

SIGNPOST APRIL 2020

Gisborne Presbyterian Parish

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MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

“Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience. And giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. (Colossians 1:11-12)”



Dear friends in Christ

What an extraordinary time we are living in at the moment that COVID-19 has brought to us. It is extraordinary since no one has ever experienced this before. For Christians, it is also extraordinary because the time has finally come to understand what it means to worship our Lord in truth and spirit. We hear the updates about COVID-19 daily. Some of them make us feel scared. Life as a whole looks gloomy and sad.

COVID-19 is indeed physical warfare. But it is spiritual warfare too. We should follow all the instructions issued by the government and the medical experts. But at the same time, we should also listen to God, who is speaking through this. As believers in Christ, the first and foremost thing is to fight against the fear, depression, anxieties and anything that will deprive us of the hope in Christ.

At the same time, as the messengers of good news, we should also become the medium of hope, comfort, healings and joy through prayers, words and deeds. We know that we are not alone but with and in God. Let others know that there is always hope beyond this

gloomy reality. In this hope, life can continue, which will blossom through compassion and love in Christ, nothing else. May God help us live as children of the light continually.

Rev Jin Sook Kim

ALL WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS ARE NOW POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE BECAUSE OF COVID-19

WALKING

GROUP - meets at the community hall 9 am every Monday



to enjoy a leisurely walk around town.

Everyone, any age is invited to join the group and to enjoy a cuppa together afterwards in the lounge.

OPEN DOOR

is our Parish weekly get together on Tuesday mornings from 10am in St Andrew's Lounge for a cuppa, friendship and chat please come and join us!



PASTORAL CARE

If you have a pastoral need please phone Rev Jin Sook Kim: 021 02952589

MAINLY MUSIC (POSTPONED)



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Wednesday mornings are a time of organised chaos in the church lounge when pre-school children and their parents & grandparents enjoy a musical time together. There is still room for a few more families if you know someone who would like to come.

MATAWHERO GARDENERS



Members of GPP and friends are weeding, prayer/discussion **2nd Monday** each month at Matawhero Church from 9.30am (**no meeting in April**)



HOLY COMMUNION

Rev Jin Sook is sad that she can no longer offer communion in your home until the Covid-19 virus restrictions have been lifted



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL

Easter The Great Fifty Days of the Easter-Pentecost season include eight Sundays. Beginning on Easter Day and concluding on the Day of Pentecost, this season celebrates the resurrection and ascension of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

April 5 Lent 6 Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday

Is 50: 4-9a Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29 or Ps 31: 9-16

Phil 2: 5-11 **Palm** Mt 21: 1-11

Passion Mt 26: 14-27: 66 or Mt 27: 11-54

HOLY WEEK

April 6 Monday Is 42: 1-9 Ps 36: 5-11

Heb 9: 11-15, Jn 12: 1-11

April 7 Tuesday Is 49: 1-7 Ps 71: 1-14 1

Cor 1: 18-31 Jn 12: 20-36

April 8 Wednesday Is 50: 4-9a Ps 70

Heb 12: 1-3, Jn 13: 21-32

April 9 Maundy Thursday Ex 12: 1-4, (5-10),

11-14 Ps 116: 1-2, 12-19 1 Cor 11: 23-26

Jn 13: 1-17, 31b-35

April 10 Good Friday Is 52: 13-53: 12 Ps 22

Heb 10: 16-25 or Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9

Jn 18: 1-19: 42

April 11 Holy Saturday

Job 14:1-14 or Lam 3: 1-9, 19-24 Ps 31: 1-4, 15-16,

1 Peter 4: 1-8 Mt 27: 57-66 or Jn 19: 38-42

EASTER

April 12 Easter Dawn

Ex 14: 10-31; 15: 20-21

Ps 114 Rom 6: 3-11 Mt 28: 1-10

April 12 Easter Day Acts 10: 34-43

or Jer 31: 1-6, Ps 118: 1-2, 14-24

Col 3: 1-4 or Acts 10: 34-43

Jn 20: 1-18 or Mt 28: 1-10

April 19 Easter 2 Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

Ps 16 1 Peter 1: 3-9, Jn 20: 19-31

April 26 Easter 3 Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Ps 116 1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1, 17-23

Luke 24:13-35

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH

(Jo Seagar's)



