

Please pray for GPP and the church in the world  
Our prayer theme – “new wine in a new wineskin”.

**DIARY Saturday 25 December – Sunday 2 January**

**Saturday 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9.00am**

**St Andrew’s Christmas Day Service**

**SUNDAY 26 CHRISTMAS 1**

**10.30**

**St Andrew’s Worship Service**

**Matawhero– no service**

Monday 27 9.00am Walking Group

Saturday 1 **NEW YEAR’S DAY**

**SUNDAY 2 CHRISTMAS 2 Anniversary of GPP**

**10.00am**

**Matawhero Communion.**

**GPP Anniversary and Combined Picnic**

**St. Andrew’s no service**

**FRIDAY Zoom Meeting:**

**In recess until 4 February 2022**

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
Sunday 2	St A’s 25 <sup>th</sup> Pat <u>Flockhart</u> – Matawhero St A’s Jennifer McDonald	<u>Pat Flockhart</u> Cathy Porter  <u>Alvin Hall</u> Jean Hillyard, Jean Robinson	N/A   Trish Kwak Dianne Burrows	tba

**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH  
WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE**

*Matawhero Church – Church Lane  
St Andrew's Church and Community Centre:  
176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

*25 December, 2021*

*Christmas Day*



**Ministers:** *All the people in Christ*    **Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim*  
**Organist:** Paul Pollock    **Reader:** Pat Flockhart  
**Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

*We gather together as the people of God  
Kia Ora, Talofa, Bulla, Shalom and Annyeong-haseyo*

***Greeting with news and notices***

***Call to Worship***

In the beginning was the Word,  
And the Word was with God:

**Light of life for all the people.**

The word was with God. And the Word was God”

**Full of grace and truth.**

The word became flesh and lived among us,  
Giving us the power to become children of God;  
Glory be to God,

**The God of the ages of ages.**

*We sing* - Joy to the world!, SA 23, vv 1-3

***Candle lighting***

*We sing* – what child is this, who laid to rest, SA 43, vv 1-2

***Prayers***

*We sing* – Come now, Lord Jesus SA 10, vv1-5

***Readings***

**Isaiah 52: 7-10**

**John 1:1-14**

**Sermon**

## *Christmas Greetings*

The light and hope of Christ lives in each of us.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We sing* – Come now Lord Jesus, SA 10, vv 1-5

### **Prayer of thanksgiving**

Let us bring our prayer of thanksgiving to God.

**Thanks be to God, that our doubts and fears cannot stop the birth of God among us.**

**Thanks be to God that Jesus comes among ordinary people, all sorts of people.**

**Thanks be to God that this Good news has carried down the ages to us from that first Christmas, that we may share in the blessings of this day. Amen.**

### *Prayers of intercession*

**We sing** - O come, all ye faithful, SA 32, vv1-4

### *Benediction*

Turn to God – ...Love lies waiting for a place to be born among us, even us.

**Come, prince of peace.**

May the song of the heavens sound in joy around us, ...and the dream for the world be born in our hearts again today.

**Amen.**

### *The Grace*

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and forever.**

*Sing*: AMENx3 CH4#819