#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### ***7 September 2025 Pentecost 13***

#### ***Welcome to Rev Peter MacKenzie***

#### ***Executive Secretary Presbytery Central***

***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**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Song**    Give me oil in my lamp WB 69

 **Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning;**

 **give me oil in my lamp, I pray.**

 **Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning;**

 **keep me burning ’til the break of day.**

***Refrain***

 **Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,**

 **sing hosanna to the Servant King!**

 **Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,**

 **sing hosanna, let us sing!**

 **2 Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing;**

 **give me joy in my heart, I pray.**

 **Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing;**

 **keep me singing ‘til the break of day.**

***Refrain***

 **3. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving;**

 **give me love in my heart, I pray**

 **Give me love in my heart, keep me serving;**

 **keep me serving ‘til the break of day.**

***Refrain***

**Prayers**

**Story**        Paul's journey to Rome

**\*Song**                    One more step along the world I go CH4 530

 **One more step along the world I go,**

 **one more step along the world I go,**

 **from the old things to the new**

 **keep me travelling along with you,**

 ***Refrain***

 **And it’s from the old I travel to the new**

 **keep me travelling along with you.**

 **Round the corners of the world I turn,**

 **more and more about the world I learn,**

 **all the new things that I see**

 **you’ll be looking at along with me. *Refrain***

 **As I travel through the bad and good**

 **keep me travelling the way I should.**

 **Here I see no way to go**

 **you’ll be telling me the way, I know. *Refrain***

 **Keep me singing when the road is rough,**

 **give me courage wen the road is tough.**

 **Leap and laugh in all I do,**

 **keep me travelling along with you, *Refrain***

 **You are older than the world can be.**

 **You are younger than the life in me.**

 **Ever old and ever new,**

 **keep me travelling along with you *Refrain***

**Readings**           Exodus 13: 17-22New International Version

**Crossing the Sea**

**17**When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” **18**So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus%2013%3A17-22&version=NIV#fen-NIV-1886a)] The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.

**19**Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an oath. He had said, “God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place.”[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus%2013%3A17-22&version=NIV#fen-NIV-1887b)]

**20**After leaving Sukkoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. **21**By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. **22**Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

John 9: 1-7

**Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind**

**9**As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. **2**His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

**3**“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. **4**As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. **5**While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

**6**After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. **7**“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

**Message**             On the road

**\*Song**                     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)**

**Prayers for the world**

**\*Offertory**

**Communion**

\***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***

**Sending Forth**

**Sung**:- Three fold Amen

**Ministers*:*** *All the people in Christ* **Leader*: Rev Peter MacKenzie***

**Reader: Alvin Hall**

*Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee and congregational meeting in the lounge or hall 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 gratefully received

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:** **Sept 7th & 14th 2025** World turmoil. The grieving. Families and fathers. The dissolution of GPP. Ourselves. “God rest us. Rest that part of us which is tired. Awaken that part of us which is asleep. God awaken us and awake within us”.(The Prayer Tree - Leunig)

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

**DIARY for this week in September**

**SUNDAY 7** **PENTECOST 13** (First Sunday in Creation: Ocean Sunday) 10.00am **St. Andrew’s– Communion**

Service followed by congregational meeting

**Matawhero – No service**

Monday 8 9.00am St Andrew’s gardening

Tuesday 9 10.00am Open Door

1.30pm Ryman Rest Home service tbc

Wednesday 109.45am mainly music

Friday 12 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 13 8am-11.30 Car Boot Sale

**SUNDAY 14** **PENTECOST 14** (Second Sunday in Creation: Flora and Fauna Sunday) **Celebration**

**9.00am Matawhero No Service**

**10.00am St. Andrew’s** **Spring Flower**

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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 7 September****Communion St A’s** | M:No serviceSt A’s: | **Jenny Lawton**Linda Savage | Lyn Griffiths | S&V: DonC: Don |
| **Sunday 14 September** | M:No serviceSt A’s: Pastoral Care Committee | **Don McC**Sarah McC | Trish Kwak | S&V: HansC: Hans |

.Communion elders St Andrew’s 7 September **Rev Peter MacKenzie** celebrant; **Seton Clare, Chrissie Parker** Jan Gordon, Pat Flockhart

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