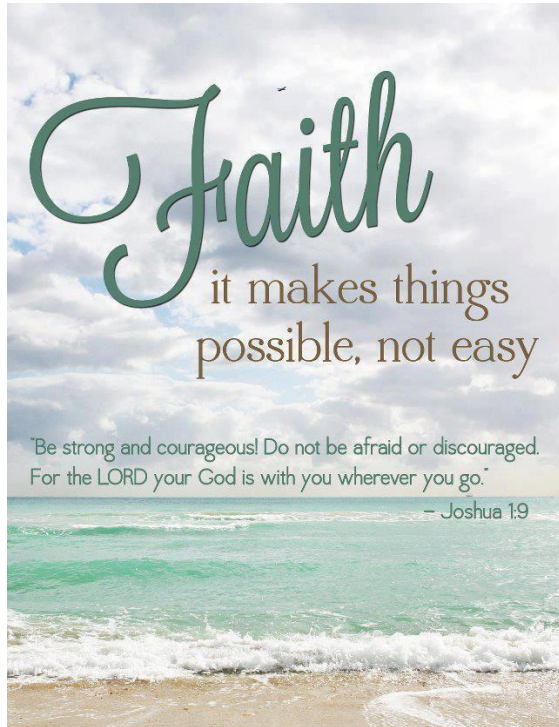
Beer Bread

3 cups of flour
3 tsps baking powder
1 tsp salt
1 can beer (approx. 400ml)
½ cup grated cheese.

Pre-heat the oven to 200c. Mix flour, baking powder, salt & beer in a large bowl until well combined.

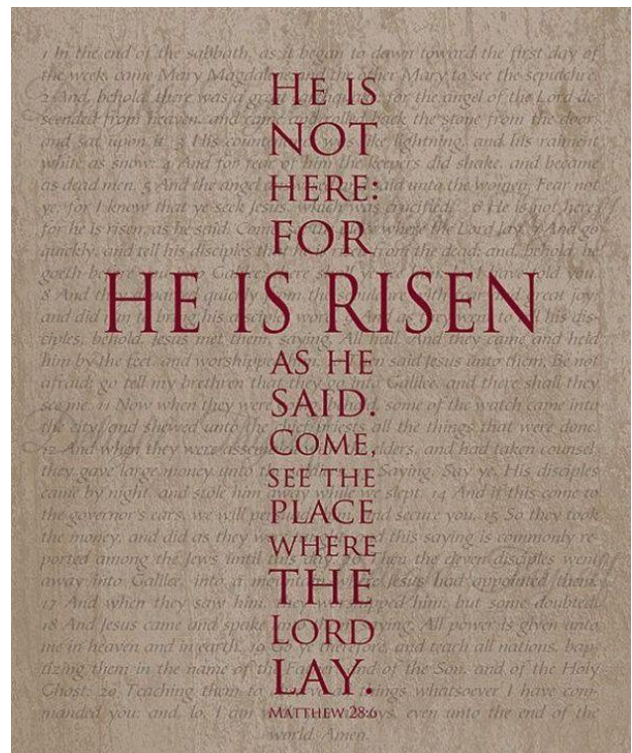
Tip into a large 12x 12 cm non-stick or greased loaf tin. Sprinkle too with cheese.
Bake for 50-60 mins until golden brown.
excellent recipe for these times of 'lockdown'

(It's okay, you can't really taste the beer!)



So we don't forget what our Minister looks like while we are all in 'lockdown'!

Rev Jin Sook Kim began her ministry on March 1st 2020.



Many people are familiar with *The Little Prince*, a wonderful book by Antoine de Saint-Exupery.

Saint-Exupery was a fighter pilot who fought against the Nazis and was killed in action. Before World War II, he fought in the Spanish Civil War. He wrote an account of his experience entitled *The Smile (Le Sourire)*.

He said that he was captured by the enemy and thrown into a jail cell. He was sure that from the contemptuous looks and rough treatment he received from his jailers he would be executed the next day.

“I was sure that I was to be killed. I became terribly nervous and distraught. I fumbled in my pockets to see if there were any cigarettes which had escaped their search. I found one and because of my shaking hands, I could barely get it to my lips. But I had no matches, they had taken those. “I looked through the bars at my jailer. He did not make eye contact with me. After all, one does not make eye contact with a prisoner.

