

JULY 2018

ST ANDREWS

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FOR OUR

JOURNEY TOGETHER

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

We are a diverse community called together by  
Jesus Christ to welcome, love, serve and care

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**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

St Andrew's Church, 176 Cobden Street Gisborne  
Matawhero Church, Church Road, Matawhero

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# Letter from the Minister

Dear Friends

As you huddle beside your fire or heater in these cold months of the year, I hope that you will be very aware of, and maybe reflect on, the **warmth of the Spirit of God in your life.** In this time after Pentecost perhaps you would like to take the opportunity to think about what it means to have the inspiration of the Spirit of God at work in your life every day?

Last month I referred to **our corporate worship of God** being the **heart of parish life.** Sunday worship is also an opportunity for everyone present to gain encouragement, inspiration and develop their relationship with God. Each church organises their ‘worship service’ differently, however, and you may have wondered why things happen in a particular order or way that is distinctive to St Andrew’s or Matawhero. May I encourage you to turn your wondering into a learning experience – **come to the Exploring Worship Workshop on Saturday 7 July! ALL WELCOME.** Please see the details on page 3.

You may have wondered for example, why the Bible is carried into the church before each service at St Andrew’s – but that does not happen at Matawhero. We will explore that phenomenon and many other aspects of worship on 7 July.

July is recognised in churches as **Bible Month.** Some of us have recently been involved in a three week study series *Exploring the Bible.* I wonder what the Bible means to you? The **Celebration and Communion Service** on the **8 July** will also highlight Bible Month – so please come along and be part of that. At that service there is also the opportunity to formally welcome new members into this parish. If you would like to be included in that welcome, please let me know.

**May God continue to guide and inspire you all.**

**God bless you.**

Mary Petersen

## **EXPLORING WORSHIP WORKSHOP**

Saturday on 7 July in St Andrew's lounge

10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Beginning with morning tea at 9.45 a.m.

in St Andrew's lounge.

**ALL WELCOME.**

This event will include fun and food as well as some serious discussion focused on worship, which is at the heart of our life together. What is worship? Why are there different forms of worship? Why do we do what we do in worship in Presbyterian churches? Why do we follow a particular 'order of worship'? What is liturgy?

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**Gisborne Presbyterian Parish WEBSITE** has been completely redeveloped and is now our internet connection sharing information and photos with the world! If you have not yet had a look, please go to [standrewsgis.org.nz](http://standrewsgis.org.nz)  
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Advance Notice:

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GPP**

will be held on **Sunday 23 September**  
after the morning service at St Andrews.

## **BIRTHDAYS IN JULY**

Betty Hair, Margaret Savage, Jean Robinson,  
David Reeves, Jean Tattersfield,  
Pamela Mathias, Isabel Mackay, Alan Mair.



**WALKING GROUP** Departs St. Andrew's  
9:00am each Monday morning – whatever the weather. Do join us for an  
hour's gentle exercise followed by a 'cuppa'.

**OPEN DOOR** Tuesdays at 10:00am

## **PASTORAL CARE**

If you need transport to the Church Service at St Andrews please give Val  
Hall a call 868-8226 early "in the week. (If you are able to offer a ride)

## **FROM THE MODERATOR**

When love is the way

On Saturday 19 May, Bishop Michael Curry preached to approximately 1.2 billion people around the planet. He preached a sermon on the power of love and how it is the essence of the gospel of Christ. In a passion-filled tribute to both God's love in Jesus and the promise of that love as it is reflected in our love for one another, Bishop Curry captivated his audience and delivered a sermon that struck at the very heart of unbelief.

In 10 minutes and 21 seconds Curry addressed a largely non-Christian crowd in a manner that was both riveting and memorable. Oh, that we could mirror this Sunday by Sunday. But, how? Here are some pointers I've gathered from my own observation and from a piece Carey Nieuwhof posted the day after.

Firstly, he stuck to one major theme – love is the way. He returned to this time and again in those 10 minutes. This made it easy for his listener to engage and to follow because they always knew where he was going.

Secondly, he demonstrated his commitment to the message by both his passion and approach. He never looked like he was reading anything – it was a message from his heart – this man believed what he was saying.

Thirdly, he engaged his audience. This was a true conversation as much as a sermon can be in that he worked to make eye contact with as many people who would look at him. He used personal testimony once or twice to inject a note of vulnerability into his address and he worked hard to

engage the emotion of his listeners as well as their minds – not an easy ask in this very reserved and largely English congregation!

