contact**: Commission Convenor *Rob McIntosh,* **email***rob.mcintosh02@gmail.com***, or****Phone** *0274411392 to arrange a time to talk further*

**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 18** **EASTER 5**

**10.00am Matawhero – Hall service**

**St. Andrew’sno Service**

Tuesday 20 10.00am Open Door

Wednesday 219.45am mainly music

**2.30pm**  **Finance Committee**

Thursday 22 2.30pm Leighton House Service tbc

Saturday 24 8-11.30am Car Boot Sale

**SUNDAY 25** **EASTER 6**

**10.00am St Andrew’s**

**Matawhero – no service**

3.00pm Sea of Faith

**Coming up:**

Monday 2 June Piano Extravaganza XV

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 12 JanuaryEpiphany 1Sr Cynthia Kearney | **Matawhero**No service**St Andrew’s** Alvin Hall  | **Seton Clare**Dianne Burrows | Lyn Griffiths | S&V: DonC:Don |
| **Sunday 18th May****Matawhero Lynnor** | M: Jennifer McDSt A’s: No service | **Matawhero Team** | **Matawhero Team**Contributions welcome | S&V: N/AC: N/A |
| **Sunday 25th May****Downloaded service** | M: No serviceSt A’s: Colleen Skuse | **Jenny Lawton**Dianne Burrows | Lyn Griffiths | S&V: DonC: Don |

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