**‘The best thing to
hold onto in life is
each other’**

Audrey Hepburn

I called out to him ‘Have you got a light, *por favor?*’ He looked at me, shrugged and came over to light my cigarette. “As he came close and lit the match, his eyes inadvertently locked with mine. At that moment, I smiled. I don’t know why I did that. Perhaps it was nervousness, perhaps it was because, when you get very close, one to another, it is very hard not to smile. In any case, I smiled. In that instant, it was as though a spark jumped across the gap between our two hearts, our two human souls. I know he didn’t want

to, but my smile leaped through the bars and generated a smile on his lips, too.

He lit my cigarette but stayed near, looking at me directly in the eyes and continuing to smile. I kept smiling at him, now aware of him as a person and not just a jailer. And his looking at me seemed to have a new dimension, too.

‘Do you have kids?’ he asked. ‘Yes, here, here.’ I took out my wallet and nervously fumbled for the pictures of my family. He, too, took out the pictures of his family and began to talk about his plans and hopes for them. My eyes filled with tears. I said that I feared that I’d never see my family again, never have the chance to see them grow up.

Tears came to his eyes, too. “Suddenly, without another word, he unlocked my cell and silently led me out. Out of the jail, quietly and by back routes, out of the town. There, at the edge of town, he released me. And without another word, he turned back toward the town.

“My life was saved by a smile.”

Yes, the smile - the unaffected, unplanned natural connection between people. Underneath all that, remains the authentic, essential self - the soul. Saint-Exupery’s story speaks of that magic moment when two souls recognize each other. Why do we smile when we see a baby? Perhaps it’s because we see someone without all the defensive layers, someone whose smile for us we know to be fully genuine and without guile. And that baby-soul inside us smiles wistfully in recognition.



***This ought to make you feel better
about your computer skills!***

A woman customer called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer.

Tech support: Are you running it under Windows?

Customer: ‘No, my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his printer is working fine.’

CHILD'S POINT OF VIEW



A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the little girl replied, "They will in a minute."

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All that really matters....

All that really matters is the way in which we live,

The way we face our troubles and the happiness we give;

The way we deal with others whom we contact on life's way,

The way we work, the things we think, and the sort of prayers we pray.

All that really matters is our attitude of mind.

The way we meet life's rough and smooth and the setbacks that we find;

The way we try to right the wrong, the way we check despair.

The way we use our talents and the things for which we care.

All that really matters is the character that we build,

The way we shape its glory by the missions we've fulfilled;

The rays we cast through goodness across the ways we've trod;

These are the things that matter to ourselves as well as to God.

Author unknown



**The flowers were sad and very still
The night Christ died upon that hill.
Each lily dropped its lovely head,
They did not want to see Christ dead.
Only the clovers turned about,
And wove green fingers in and about
Around the Cross – Christ did not see
The little clovers' sympathy.
But God looked down, and on each leaf
He marked a tiny sign of grief,
A little poignant drop of red,
"In memory of my Son" He said.**

(Anonymous)



THINGS TO DO WHEN CONFINED

TO HOME

The “fish and chip” concept began as a way of helping Third World babies, so poor they were sent home from hospital wrapped in newspaper. In New Zealand, a number of district health boards have begun accepting these garments for our own babies. At Middlemore Hospital, families in need have been taking away warm woolen garments, toys and blankets, often knitted by large groups at their popular get-togethers.

BABY JUMPER KNITTING PATTERN



(Knitted all in one) Approx 50g DK wool. Use double-knitting wool and 4mm needles, cast on 44 stitches.

- Work 18 Rows in K2, P2 rib
- Work 30 Rows stocking stitch (1 row plain, 1 row purl)
- Cast on 12 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows and at the same time change to K2,P2 (for sleeve)
- Rib 22 more rows.
- Next row: Rib 21, cast off 26 stitches, rib 21 (Please cast these stitches off loosely in rib to allow the neck to stretch over a baby's head)
- Next row: Rib 21, cast on 26 stitches, rib 21 * (Please cast these stitches on loosely, using one size bigger needles if necessary).
- Work 22 rows in K2, P2 rib
- Cast off 12 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows
- Work 30 rows stocking stitch
- Work 18 rows, K2, P2 rib
- Cast off. Sew side and sleeve seams.

CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Looking Back As we face Covid-19 it is tempting to look back just over 100 years to the Influenza outbreak in 1918 that was a global pandemic. Worldwide it is estimated to have killed 50 to 60 million people, and up to 9,000 in New Zealand. The first cases were observed in August.

