#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW’S GISBORNE**

***Matawhero Church – Church Lane***

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

***176 Cobden Street, Gisborne***

***22 June 2025 Celebrating Matariki Pentecost 2***

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* Matariki (Alcyone) – people’s health and wellbeing
* Tupu-ā-rangi (Atlas) – things that grow up in trees, including fruits, berries and birds
* Waipuna-ā-rangi (Electra) – rainfall
* Waitī (Maia) – freshwater bodies and foods from these waters
* Ururangi (Merope) – the winds
* Tupu-ā-nuku (Pleione) – food that is gathered/harvested from the soil
* Waitā (Taygeta) – the ocean and foods that come from it
* Pōhutukawa (Sterope) – those who have passed on
* Hiwa-i-te-rangi (Calaeno) – attainment of goals.

***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 \* you are invited to stand.***

***Greetings with news and notices***

**Entry of Bible**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship : Psalm 136: 1-9 NIV**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

***His love endures forever.***

Give thanks to the God of gods.

***His love endures forever.***

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

***His love endures forever.***

to him who alone does great wonders,

***His love endures forever.***

who by his understanding made the heavens,

***His love endures forever.***

who spread out the earth upon the waters,

***His love endures forever.***

who made the great lights—

***His love endures forever.***

the sun to govern the day,

***His love endures forever.***

the moon and stars to govern the night;

***His love endures forever.***

**We Sing: For the beauty of the earth CH4 181i**

**Introduction to Theme – Good Heavens**

**Scripture Reading: Genesis 1: 1-8; 14-19; 31 NIV**

**1**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2**Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**3**And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **4**God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. **5**God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

**6**And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” **7**So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. **8**God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

**vv14-19**

**14**And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, **15**and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. **16**God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. **17**God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, **18**to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19**And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

**v31**

**31**God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

**We Sing:** All things bright and beautiful CH4 137i

***Refrain:*  
All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.**

1. **Each little flow’r that opens,  
   Each little bird that sings,  
   He made their glowing colors,  
   He made their tiny wings.**
2. **The purple-headed mountains,  
   The river running by,  
   The sunset and the morning  
   That brightens up the sky.**
3. **The cold wind in the winter,  
   The pleasant summer sun,  
   The ripe fruits in the garden,  
   He made them every one.**
4. **He gave us eyes to see them,  
   And lips that we might tell  
   How great is God Almighty,  
   Who has made all things well.**

**The Night Sky**  Joy Cowley

**Reflection: Good Heavens**

**Intercessory Prayer**

**Presentation of Offering and Dedication**

**Creator God, we thank You for Your many gifts to us.**

**Bless the offerings we bring and blessu as we seek to serve You**

**In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.**

# We Sing: How Great Thou Art CH4 154

# O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder

**Consider all the works thy hand hath made;**

**I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder**

**Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;**

# *Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee*

***How great thou art! How great thou art! (*2x)**

**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**

***Refrain***

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation**

**And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!**

**Then shall I bow in humble adoration**

**And there proclaim ‘My God, how great thou art’**

***Refrain***

**Concluding Prayer** (Val)

**Gaelic Blessing** (together)

**May the mystery of God enfold us,**

**may the wisdom of God uphold us,**

**may the fragrance of God be around us,**

**may the brightness of God surround us,**

**may the wonder of God renew us,**

**may the loving of God flow through us,**

**may the peace of God deeply move us,**

**may the moving of God bring us peace.**

***Sing***: AMEN x3 CH4#819

**Ministers*:*** *All the people in Christ* **Leader*:*** *Val Hall*

**Readers:** Ruth McLennan

*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.

**NB:** Entries for the word puzzle in the June *Signpost* due in on Wednesday June 25th

**DIARY for this week in June**

**SUNDAY 22** **PENTECOST 2** **Refugee Sunday Matariki**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s** Val Hall

**Matawhero– no service**

**2.00pm Choral Society Concert –** *Songs of*

*Farewell*

Tuesday 24 10.00am Open Door

Wednesday 259.45am mainly music

Thursday **26**  **2.30pm Parish Council**

2.30pm Leighton House Service tbc

Friday 27 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 28 8-11.30am Car Boot Sale

**SUNDAY 29** **PENTECOST 3** Winter School Holidays start

**10.00am Matawhero Pat Flockhart on Joyce Rupp**

**St Andrew’s – no service**

3.00pm Sea of Faith

For all Pastoral care needs please contact one of the committee members:

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**Mindful Prayer topics:** **June 15th & 22nd 2025** World tensions and political leaders. The frightened, the lonely, the homeless, the bereaved. GPP and the outcome of the Commissioners visit – let our minds be open. Those struggling with the impact of health issues.

Mindful Prayer contact Margaret Graham ph. 021 026 03990 or email [m.n.e.gra@xtra.co.nz](mailto:m.n.e.gra@xtra.co.nz)

**Commission contact**: Commission Convenor *Rob McIntosh,* **email**[*rob.mcintosh02@gmail.com*](mailto: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.

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

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| Sunday | Reader | Door & Team | Morning Tea | Sound Visual |
| 12 January  Epiphany 1  Sr Cynthia Kearney | **Matawhero**  No service  **St Andrew’s**  Alvin Hall | **Seton Clare**  Dianne Burrows | Lyn Griffiths | S&V: Don  C:Don |
| **Sunday 22nd June**  **Matariki weekend** | M: No service  St A’s: several | **Jenny Lawton**  Cathy Porter | Val Hall | S&V: Hans  C: Hans |
| **Sunday 29th June**  **Pat presents Joyce Rupp Matawhero** | M: Deborah Loew-Black  St A’s No service | **Matawhero Team** | **Matawhero Team** | S&V: N/A  C: N/A |

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