####  **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW’S GISBORNE**

***Matawhero Church – Church Lane***

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

***176 Cobden Street, Gisborne***

***8 June 2025 Pentecost Sunday***

***Welcome to this service of celebration, and special welcome to Sr Cynthia Kearney***

***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.***

*We gather together as the people of God*

**Welcome and Notices**

**Silent Preparation**

**Introit and Entry of Bible**

**Simply to be HS118**

**Simply to be, to be in stillness,**

**simply to trust that God is here,**

**simply to know the Holy Presence,**

 **is to be blessed:**

 **so am I blessed,**

**simply to hold the given moment,**

**simply to lay concern aside,**

**simply to let the heart be speaking,**

 **is to be blessed:**

 **so am I blessed,**

**so am I blessed within God’s keeping,**

**so am I freed from pointless stress,**

**steadied to feel the soul replenished,**

 **given this grace,**

 **folded in peace.**

**Call to worship**:

Bless the Lord my soul!

Lord how great you are

**How many are your works, O Lord!**

**The earth is full of your riches**

We look to the seas, great and wide,

which teem with life innumerable, helping to maintain the balance.

**Oh that we may receive your gifts,**

**taking only what is needed with grateful hearts.**

When we are in harmony with You, the earth provides; yes a bountiful harvest to be shared with all

**When we misuse what you have created**

**we blame You for the famine and destruction that ensures and feel alienated from you.**

**even so you continue to send forth you Spirit and the earth is renewed.**

I will abandon myself into your hands as long as I will live; I will sing praises to you while I have breath.

**Praise the Creator of the Universe!**

**HYMN; Come teach us, Spirit of our God FF11 Tune Kilmarnoch CH4 69**

**Come, teach us, Spirit of our God,**

 **the language of your way,**

 **the lessons that we need to live,**

**the faith for every day.**

**Excite our minds to follow you,**

 **to trace new truths in store,**

 **new flight paths for our spirit space,**

**new marvels to explore:**

**Engage our wits to dance with you,**

 **to leap from logic's base,**

 **to capture insight on the wing,**

**to sense your cosmic grace:**

**Inspire our spark to light from you,**

 **to catch creation's flair,**

 **new artistry to celebrate,**

**new harmonies to dare:**

**Delight our hearts to worship you,**

 **to learn compassion's code,**

 **to live in context of your love,**

**great teacher who is God!**

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 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**.

**Celebration time**:

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

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

**Hymn: Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me; CH4 619, 620**

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.

2. 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***

**Scripture readings;**

**First reading: Acts 2: 1-11**

New International Version

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%202%3A1-11&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26954a)] as the Spirit enabled them.

5Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? 8Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%202%3A1-11&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26959b)] 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues**!”**

**Gospel: John 14:15-16 23-26 New International Version**

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

15“If you love me, keep my commands. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever

**John 14:23-26 New International Version**

23Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

25“All this I have spoken while still with you. 26But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

**Reflection**

**HYMN;** We are one in the Spirit P Scholtes **PCC471**

1. **We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,**

**we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,**

**and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.**

 **Refrain**

 **And they’ll know we are Christians**

 **by our love, by our love,**

 **yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

 **2 . We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,**

**we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.**

**And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land.**

**3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,**

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side.**

**And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride.**

1. **All praise to the Father from whom all things come,**

**and all praise to Christ Jesus his only Son,**

**and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.**

OFFERING AND DEDICATION.

**Holy Oneness we cannot contain you in the smallness of words.**

**Nor can we give you anything that isn’t already yours.**

**Our offering is gratitude from overflowing hearts.**

**We thank you! We thank you.**

**PRAYER.**

We give thanks for the transformation that is taking place within us and our world. We give thanks for the gift of love and its expression through us. We give thanks for family and friends and all Gods bounty in nature. **Thank you God for everything**

**Prayers of intercession.**

Leader: Spirit of fire, inflame in us a passion for justice and equality.

All: **that we may be cleansed of our prejudices and fears and boldly claim the gospel**

Spirit of Compassion, infuse us with Your longing for wholeness and joy.

**That** **we may reach out to those who are hurting and enfold one another with your tenderness and Love.**

Spirit of Power, hold us in our powerlessness.

**That we may know our strength and become voices for the voiceless, healing for the wounded and encouragement for the weak.**

Spirit of peace and justice give our World leaders guidance

**That they will listen to Your Spirit in their decisions.**

Loving Spirit hear our prayers that we have offered and pour out upon us Your many gifts.

The Lords Prayer. **(Based on the original Aramaic)**

**O Cosmic Source of all radiance and vibration!**

**Soften the ground of our being**

**And carve out a space within where your presence and abide.**

**Fill us with your creativity so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission.**

**Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with your desire.**

**Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share what each being needs to grow and flourish.**

**Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us,**

**As we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.**

**Do not let us be seduced by that, which would divert us from our true purpose,**

**But illuminate the opportunities of the present moment. For you are the ground and fruitful vision,**

**The birth, power and fulfilment,**

**All is gathered and made whole again.**

**Amen**

\*BLESSING

Living God bless us with eyes that see goodness,

 mouths that speak love, ears that are discerning,

hearts that are accommodating, hands that touch in kindness,

feet that go the extra mile,

and smiles that show acceptance.

SUNG BLESSING We will walk. CH4 803

**We will walk with God, my brothers,**

**we will walk with God.**

**We will walk with God, my sisters,**

**we will walk with God.**

**We will go rejoicing**

**till the kingdom has come.**

**We will go rejoicing**

**till the kingdom has come.**

 *Swaziland tradition hymn*

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and friendship and a cup of tea or coffee in the lounge of the Community Centre next door*

**Leader:** Sr Cynthia Kearney  **Minister*s:*** *All the people*

**Reader:** Ruth McLennan **Organist:** Val Hall



**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 plate at the door as you leave.

**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

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

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:

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

**DIARY for this week in June**

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

**Matawhero– no service**

2.00pm Civic Brass Band Concert

Community Gisborne Charitable Trust

Tuesday 10 10.00am Open Door **All welcome**

1.30pm Kiri Te Kanawa Rest Home service tbc

Wednesday 119.45am mainly music

3.00pm Te Wiremu Rest Home service

Friday 13 1.00pm Choir rehearsal tbc

Saturday 14 8-11.30am Car Boot Sale

 11.30am–1pm mainly music picnic

**Commissioners Visit**

2:30pm Parish Council

3:45 Congregation

5:00 Pizza and chat

**SUNDAY 15** **TRINITY Disability Sunday Café Group**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s** **Service in Hall**

Commissioners will attend services St Davids/GPP

 **Matawhero – No service**

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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 8June****Pentecost****Sr. Cynthia Kearney** | M: No serviceSt A’s:Ruth | **Seton Clare**Dianne Burrows | Trish Kwak | S&V: AlanC: Hans |
| **Sunday 15 June****Trinity****Café Group** | M:No serviceSt A’s: Café Group | **Café Group** | Jenny Lawton | S&V: DonC: Don |

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