#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

**WELCOME TO MATAWHERO HISTORIC CHURCH**

***Matawhero Church – Church Lane***

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

***176 Cobden Street, Gisborne***

***17 August 2025 Pentecost 10***

***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.***

**Order of Service**

**Welcome**

**Notices/Updates**

**Introduction**

**Opening Prayer**  Ruth

Hymn Blessed Assurance CH4 561

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;**

**Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!**

**Heir of salvation, purchase of God,**

**Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

***This is my story, this is my song,***

***Praising my Savior all the day long.***

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***Praising my Savior all the day long.***

**2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,**

**Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;**

**Angels descending, bring from above**

**Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

***Chorus***

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,**

**I in my Savior am happy and blest;**

**Watching and waiting, looking above,**

**Filled with His goodness, lost in His love**

***Chorus***

**Readings:** Psalm 6:1-6 Marie

Luke: 2: 22-38

**Hymn** Be Thou My Vision CH4 465 CH3 87

**Reflection: Thoughts for Older People**

**Hymn:** Great is Thy Faithfulness CH4 153

**1 “Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,**

**There is no shadow of turning with Thee;**

**Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not**

**As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

***Chorus***

**“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!”**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**

**All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—**

**“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!**

**2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,**

**Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,**

**Join with all nature in manifold witness**

**To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

***Chorus***

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,**

**Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;**

**Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,**

**Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

***Chorus***

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Poem**  Marie

**Prayer All: O God we thank you for the gift of years; for the opportunity to see the pattern of our lives and to experience the deaths from which we have risen over and over again. As we continue our journey, give us lightness of step and lightness of heart that we may grace our world with a spirit of joy and gratitude. We ask this in the name of Jesus who has gone before and continues to walk the way with us**

**Final Hymn:** Christ Be our Light CH4 543

***Chorus:***

**Christ be our light,**

**shine in our hearts, shine in the darkness,**

**Christ be our light,**

**shine in your church, gathered today.**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness,**

**Longing for truth, we turn to you;**

**make us your own, Your holy people,**

**light for the world to see.**

***Chorus***

**3X Amen**

**Blessing**

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

**Leaders and Readers:** *Marie Burgess, Jan Ewart, Ruth McLennan*

**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. The homeless situation. 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](mailto: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*

**DIARY for this week in August**

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

**10.00am Matawhero Service in Hall**

**St. Andrew’s** **No service**

Tuesday 19 10.00am Open Door

Wednesday 209.45am mainly music

**2.30pm Finance Committee**

Thursday 21 1.30pm Dunblane Rest Home Service tb

Friday 22 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 23 8am-11.30 Car Boot Sale

**SUNDAY 24** **PENTECOST 11**

**10.00am St Andrew’s**

**Matawhero– no service**

3.00pm Sea of Faith

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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 17 August**  **Jan, Ruth, Marie** | M:  St A’s: No service | **Matawhero Team** | **Matawhero Team** | S&V: N/A  C: N/A |
| **Sunday 24 August**  **Mike Cotton** | M:No service  St A’s: | **Seton Clare**  Dianne Burrows | Pat Flockhart | S&V: Alan  C: Hans |

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