#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

**WELCOME TO ST ANDREW’S GISBORNE**

***Matawhero Church – Church Lane***

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

***176 Cobden Street, Gisborne***

***10 August 2025 Pentecost 9***

***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 Information**

**Opening Prayer**

**Morning Tea** (help yourself)

**Introduction**

**Reflection 1** Morning Hymn – Eddie Askew

**Reflection 2** Morning, - Joy Cowley

**\*We Sing** Morning has broken CH4 212 WB 55

**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 Word!**

**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 re-creation**

**of the new day!**

**Reflection 3**  Friend – Joy Cowley

**\*We sing:** What a friend we have in Jesus WB 88 CH4 547

**What a friend we have in Jesus**

**all our sins and griefs to bear,**

**what a privilege to carry**

**everything to God in prayer;**

**O what peace we often forfeit,**

**O what needless pain we bear,**

**all because we do not carry**

**everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations,**

**is there trouble anywhere?**

**We should never be discouraged:**

**take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Can we find a friend so faithful**

**who will all our sorrows share?**

**Jesus knows our every weakness:**

**take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,**

**cumbered with a load of care?**

**Jesus is our only refuge:**

**take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Do your friends despise, forsake you?**

**Take it to the Lord in prayer;**

**in his arms he’ll take and shield you,**

**you will find a solace there.**

**Reflection 4:**  Sound of the seasons – Joy Cowley

**\*We sing:**  In the garden

**I COME to the garden alone,**

**While the dew is still on the roses;**

**And the voice I hear,**

**Falling on my ear,**

**The Son of God discloses.**

***And He walks with me,***

***And He talks with me,***

***And He tells me I am His own,***

***And the joy we share***

***As we tarry there,***

***None other has ever known.***

**2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice**

**Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,**

**And the melody**

**That He gave to me**

**Within my heart is ringing.**

**3. I’d stay in the garden with Him**

**Though the night around me be falling,**

**But He bids me go;**

**Through the voice of woe,**

**His voice to me is calling.**

**\*Jesus loves me (for older folk)**

**Jesus loves me, this I know**

**Though my hair is white as snow**

**Though my sight is growing dim**

**Still he bids me trust in him**

***Chorus***

***Yes Jesus loves me*** *(3x)*

***The bible tells me so***

**Though my steps are oh so slow**

**With my han d iun his I’ll go**

**On through life, let come what may**

**He’ll be there to lead the way**

***Chorus***

**When the nights are dark and long**

**In my heart he puts a son**

**Telling me in words so clea**

**“Have no fear, for I am near”**

***Chorus***

**When my work on earth is done,**

**And life’s victories have been won**

**He will take me home above**

**Then I’ll understand his love**

***Chorus***

**\*Offering & Dedication**

**Loving God, We offer these gifts to you and pray they will be blessed. We offer ourselves to serve you, and pray for your blessing as we share your love. AMEN**

**\*We Sing** To God be the Glory

**To God be the glory,**

**great things he has done!**

**So loved he the world**

**that he gave us his Son,**

**who yielded his life**

**an atonement for sin,**

**and opened the life-gate**

**that all may go in.**

***Refrain***

 ***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!***

 ***Let the earth hear his voice!***

 ***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!***

 ***Let the people rejoice!***

 ***O come to the Father,***

 ***through Jesus the Son,***

 ***and give him the glory!***

 ***Great things he has done!***

**O perfect redemption,**

**the purchase of blood,**

**to every believer**

**the promise of God;**

**for every offender**

**who truly believes,**

**that moment from Jesus**

**a pardon receives.**

**Great things he has taught us,**

**great things he has done,**

**and great our rejoicing**

**through Jesus the Son:**

**but purer, and higher,**

**and greater will be**

**our joy, and our wonder**

**when Jesus we see**.

**\*Blessing & Benediction**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, AMEN**

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

**Leaders and Readers:** *Open Door team*

**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.

**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

**Mindful Prayer topics:** **August 10th & 17th 2025** World tensions & victims of conflict. Natural disasters. Mental and physical health. Family tensions and resolutions. GPP and Parish Council. Ourselves. “Above the winds, hear me; Upon the sea, hold me; On lonely isle, love me; In dark night, enfold me” *Joyce Denham*

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

Christian Blind Mission accepts used stamps. Send directly to them or Val Hall.

*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*

**DIARY for this week in August**

**SUNDAY 10** **PENTECOST 9 Celebration Service**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s**

 **Matawhero – no service**

Monday 11 9.00am St Andrew’s Gardening

Tuesday 12 10.00am Open Door

1.30pm Ryman Service tbc

Wednesday 139.45am mainly music

3.00pm Te Wiremu Service

Friday 15 1.00pm Choir practice tbc

**SUNDAY 17** **PENTECOST 10**

**10.00am Matawhero Service in Hall**

 **St. Andrew’s** **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 10 August****Open Door service****St A’s lounge** | M:No serviceSt A’s: Open Door | **Don McC**Sarah McC | **Open Door Team** | S&V: N/AC: N/A |
| **Sunday 17 August** **Jan, Ruth, Marie** | M: St A’s: No service | **Matawhero Team** | **Matawhero Team** | S&V: N/AC: N/A |

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