#### **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

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

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### ***28 September 2025 Pentecost 16***

#### ***Welcome to our service, followed by the AGM***

***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** Psalm 91 1-6; 14-16 New International Version

**1**Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
    will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2091&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15397a)]  
**2**I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress,  
**my God, in whom I trust.”**

**3**Surely he will save you  
    from the fowler’s snare  
    and from the deadly pestilence.  
**4He will cover you with his feathers,  
    and under his wings you will find refuge;**  
    **his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**  
**5**You will not fear the terror of night,  
    nor the arrow that flies by day,  
**6nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,  
    nor the plague that destroys at midday.**

**14**“Because he[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2091&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15410b)] loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him;  
    I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.  
**15He will call on me, and I will answer him;**  
    I will be with him in trouble,  
    I will deliver him and honor him.  
**16With long life I will satisfy him  
    and show him my salvation.”**

**?Hymn**

**Opening Prayer** Colleen Skuse

..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**

**?Reflection**

**Offering** and **Dedication**

**Prayers of the people**

**Hymn** Where the road runs out WB 91

**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 before the AGM*

**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 28 September**  **AGM tbc** | M:No service  St A’s: |  |  |  |
| **Sunday 5 October**  **Communion**  **Animal Blessing**  **Matawhero** | M:  St A’s: No service | **Matawhero Team** | **Matawhero Team** | S&V: N/A  C: N/A |

**Communion 5th October:** **Celebrant:** Al Clement **Elders:** Jan Ewart, Barbara Larsen

**DIARY for this week in September and October**

**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

Tuesday 30 10.00am Open Door

Wednesday 1 Oct 3.00pm Kids’ Café

Friday 3 1.00pm Choir rehearsal tbc

**Saturday 4 St Francis of Assisi Day**

**SUNDAY 5 October** **PENTECOST 17** **Al Clement: Communion and**

**Animal blessing at Matawhero; World Communion Day**

**Spring school hols end**

**10.00am Matawhero Communion**

**St Andrew’s – no service**

***Gisborne Presbyterian Parish***

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