In November 1918 the government put severe restrictions for public gatherings.

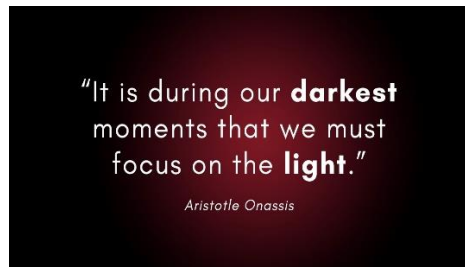
Most Presbyterian Churches closed their services for one or two Sundays and their Sunday Schools were closed for longer. St John's on Willis Street, Wellington, was closed as the hall and church had become a make-shift hospital serving the inner city. Manse families were not immune to the flu either - Rev James McCaw from Lower Hutt was mourning the death of both his son Robert Duncan McCaw (b 1898) and his daughter Agnes Chapman Asher McCaw (b 1899) in November 1918.

These deaths followed the death of his son Peter Rankine McCaw in the First World War. Outbreaks of influenza arose again in 1919 and 1920 – but each a little less severe as immunity began to arise in the community. It is a reminder that a pandemic is a long-term event. All of our churches will need to continually assess their response to the outbreak and if required make some hard decisions about meetings and services. Encourage safe practice, cautious social interaction and unrelenting love. Pray for our decision-makers, health professionals and those who might suffer. Stay safe.

***Peter MacKenzie Executive Secretary
PCANZ***

RIDDLES to keep you amused

- Who was the smartest man in the Bible?
- Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
- Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
- What car did David drive?
- Which biblical character had no parents?
- Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?



Answers to the Riddles

- Abraham. He knew a Lot.
- Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone was in liquidation
- Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.
- David's Triumph was heard throughout the land
- Joshua, son of Nun
- Samson. He brought the house down.

TIMES AHEAD

This is going to be a challenging time for all so stay strong, be kind and trust in God.

The last service for some time was held at St Andrews on Sunday 22 March. Jin Sook will be

working on ways to reach you all with other means of worship. It might be wise to let Liz know what is the best means of reaching you e.g. if you have internet access you can access the website where you will be kept up to date with what is happening in the church and regular reflections will be posted www.standrewsgis.org.nz. If you don't have email or internet, we can look at other means of delivery for you.

Some things to consider while there is no church....

Is it time for you to change your giving to direct debit so as you can support our Church in these difficult times. The account no is:

Gisborne Presbyterian Parish:

03 0638 0462917 00

There will be no one available in the office while we are in this period of lockdown so be prepared to make contact by other means.

Please phone or contact Jin Sook, Liz Lyell or any member of the Parish Council if you want to discuss anything or just need to talk with someone ph: numbers and emails are as follows:

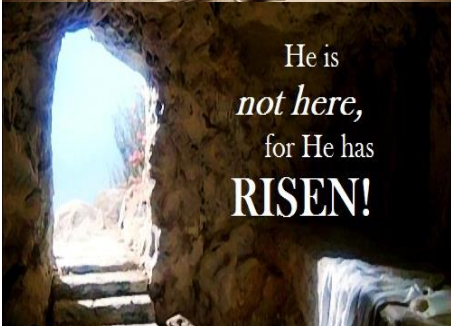
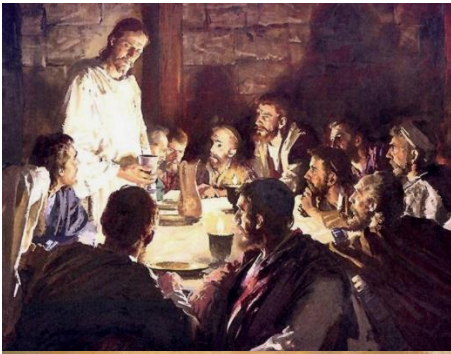
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Liz will be accessing church emails so don't hesitate to use this as a means of keeping in touch

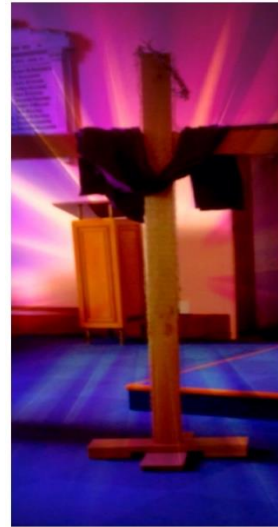
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