#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### ***21 September 2025 Pentecost 15***

#### ***Welcome to Matawhero Historic Church***

***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 hall next door.***

***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**

## Silence

**Call to Worship** Matthew 11:28-30 (CEV)

If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me.

I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

Christ calls us to come to worship

To rest from the things that are troubling us

To learn what Christ can teach of life

To realise what we can offer to others

And so to return into the world to serve

Let us worship God

**Hymn**

**Prayer** ..followed by the Lord’s Prayer *(followed by passing of the peace)* **Father, Mother God, hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory**

**are yours now and forever.**

**Song**

**Readings** Exodus 13:17-22, Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

John 9:1-7, Luke 15:1-10

**Reflection**

**Offering** and **Dedication**

**Prayers of the people**

**Hymn** You are my Disciple

**Blessing**

Kia tau ki a tātou katoa

Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu

Karaiti

Me te aroha o te Atua

Me te whiwhingatahitanga

Ki te Wairua Tapu

Āke, āke, āke, āmine

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

The love of God

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Be with you all

Forever and ever, amen

2 Corinthians 13:14

**Sung**:- Three fold Amen

**Ministers*:*** *All the people in Christ* **Leaders*:*** *Parish Council*

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

**Mindful Prayer topics:** **Sept 21st & 28th 2025** Conflict and its victims. Health. GPP and the road to dissolution. “God of peace, we pray that all will be very aware of your peace and comfort, your love and your strength. At this time where there is anxiety about what the future may hold, may we all have a deep sense of your inner peace – Amen” (Rev Mary Petersen)

*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)

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

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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 21 September** | M:  St A’s: No service | **Matawhero Team** | **Matawhero Team** | S&V: N/A  C: N/A |
| **Sunday 28 September**  **AGM** | M:No service  St A’s: |  |  |  |

**DIARY for this week in Septembers**

**SUNDAY 21** **PENTECOST 15** (third Sunday in Creation:

Storm Sunday) First weekend Spring School holidays

**10.00am Matawhero**

**St Andrew’s– no service**

Tuesday 23 10.00am Open Door

Wednesday 249.45am mainly music

10.30 Beetham Healthcare Chapel

Thursday 25 2.30pm Leighton House Service

3.00pm **Parish Council**

Friday 26 1.00pm Choir rehearsal

Saturday 27 8am-11.30 Car Boot Sale

**SUNDAY 28** **PENTECOST 16 AGM** *Daylight saving begins* Citizenship Sunday 4th in Sept. Middle weekend Spring School holidays(fourth Sunday in Creation: Cosmos Sunday)

**10.00am St Andrew’s followed by AGM**

**Matawhero–No service**

3.00pm Sea of Faith

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