



# SIGNPOST JULY 2020

## Gisborne Presbyterian Parish

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### MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

Dear friends in Christ

God is good all the time – we are enjoying the autumn weather, including rain, fruits, laughter and everything! As we have resumed our church life back to normal, I have been prayerfully exploring how to reshape our church life for the future. So, I'd like to share the following new things that will be part of our faith journey onwards while keeping everything sustainable.



**First, Korero me Kai** (talk with food)- we will begin a new collaborative work with the community, namely 'Korero me Kai' which is supported by the Parish Council. More details will come out later.

**Second, Whakarongo** (Listen!), which is the combination of the bible study and DFS (not Duty-Free Shop but Drawing for Spirituality) from term 3. It is a year-round fellowship for all. It will run every Thursday from 5:30 pm for about an hour or so during the school term. (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at Matawhero, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at St Andrew's, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at St. Andrew's for those who miss any sessions above). You can come for all three sessions too.

During the session, we'll provide;

1. Activity books with crayons coloured pencils that help you draw your explorations.
2. Bible passages from the lectionary readings. If needs arise, we'll include additional biblical

information and study readings for the chosen passages.

3. Light refreshments – tea, coffee and more.
4. You will find it exciting and fruitful for your spiritual journey and communal/personal devotions.

Please register with the office or myself even though it is free for everyone so that we can prepare the materials for you. You may come either only one session or all three sessions.

At the end of every term, we'll have a review to improve it for the next term. **The start date is Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020, 5:30 pm at St Andrew's.**

**Third, Treasure Hunt** is about finding good picture books/short stories for children. They can be used for Sunday services, family devotions, personal devotions and prayer. Please read the lectionary readings and find books that may go well with the bible passages.

I hope you are all well and sound. Please enjoy the rest of the contents in Signpost. We'll endeavour to improve Signpost. So please send your stories to share that will enrich our journey in Christ and make it more exciting.

Shalom

*Jin Sook*

## 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 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 BEGINS JULY 22ND



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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

### 40<sup>TH</sup> LICENSING ANNIVERSARY OF REV DR CLIVE YATES in July.

**A Celebration Service will be held in the near future. Please look out for more information to come.**

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY

#### July 5 Pentecost 5

Gen 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Ps 45: 10-17 or Song Sol 2: 8-13 Rom 7: 15-25a Mt 11: 16-19, 25-30

#### July 12 Pentecost 6 47A G Gen 25: 19-34

Ps 119: 105-112 Rom 8: 1-11 Mt 13: 1-9, 18-23

#### July 19 Pentecost 7 48A G Gen 28: 10-19a Ps 139: 1-12, 23-24 Rom 8: 12-25 Mt 13: 24-30, 36-43

July 26 Pentecost 8 49A G Gen 29: 15-28 Ps 105: 1-11, 45b or Ps 128 Rom 8: 26-39 Mt 13: 31-33, 44-52



### HOLY COMMUNION

**Jin Sook Kim** would like to offer the elements of Communion after a Sunday Communion Service in your home, for those who are unable to attend church that day.



## TREASURE HUNT (but not as we know it!)



Please look for some picture books or short stories for children, using the weekly Lectionary readings, which might go well with the appropriate bible passages. These

stories will then be used for Sunday services and prayer.

**WHAKARONGO** (*Listen!*) and **Fellowship**  
Combining Drawing for Spirituality and bible study. Thursdays from 5.30pm.

Registration form will be on a clipboard in the outer office, or leave your name with Jin Sook or Liz. All stationery & refreshments will be supplied, so registration is a **must**.

**The first session is Thursday 23 July at St Andrew's**

### Dates – term time



Thurs 23 July	5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge
Thurs 06 August	5.30pm	Matawhero lounge
Thurs 13 August	5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge
Thurs 27 August	5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge
Thurs 03 Sept	5.30pm	Matawhero lounge
Thurs 10 Sept	5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge
Thurs 24 Sept	5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge
Thurs 22 Oct	5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge
Thurs 05 Nov	5.30pm	Matawhero lounge
Thurs 12 Nov	5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge
Thurs 26 Nov	5.30pm	St Andrew's lounge

## BACKLIT CROSS AT ST ANDREW'S

Thanks to Peter Cowley, the Cross in St Andrew's Church is now visible.

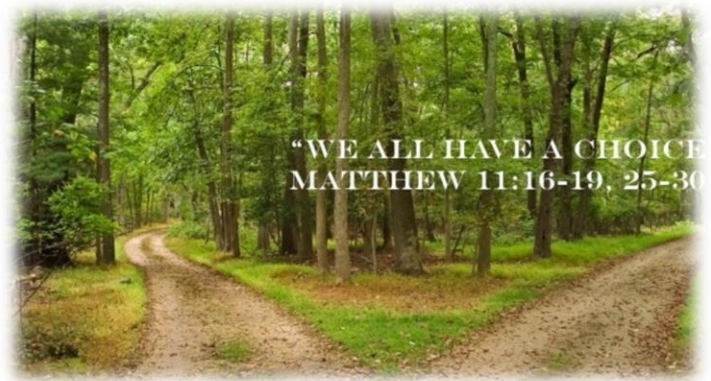


## ZOOM KORERO ON FRIDAYS



Join in the fun every Friday at 10.30 am for **ZOOM korero** from your computer. An invitation will be in Sunday's

Order of Service, a reminder email will be sent out the day before, on Thursday.



