####  **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW’S GISBORNE**

***Matawhero Church – Church Lane***

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

***176 Cobden Street, Gisborne***

***13 July 2025 Pentecost 5***

***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.***

**Welcome, News and Notices**

**Introit:** All sing *Jesus stand among us* WB32

**Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives,**

**Be the full agreement in the meeting of our eyes;**

***Refrain:***

**O, Jesus, we love You, and so we gather here,**

**Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.**

**As to you we gather from so many different lands,**

**Christ the life between us in the joining of our hands;**

***Refrain:***

**Call to Worship** From Psalms 117 and 118

Praise the Lord all nations. Praise him, all peoples!

**His love for us is strong and his faithfulness is eternal**

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord

 **Because he is good and his love is eternal**

**\*Hymn/Song** Living Lord WB 40

**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**

**Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2: 4-9** Good News Bible

**4**Come to the Lord, the living stone rejected by people as worthless but chosen by God as valuable. **5**Come as living stones, and let yourselves be used in building the spiritual temple, where you will serve as holy priests to offer spiritual and acceptable sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ. **6**For the scripture says,

“I chose a valuable stone,
    which I am placing as the cornerstone in Zion;
    and whoever believes in him will never be disappointed.”
**7**This stone is of great value for you that believe; but for those who do not believe:
“The stone which the builders rejected as worthless
    turned out to be the most important of all.”
**8**And another scripture says,
“This is the stone that will make people stumble,
    the rock that will make them fall.”

They stumbled because they did not believe in the word; such was God's will for them.

**9**But you are the chosen race, the King's priests, the holy nation, God's own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his own marvellous light. **10**At one time you were not God's people, but now you are his people; at one time you did not know God's mercy, but now you have received his mercy.

**Celebrations**

 **Celebrations today. May God bless you we pray**

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

**Family Time:** Listening and Questions

**\*Hymn/Song** I know someone who watches over me AA66

**1. I know someone who watches over me all through the day.**

 **I know someone who cares for me in every single way,**

 **the Shepherd who will help me if I ever go astray.**

 **He's the Lord and Jesus is his name.**

 *Refrain***He's the people's Saviour, he's the people's friend,**

 **a very special person and his love will never end.**

 **He's the people's Saviour, he's the people's friend.**

 **He's the Lord and Jesus is his name.**

 **2. Whenever I am lonely or whenever I am sad,**

 **Jesus comes to cheer me up and make my heart so glad.**

 **He's got to be the nicest friend that I have ever had.**

 **He's the Lord and Jesus is his name.**  *Bonnie Low AA 66*

**Reflection and Prayer:** from *Disguises of Love* by Eddie Askew

**\*Offering** Please stand for **Dedication** and last hymn

**\*Hymn** Where the road runs out WB91

**Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us,
send us out upon our way.**

**Chorus:
Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.**

**When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ
lead us on to eternity. (Chorus)**

**When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hovering overhead
who will take away our fear. (Chorus)**

**Benediction (**spoken)

**3x Amen**

**Ministers*:*** *All the people in Christ* **Leader*:*** *Lynnor Cooke*

**Reader:** *Sally Spence*

*Please continue fellowship in the hall with morning tea or coffee etc.*

**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.

**DIARY for this week in July**

**SUNDAY 13** **PENTECOST 5 Celebration Sunday**

Winter School Holidays End

**10.00am St. Andrew’sLynnor Cooke**

 **Matawhero – no service**

Monday 14 9-10am St Andrew’s Gardening

Tuesday 15 10.00am Open Door

Wednesday 169.45am mainly music resumes

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

Thursday 17 1.30pm Dunblane Rest Home Service tbc

Friday 18 1.00pm Choir rehearsal tbc

**SUNDAY 20** **PENTECOST 6**

**10.00am Matawhero – Cynthia Kearney**

**St. Andrew’sNo Service**

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

**Mindful Prayer topics:** **July 13th & 20th 2025** World turmoil. Floods, fires and loss of life and property. The Christian Blind Mission and its work. The Flockharts and other families battling health issues. Family dynamics. Give thanks to God for his strength and guidance.

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.

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

*St Andrew’s Gardening: Volunteers very welcome from 9am – 10am on the second Monday**of each month*

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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 13th July** | M:No serviceSt A’s: Sally Spence | **Pat Flockhart**Dianne Burrows | Dianne Burrows | S&V: HansC: Hans |
| **Sunday 20th July****Matawhero****Sr Cynthia Kearney** | M:AnnetteSt A’s: No service | **Matawhero Team** | **Matawhero Team** | S&V: N/AC: N/A |

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