



# SIGNPOST AUGUST 2021

## Gisborne Presbyterian Parish

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### MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER



#### **Maintaining the living house of God**

“Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing, and so you are not surprised. But presently, He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.”

— C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

C. S. Lewis is making an example of building a ‘new’ living house designed by God. With just imagination in that God is fixing the leaking

roof by replacing it with new material – ‘new membrane roof’ to the church tower, it makes us feel great! Although Lewis is not talking about a physical building that we call ‘church’, fixing the old roof is urgent. But at the same time, it also allows us to see the condition of our spiritual building. We may ask the following from the spiritual side of Healthy Homes conditions.

On a parish level, we may ask: Are we living as the body of Christ as a whole - How are the ministry and mission going? Is pastoral care good and sustainable? Is finance healthy and strong? What do we want to see in our Gisborne Presbyterian Parish in the coming years? Is GPP community-friendly? On a personal level, we may ask ourselves: are we walking with/in God daily? Are we meditating on the word of God daily? Are we praying to God for others and ourselves? How do we love others as ourselves? The list may continue.

Together with fixing the roof of our physical church, we’d like to explore these questions this month, which will be food for thought to prepare for the coming Parish AGM in September. Let’s pray for GPP and the community that we love and care for. God be with us. Shalom!

## WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS TO WHICH ALL ARE WELCOME

### 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 10 am 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



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Wednesday mornings are a time of organised chaos in the church lounge when pre-school children and their parents and grandparents enjoy a musical time together. **Cost is \$4 per family.**

### MATAWHERO GARDENERS

Members of GPP and friends are weeding, prayer/discussion **3rd Monday** of each month at 9.30am Matawhero Church together.



### ZOOM KORERO



### ON FRIDAYS

Join in the fun every Friday at 10.30 am for **ZOOM korero** from your computer. A link and passcode number will be sent out with the Order of Service each week.

### 'CELEBRATION POT LUCK' SERVICE

is held in the community hall on the 4<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday of the month at 10.30 am.**

Please invite friends and family also

bring a plate to share or donation/koha if preferred.



**CARD MAKING GROUP** meets Mondays **9.30am – 12 noon on August 30<sup>th</sup> September 27<sup>th</sup>, ~~October 25<sup>th</sup>~~ November 1<sup>st</sup> & November 29<sup>th</sup> (no meetings in October or December) at Lynnor's 062143945**

## HAVE A GO'



at **Matawhero Church lounge**  
every **4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday at 3 pm. Next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> August**

## SPRING FLOWERS

To be dedicated and distributed after Church on **SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER.**

Assistance with assembling of flowers on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm** would be a great help, please let Barbara Larsen 863 9009 or the office know if you can help.

**Donations** are requested from those under 80 towards costs and can be left with Liz in the office. Or pay online: **03-0638-0462917-00** ref: flowers. Thank you



*"A bend in the road is not the end of the road... unless you fail to make the turn."  
— Helen Keller*

*'Don't only practice your art....but force your way into its secrets, for it and knowledge can raise men to the divine'*

*Ludwig Beethoven*

## CHURCH SERVICE STARTING TIME

Dear Friends

In early May I sent a letter to the Parish Council asking them to reconsider the time of the commencement of the St Andrews Sunday morning Service to 10a.m. as I have had numerous conversations with some members who have expressed great concern.

The response was that it would be considered at the AGM in September and I was also told that Parish Councillors haven't heard of any of our concerns.

As not everyone is able to attend the AGM I would suggest that if you have any concerns, you make them known to Councillors and Rev Jin Sook so that an informed decision can be made in due course.

Yours prayerfully,  
**Val Hall**

PS I would be happy to give anyone a copy of my letter which states the reasons, etc., (868-8226 or email [a.v.hall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.v.hall@xtra.co.nz))



## FROM LYNNOR



What a privilege it was to take part in the St Andrews display “Peace and Harmony” way back in April. It was a lot of work for just a few people – almost as much work again to dismantle everything after just two days. Though many did not take the opportunity to share this form of remembrance, those who did, found a wonderful sense of reverence and peace in our ‘familiar place’.

As I packed away the little cards on which were the names of remembered loved ones, I realised how personal writing those names became. Not just a name on a list, but written on the heart. Names also of relatives some only heard of, as was the person I named.

Henry Daikie, my great uncle, was a handsome boy of eighteen when he joined the Canterbury Regiment 1<sup>st</sup> NZEF to fight in the first world war. Henry, the youngest of the family, had one older brother and six sisters. Sadly Henry (aka Harry) succumbed early in the conflict to the stark horror of the trenches and wandered away from the front-line. Shocked and sick he was sent straight back into the action.

