#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### ***24 August 2025 Pentecost 11***

#### ***Welcome to the Rev Michael Cotton***

#### ***And Lynne Cotton on organ***

***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 and entry of Bible Be still and know CH4 755**

# 1. Be still and know that I am God X 3

2. **I am the Lord that healeth thee X 3**

# 3. In thee, O Lord, I put my trust X 3

**Call to Worship**

\*We sing:- **All my hope on God is founded** CH4 192

**All my hope on God is founded,**

**all my trust he will renew;**

**safe through change and chance he guides me,**

**only good and only true.**

**God unknown,**

**he alone**

**calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,**

**sword and crown betray God’s trust;**

**though with care and toil we build them,**

**tower and temple fall to dust.**

**But God’s power,**

**hour by hour,**

**is my temple and my tower.**

**God’s great goodness lasts for ever,**

**deep his wisdom passing thought:**

**splendour, light, and life attend him,**

**beauty springing out of naught.**

**Evermore,**

**from his store**

**new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Day by day the mighty Giver**

**showers gifts on us below;**

**his desire our souls delight in,**

**pleasure leads us where we go.**

**See love stand**

**at his hand,**

**joy awaits at his command!**

**Still from earth to God in heaven**

**sacrifice of praise be done,**

**high above all praises praising**

**for the gift of Christ his Son.**

**Hear Christ call**

**one and all:**

**those who follow shall not fall.**

**Opening prayer All**

Responsive -Psalm 71: 1-6

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;  
    **let me never be put to shame.**  
**2**In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;  
    turn your ear to me and save me.  
**3**Be my rock of refuge,  
    **to which I can always go;**give the command to save me,  
    **for you are my rock and my fortress.**  
**4**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
    **from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.**

**5**For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,  
    **my confidence since my youth.**  
**6**From birth I have relied on you;  
    you brought me forth from my mother’s womb.  
**I will ever praise you.**

\*We sing – Brother, Sister, let me serve you CH4 494 AA8

1. **Brother, sister, let me serve you**,

**let me be as Christ to you,**

**pray that I may have the grace**

**to let you be my servant too.**

1. **We are pilgrims on a journey,**

**we are travellers on the road,**

**we are here to help each other**

**walk the mile and bear the load.**

1. **I will hold the Christ-light for you**

**in the night-time of your fear,**

**I will hold my hand out to you,**

**speak the peace you long to hear.**

**4. I will weep when you are weeping,**

**when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you,**

**I will share your joy and sorrow**

**till we’ve seen this journey through.**

**5. When we sing to God in heaven,**

**we shall find such harmony,**

**born of all we’ve known together**

**of Christ’s love, and agony.**

**6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,**

**let me be as Christ to you,**

**pray that I may have the grace**

**to let you be my servant too. *Richard Gillard***

**Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10,** NIV

4The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

5“Before I formed you in the womb I knew[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah%201&version=NIV#fen-NIV-18952a)] you,  
    before you were born I set you apart;  
    I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

6“Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

7But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. 8Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

9Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. 10See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

**A Reading from the Gospel of Luke Chapter 13 vv10-17** New International Version

**Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath**

10On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, 11and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. 12When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” 13Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

14Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

15The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? 16Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

17When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

Mike – **Believing, Trusting, Confirming**

**\*We sing** Here I am Lord CH4 251

**I, the** **Lord of sea and sky,**

**I have heard My people cry.**

**All who dwell in dark and sin**

**My hand will save.**

**I who made the stars of night,**

**I will make their darkness bright.**

**Who will bear My light to them?**

**Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard You calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if You lead me.**

**I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,**

**I have borne My people's pain.**

**I have wept for love of them.**

**They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone,**

**give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak My word to them.**

**Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,**

**I will tend the poor and lame.**

**I will set a feast for them.**

**My hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will provide**

**till their hearts be satisfied.**

**I will give My life to them.**

**Whom shall I send?**

*Based on Isaiah 6 Dan Schutte*

**Presentation of Offerings** Mike to Bless

**Prayers of the People**

**\*We sing**: Now thank we all our God CH4 182  ***Nun Danket***

1. **Now thank we all our God,**

**with heart and hands and voices,**

**who wondrous things has done,**

**in whom this world rejoices, -**

**who, from our mothers’ arms,**

**has blessed us on our way**

**with countless gifts of love,**

**and still is ours today.**

1. **May you, O bounteous God**

**through all our life be near us,**

**with ever-joyful hearts**

**and blessed peace to cheer us,**

**and keep us in your grace,**

**and guide us when perplexed,**

**and free us from all ills**

**in this world and the next.**

1. **All praise and thanks to God**

**our Maker now be given,**

**to Christ, and Spirit too,**

**our help in highest heaven, -**

**the one, eternal God,**

**whom earth and heaven adore,**

**for thus it was, is now,**

**and shall be evermore.**

Mike – **Blessing and Dismissal**

Sung:- Three fold Amen

**Ministers*:*** *All the people in Christ* **Leader*: Rev.*** *Michael Cotton*

**Reader:** *Lynnor Cooke* **Organist:** *Lynne Cotton*

*Please join us for friendship and fellowship and a cup of tea or coffee in the lounge after the service*

**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

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

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*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

**Mindful Prayer topics:** **August 24th & 31st 2025** Conflict and its victims. Health & uncertainty, the frightened. The dissolution of GPP and the road we must now travel “In the Spirit let us travel open to each other’s pain”. Shirley Murray FSS10

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)

**DIARY for this week in August**

**SUNDAY 24** **PENTECOST 11 Rev Mike Cotton**

**10.00am St Andrew’s**

**Matawhero– no service**

3.00pm Sea of Faith

Tuesday 26 10.00am Open Door

Wednesday 279.45am mainly music

**Thursday 28 2.30pm Parish Council**

2.30pm Leighton House Service

Friday 29 1.00pm Choir rehearsal tbc

**SUNDAY 30** **PENTECOST 12 Sr Cynthia Kearney**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s**

**Matawhero No service**

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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 24 August**  **Mike Cotton** | M:No service  St A’s: | **Seton Clare**  Dianne Burrows | Pat Flockhart | S&V: Alan  C: Hans |
| **Sunday 31 August**  **Cynthia Kearney** | M:No service  St A’s: | **Pat Flockhart**  Chrissie Parker | Jenny Lawton | S&V: Linda  C: Don |

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