## THOUGHTS ON RAIN



When torrential downpours beat on the heads of my newly planted petunias, I felt bad for them. I wanted to bring them inside to shelter

them from the storm.

By the time the rain stopped, their little faces were bowed to the ground from the weight of the water. They looked sad and weak. Within a few hours, however, they perked up and turned their heads skyward. By the next day, they were standing straight and strong.

What a transformation! After pounding them on the head, the rain dripped from their leaves, soaked into the soil, and came up through their stalks, giving them the strength to stand straight.

Because I prefer sunshine, I get annoyed when rain spoils my outdoor plans.

I sometimes wrongly think of rain as something negative. But anyone who has experienced drought knows that rain is a blessing. It nourishes the earth for the benefit of both the just and the unjust (Matthew 5:45).

Even when the storms of life hit so hard that we nearly break from the force, the 'rain' is not an enemy. Our loving God has allowed it to make us stronger.

He uses the water that batters us on the outside to build us up on the inside, so we may stand straight and strong.

*The storms that threaten to destroy us God will use to strengthen us.*

**Julie Ackerman Link**

*Thank you to Val Hall*

## FAITH IN MINISTRY

From this month, we are going to share testimonies of people's faith journey in our church family. This month, we asked Val Hall and Lynnor Cooke about their ministry at rest homes.

## REST HOME CHURCH SERVICES

### *Val Hall*

I can't quite remember when I became interested in assisting in the Rest Home Church Services. It is something which I have been doing since when our children (now in their 50's) were at home and they were taken along as well. It could be that as Matron of Dunblane, it was something which I deemed to be very important to include in the Residents' weekly activities, and I initiated a weekly roster. In fact, it was the very reason why I reluctantly applied to work as a Registered Nurse at Dunblane as I heard from a friend that they couldn't open the new Dunblane Centre because they didn't have sufficient Registered Staff and I felt compelled to help. (God does work in mysterious ways!!)

For many years now I have been involved in the Gisborne Presbyterian Parish team who have faithfully gone to each of the rest homes. I think it is both a privilege, an opportunity and also a responsibility to share one's faith with those who are unable to attend Church.

My role has usually been to support the Minister, play some appropriate music on the piano prior to the Service and then to accompany the long-remembered hymns which bring back a lot of memories and are an encouragement to everyone.

When Rev Fraser Paterson's health was deteriorating, I undertook to both lead the Services and play the piano.

It has been lovely to have Lynnor Cooke join our Parish and Choir and also to share the leadership of the Rest Home Church Services. Together we have been able to get to know the Residents better and to enjoy singing their favourite hymns. We feel very blessed to be involved in this way and would encourage anyone who wishes to come to the Services.

### ***Lynnor Cooke***

Lynnor believes that we should not leave old and sick people alone even though they are living in rest homes. Most rest home staff may care for them very well, physically. But they also need spiritual and emotional support from their families and others like us, to make them know that they are very much loved by God so that they can still be part of the community and God's families. Also, people in rest homes need something to look forward to, to believe in, and to love. Val and Lynnor's visits to these people enable them to make this possible.

It is also vital for their mental health too. When music is played, people who perhaps would sit there all day long in their lonely state, respond to live music. While not able to respond to the music by singing, they can join the music by tapping their feet and swaying their bodies.

Lynnor thinks that older people can find strong faith even through laughter, joy, music, prayer together and passing of the Lord's peace while holding hands. In this case, eye contacts are essential too. Val is very good at remembering people's names while Lynnor their faces, but for both, they are just 'faces of friends'.

When her mother was living her final days, Lynnor was caring for her until she passed away. Yet she still wishes that she could have done more than that. Serving these old, sick people allows Lynnor to feel that she seems to be with her mother as if the people in rest homes are one's mothers and fathers. For Val and Lynnor, through the worship services in rest homes, they learn more about friendship, lessons for life, and faith in God. Lynnor and Val always pray for them, and they will continue to do so.

\*Those who are interested in supporting Val and Lynnor, the upcoming services are as follows.

The next month's Services are as follows:-

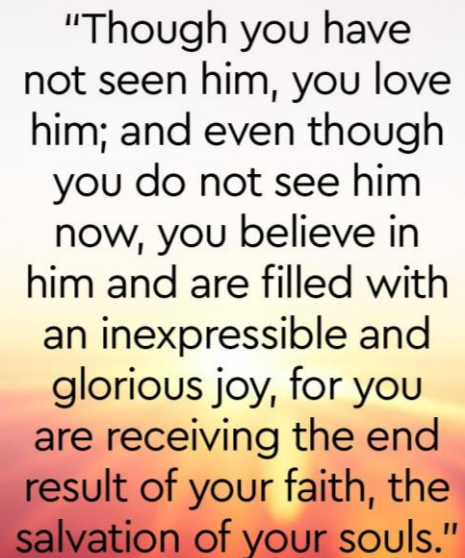
**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30 pm at Kiri Te Kanawa**

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 3.30 pm at Dunblane**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 10.30 am**

**Beetham Healthcare Chapel**

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2 pm Leighton House**



"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

**1 PETER 1:8-9**