#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### ***1 June 2025 Service of Holy Communion***

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

#### ***and especially to Alan Clement***

***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.***

***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**

# Preparation: Quiet Time

**Call to Worship** **Psalm 97** selected verses New International Version

**1**The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad;
    **let the distant shores rejoice.**
**2**Clouds and thick darkness surround him;
    **righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
6**The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
    **and all peoples see his glory.**
**9**For you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth;
    **you are exalted far above all gods.**
**11**Light shines[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2097&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15490a)] on the righteous
    **and joy on the upright in heart.**
**12**Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous,
    **and praise his holy name.**

**\*We Sing** **Come and find the quiet centre**

**Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,**

**find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:**

 **clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see**

 **all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,**

**God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,**

**making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,**

**raising courage when we’re shrinking,**

**finding scope for faith begun.**

 **In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other’s pain,**

 **let our lives and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:**

**there’s a place for deepest dreaming,**

**there’s a time for heart to care,**

 **in the Spirit’s lively scheming there is always room to spare!**

*Shirley Murray FFS 10 (i)*

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 trauma**

**Have mercy on us compassionate God. Hear and understanding 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**

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 20: 27-28 The Remedy

**We Sing:** Brother, sister, let me serve you, WB68 ***Richard Gillard AA 8***

1. **Brother, sister, let me serve you,**

**let me be as Christ to you,**

**pray that I may have the grace**

**to let you be my servant too.**

1. **We are pilgrims on a journey,**

**we are travellers on the road,**

**we are here to help each other**

**walk the mile and bear the load.**

1. **I will hold the Christ-light for you**

**in the night-time of your fear,**

**I will hold my hand out to you,**

**speak the peace you long to hear.**

**4. I will weep when you are weeping,**

**when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you,**

**I will share your joy and sorrow**

**till we’ve seen this journey through.**

**5. When we sing to God in heaven,**

**we shall find such harmony,**

**born of all we’ve known together**

**of Christ’s love, and agony.**

**6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,**

**let me be as Christ to you,**

**pray that I may have the grace**

**to let you be my servant too.**

**Reflection: Make Room**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Dedication

**\*We Sing:**  **Let us break bread together on our knees; WB36**

**1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees;
when I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees;
when I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees;
when I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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**\*We Sing**: **Now let us from this table rise** CH4 675 Tune 234 O Waly Waly

**Now let us from this table rise**

**renewed in body, mind and soul;**

**with Christ we die and rise again,**

**his selfless love has made us whole.**

**With minds alert, upheld by grace,**

**to spread the Word in speech and deed,**

**we follow in the steps of Christ,**

**at one with all in hope and need.**

**To fill each human house with love,**

**it is the sacrament of care;**

**the work that Christ began to do**

**we humbly pledge ourselves to share.**

**Then grant us grace, Companion-God,**

**to choose again the pilgrim way**

**and help us to accept with joy**

 **the challenge of tomorrow's day.**

**Words By**[Fred Kaan](https://www.hopepublishing.com/find-hymns-hw/hw8437_35.aspx)

**Blessing**

**Ministers*:*** *All the people in Christ* **Leader*:*** *Alan Clement*

**DIARY**

**SUNDAY 1** **EASTER 7**

 **10am St Andrew’s – Communion**

Matawhero – No service

**Monday 2 King’s Birthday celebrated.**

**12.30pm Piano Extravaganza XV**

 **St Andrew’s Lunchtime concert series.**

Tuesday 3 10.00am Open Door

Wednesday 49.45am mainly music

Friday 6 1.00pm Choir rehearsal tbc

**Sunday 8 PENTECOST Celebration Sunday 10am St Andrew’s**

**Matawhero– no service**

**Coming up:**

June 14th & 15th Commissioners’ Visit

**Mindful Prayer topics:** **June 1st & 8th 2025** World tensions. GPP and the Commissioners visit/report 14/15 June. Ian & Pat Flockhart. “Teach us to be fully human, open to each other's needs” (Shirley Murray AA50)

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

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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 1st June****King’s Birthday weekend****Alan Clement** | M: Jan EwartSt A’s: No service | **Matawhero Team** | **Matawhero Team**Contributions welcome | S&V: N/AC: N/A |
| **Sunday 8th June****Pentecost****Cynthia Kearney** | M: No serviceSt A’s: | **Matawhero Team** | N/A | N/A |

**Communion 1 June at Matawhero: Celebrant:** Al Clement

**Elders:** Jan Ewart, Barbara Larsen

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

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

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