The regiment numbered 1,000 men – they were replaced as they fell. Over one eighteenth month period, the regiment suffered 2,000 casualties! Twice more Henry left the line of duty. He was court marshalled and sentenced to be shot. According to family records only five New Zealanders were actually shot – Henry was not one of them. He was sent home to Blenheim where he lived with his family until

the death of his mother in 1936. My mother, who remembered her young uncle, said Uncle Harry spent most of his time in the Boot-room – dark and quiet. He did however respond to music but very rarely spoke. He was sent to a mental hospital in Nelson, when his mother died where he remained until his death in 1957. Henry’s older brother returned from overseas but found life unbearable. Unable to come to terms with the memories of war he took his own life.

Thousands of families were forced to accept the sadness and tragedy. Some through faith and love were able to overcome the experience which made them people of strength and compassion. A great thankfulness remains with our family as we enjoy this wonderful world and know the peace and laughter so bravely earned by those before us.

*Lynnor Cooke*



## CONCERT

**Gisborne Choral Society  
presents**

### **Winter Warmers**

**SUNDAY 1 AUGUST 2021  
St Andrew's Church 2.00pm  
tickets \$20 (\$10 Students)  
(includes delicious afternoon tea)**



**to cheer and delight**

**A smorgasbord of choral treats**

**sacred & secular, serious & Comic**

**A Capella & Variously accompanied**

**with local soloists, Femmes Four,**

**Men's Choir**

Winter weather will linger, but to astronomers, smart historians, and flower buds everywhere, the first of August is the first day of Spring. Accordingly, the Choral Society is bursting out with Winter Warmers, a concert of many colours of warmth and fun on Sunday in St Andrew's Church.

The outstanding blossoms will be local soloists with backing chorus: mezzosoprano Esther Hudson in the spiritual I've Been in the Storm so long, veteran soprano Catherine Macdonald in the great aria Casta diva, new tenor Ben Roberts with an opera serenade, and Beatrix Carino, transforming from her role of Sandy in Grease, with the immortal Strauss favorite, 'The Nuns' Chorus. The finale is the triumphal march from Aida, featuring solo trumpeters Dean Middleton and Per Elzen, with the concert's pianist Coralie Hunter joined by organist Sean Scanlen and timpanist Amanda Maclean.

The newly formed men's choir will make a guest appearance, as will the Femmes Four, the women's quartet which so impressed with their harmonies and the pure soprano of Madeline Jones last year.

The choir, conducted by Gavin Maclean, will round out this programme with music spanning four hundred years, and light-hearted items including a Beatles medley. The audience may then round it out with a sumptuous afternoon tea.

***Gavin Maclean***



### Part 3 (EVA RICHARDS)

#### *Church life and Celebration*



(Editor's note – Eva's early faith life is not included here as we couldn't interview her about it. Sarah – Eva's daughter suggested that she may have been baptised as an Anglican in England.)

Eva and her husband John were deeply involved in

church life at St Albans – cooperating parish, which is now a flourishing church in Hamilton. Eva and John were founding members in the 1960s. From the beginning, Eva made pots of jam for a Fair on Herbert Road reserve and bought sacks of potatoes grown as a fundraiser on the church site at the corner of Herbert and Comries Road. Since then, the church has come a long way due to the huge generosity of the Chapman family, who donated the land for the site of the present church and the hard work and effort of so many people who were all on about six church rosters each. The present St Albans, Eva describes, as the realisation of a dream and far better than she ever anticipated, especially the cooperation that goes with a cooperating parish.

Two events stand out for her. When the church was very new, she happened to call in noticing a light behind the altar doors. She found all the altar linen had been piled up and set on fire. She beat it out and saved the building! The other event she is proud of was organising the Guild to fund the 'best' blue floral china, which is still in use today. Eva has taught Sunday School and is a founding and life member of St Albans Guild Fellowship and involved in all the things 'involved' people do. While they were still living in Hamilton, Eva's husband John's health was declining. Eva looked after him so that he could remain at home with her well into his later years. When John moved into a

home eventually, she visited him regularly. John died on 26 April 2005.

Eva moved to Gisborne in 2007 to be nearer to Sarah and Don. She found a suitable house that she liked at no. 26 Stout Street. Eva joined St Andrew's church, where she enjoyed Sunday services and fellowship, especially the Tuesday group *Open Door*. She was a regular attendee. At *Open Door*, she met a lady who came from the same area in England. They shared stories and enjoyed one another's company. Eva continued to be a keen gardener – growing her own vegetables and cutting her kindling for the fire until she moved to Leighton House in 2016.

Eva became one hundred years old on 7 June 2018. She received birthday cards from the Queen, the Prime Minister and the Governor-General. The cards were presented at the celebration party at Leighton House. Close to 50 people attended from all over the North Island, including Mayor Meng Foon. Eva thought that the party was amazing. Reflecting on her life, she said that there would be few changes. "I could have done better in my life intellectually if I had a chance to go to university."

"But on the other hand, I don't think university is everything, and I did very well without it.

I am very lucky compared to some of my sisters, who died quite young," and she added, "Before I moved to Gisborne, I had a vision of what it would be like – more countrified. It has been better than I expected."

Sarah wants to add as follows.

"Eva, my Mum turned 103 in June. I am blessed to have her still in my life. I treasure the time we spend together. I marvel over her life and her character. I think she is tremendously brave and resilient. She is also clever, pragmatic and funny. I am very proud of her and love her dearly."



PARISH ANNUAL MONSTER GARAGE

SALE

SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

\*\* NO OLD TV's/videos/tapes \*\*

Please start sorting your bits 'n pieces for the usual stalls.....

**Best sellers:** plants, loved linen, white elephant and furniture.

**Other stalls:** baking, sweets, preserves, jams, produce, records, dvds, cds, plants, arts and crafts, jewellery etc.



We are NOT taking clothing or shoes again this year,

but welcome bags, belts, buckles etc.

If you have any queries phone Jenny: 868 4268  
or Office: 868 5513

## BOOK SALE 7

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST FROM 9.00 am  
& SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FROM 11.30 am**

Where: **ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY  
HALL**

**176 Cobden Street**



**CASH ONLY**

*Good friends, good books and a sleepy  
conscience: this is the ideal life.*

*Mark Twain*

## BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST



Happy Birthday!

Sue Mair, Ethel Williamson,  
Heather McDermott,  
Keith Lindsay, Lynnor Cooke  
and Raewyn Leggett.

Hope you have a lovely celebration!  
Best wishes from your Church family.



*Don't accept your dog's admiration as  
conclusive evidence that you are  
wonderful. (Ann Landers)*

## THERE WILL BE A SALES TABLE



**at the BOOK SALE this coming weekend**

**Please bring your contributions: baking,  
produce, jams etc., either to the office or to  
the hall on the day. Thank you!**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** (Joy Cowley)

Be alert for the outsider, one who doesn't fit  
Be alert for the one with no fixed abode  
Be alert for the one who challenges authority  
Be alert for the one who treats saints and murderers  
as equals in the name of love.  
Be alert for the one who has no respect for property  
Be alert for the one who turns your values  
upside down  
Be alert for the one who disturbs your peace  
Be alert for the one who follows you like a beggar,  
demanding your everything.  
Be alert for the one who conceals his identity  
in your heart.

**HIS NAME IS JESUS**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

**Sunday 26 September** after the  
morning service at St Andrews.

All who are responsible for reports for  
committees or groups please note that your  
**reports should be completed and in the  
church office by the end of August.**

Thank you.

*Time is*

*Too slow for those who wait,  
too swift for those who fear,  
too long for those who grieve,  
too short for those who rejoice,  
but for those who love, time is  
eternity. Hours fly, flowers die,  
new days, new ways, pass by.  
Love stays...*

**POLITICAL CORRECTNESS  
FOR YOUTH**

No one fails a class anymore,  
**they're merely, "passing impaired".**

You're not having a bad hair day,  
you're suffering from  
**"rebellious follicle syndrome".**

Your bedroom isn't cluttered,  
**it's just "passage restrictive".**

Your locker isn't overflowing  
with junk,  
**it's just "closure prohibitive".**

Your homework isn't missing,  
**it's just having an "out-of-  
notebook experience".**

You're not sleeping in class,  
**You're 'rationing consciousness'.**

You're not late, you just have  
**"re-scheduled arrival time"**

You don't talk a lot,  
**you're just "abundantly verbal".**

You don't have smelly gym socks,  
**You have "odour-retentive athletic  
Footwear".**



# plant pots wanted

## plastic and decorative

Marilyn and helpers need pots for planting cuttings ready for our September 4<sup>th</sup> Garage Sale. Please give to Marilyn or leave in the office for collection



St Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
176 Cobden Street  
St Andrew's Concert Series presents

**PETER SHAW Christian  
Singer-Songwriter performs  
a programme of his own works**



**SUNDAY 22 AUGUST 2.00pm**  
**All donations or koha to support  
Guardian Angel Family Works  
Presbyterian Support**

## URGENT REQUEST – ROOF APPEAL

Major leaks occurred, during recent heavy rain, in the foyer of St Andrews causing damage to the toilet and surrounding area. This leak was a result of corrosion of the roofing iron on the church tower, pigeons being a large cause of this problem but it is also a very difficult area to access, making maintenance difficult. After being advised by roofing experts we are going to need to repair this section of the church roof. While repair to damage to the foyer area will be covered by insurance, the external roof repair is not.

As you are aware we have been operating on a deficit budget so Parish Council, after due consideration, have agreed to approach you as our members for assistance with covering the cost of this work.

The cost is going to be \$25,944 with 1/3 (\$8645) needing to be paid prior to the work being undertaken. We ask you to prayerfully consider if you can support this appeal and if you can make a contribution, it would be much appreciated.

Donations can be made as follows:

- Directly into the Church account  
**03-0638-0462917-000 Ref: Roof 26020 or**
- An envelope marked *Roof Appeal*, and placed in Offering bag or directly to the Office

All named donations will receive a receipt.  
Jenny Lawton (*Parish Clerk*)

## ANGEL ENCOUNTER?



### You be the judge.

Life's a little thing! Robert Browning once wrote. But a little thing can mean a life. Even two lives. How well I remember. Two years ago in downtown Auckland, my friend, Scott, and I saw something tiny and insignificant change the

world, but no one else even seemed to notice.

It was one of those beautiful Auckland days. Crystal clear, no humidity, not a cloud in the sky. We decided to walk the ten blocks to an outdoor restaurant rather than take the shuttle bus.

As we sat outside, the sun continued to beat down on us, and it became increasingly hot. There wasn't a hint of a breeze, and heat radiated up from the tabletop.

Nothing moved, except the waiters, of course.

After lunch Scott and I started to walk back up the street. We both noticed a mother and her young daughter walking out of a card shop toward the street. She was holding her daughter by the hand while reading a greeting card. It was immediately apparent to us that she was so engrossed in the card that she did not notice a shuttle bus moving toward her at a good pace. She and her daughter were one step away from disaster when Scott started to yell.

He didn't even get a word out when a breeze blew the card out of the mother's hand and over her shoulder. She spun around and grabbed at the card, nearly knocking her

daughter over. By the time she picked up the card from the ground and turned back around to cross the street, the shuttle bus had whizzed by her. She never even knew what almost happened. To this day two things continue to perplex me about this event. Where did that one spurt of wind come from to blow the card out of that young mother's hand? There had not been a whisper of wind at lunch or during our long walk back up the street. Secondly, if Scott had been able to get his words out, the young mother might have looked up at us as they continued to walk into the bus. It was the wind that made her turn back to the card - in the one direction that saved her life and that of her daughter. The passing bus did not create the wind. On the contrary, the wind came from the opposite direction. I have no doubt it was a breath from God protecting them both.

But the awesomeness of this miracle is that she never knew.

As we continued back to work, I wondered how God often acts in our lives without our being aware.

The difference between life and death can very well be a little thing.

Miracles often blow unseen through our lives.

*Adapted from 'Truthbook'*





**KIMCHI WORKSHOP at Tairawhiti Environment Centre**  
**27 July 2021, 5.30 pm to 7 pm**

I led a Kimchi workshop at Tairawhiti Environment Centre on 27 July 2021. The motive was from a friend's request who is working at a grocery shop. She said that her customers often asked her how to make kimchi while they were buying groceries. It would be good if I could teach them. With the encouragement of another person who liked kimchi very much, I could do the workshop at Tairawhiti Environment Centre.

There were in all 16 participants, and it was a good mixture of age, ethnicities etc. Although registered, a few people were not able to make it. People enjoyed the workshop till the end. I delivered a good recipe which I tried a few times to make sure. People were able to taste each ingredient. They also tasted well-fermented vegan kimchi that was premade one week before. Finally, people tasted the fresh kimchi, and they took a small amount of kimchi home.

It was a wonderful experience for me to lead such a workshop for the community people who are keen to learn new things, healthy and environment-friendly knowledge. I received good comments from people who thanked me and the Environment Centre, to present such a workshop. I hope that those who participated in the kimchi workshop will make beautiful kimchi for their families and friends. I pray that it will bring people good taste, health and joy of sharing to their lives.



Our *Chef* forgot to mention that she also raised \$80 for Gisborne Presbyterian Parish by taking part in the workshop. *Thank you Jin Sook!*