Finally, Bishop Curry avoided the “message-from-on-high” impression so often conveyed by those who wish to speak on God’s behalf. There was no sense of being told off, or, for that matter, being told on! We were not berated for our mistakes or our humanity. Rather he appealed to us as a fellow human who desired the very best for everyone. He preached not as one over us, but as one of us!

Go back to your message for this week if you are preaching and ask yourself – is this really going to help my listeners to go forward in faith? If not, take something from Bishop Currie’s address – it was excellent.

God bless you all.

Richard Dawson.

When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe.

John Muir (1838-1914) Scottish-American conservationist from *My First Summer in the Sierra* (1911)

Wildness reminds us what it means to be human, what are we connected to rather than what we are separated from – Terry Tempest Williams (b.1955) American author, conservationist, feminist.

When I want to celebrate, I always plant a tree – Wangari Maathai (1940-2011) Founder of Kenya’s Green Belt Movement, which since its inception has planted 51 million trees.

## 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.**

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year to date  
July 2017 to  
31 May 2018

## Income

Giving & Donations	59205
Fund Raising	14109
Other Income	33800
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Less Expenses 124662

Cash Deficit Year to date -17548



HELD AT ST ANDREWS IN THE LOUNGE  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING, STUDY AND  
DISCUSSION - DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### **LEADING WORSHIP**

If you are interested in, or already involved in, **leading some aspect of worship** - including as a reader, musician, writer of prayers, service leader or preacher, please come to St Andrews lounge on:

**Fridays 13 and 27 July 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.**  
beginning with a cuppa  
(and maybe dessert)



Gisborne Presbyterian Parish

assisted by

*Marjorie Redstone Trust,*

*J.N. Williams Memorial Trust*

*H.B. Williams Turanga Trust*

proudly presents as part of the

St Andrew's Concert Series

**Anna Cooper**

**FLUTE TAKES FLIGHT**

Gisborne flautist Anna Cooper presents a

**Farewell Fundraiser**

before commencing further studies in the Netherlands

In collaboration with Coralie Hunter and Nicholas

Allan, piano; Janet Roderick, violin

**2pm, Sunday 15 July**

Corner Childers Road & Cobden Street

(Next to Pak 'n Save)

Admission free; optional Koha to support Anna's studies

Complimentary tea and coffee at the door

## THE BISHOP'S SPEECH (Continued)

"Oh, that's the balm in Gilead! This way of love, it is the way of life. They got it. He died to save us all.

"He didn't die for anything he could get out of it. Jesus did not get an honorary doctorate for dying. He didn't... he wasn't getting anything out of it. He gave up his life, he sacrificed his life, for the good of others, for the good of the other, for the wellbeing of the world... for us.

"That's what love is. Love is not selfish and self-centred. Love can be sacrificial, and in so doing, becomes redemptive. And that way of unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive love changes lives, and it can change this world.

"If you don't believe me, just stop and imagine. Think and imagine a world where love is the way."

"Imagine our homes and families where love is the way. Imagine neighbourhoods and communities where love is the way.

"Imagine governments and nations where love is the way. Imagine business and commerce where this love is the way.

"Imagine this tired old world where love is the way. When love is the way - unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive.

"When love is the way, then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again.

"When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook.

"When love is the way, poverty will become history. When love is the way, the earth will be a sanctuary.

"When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields, down by the riverside, to study war no more.

"When love is the way, there's plenty good room - plenty good room - for all of God's children.

"Because when love is the way, we actually treat each other, well... like we are actually family.

"When love is the way, we know that God is the source of us all, and we are brothers and sisters, children of God.

"My brothers and sisters, that's a new heaven, a new earth, a new world, a new human family.

"And let me tell you something, old Solomon was right in the Old Testament: that's fire.

"Pierre Teilhard de Chardin - and with this I will sit down, we gotta get you all married - French Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was arguably one of the great minds, great spirits of the 20th century.

"Jesuit, Roman Catholic priest, scientist, a scholar, a mystic.

"In some of his writings, he said, from his scientific background as well as his theological one, in some of his writings he said - as others have - that the discovery, or invention, or harnessing of fire was one of the great scientific and technological discoveries in all of human history.



"Fire to a great extent made human civilisation possible. Fire made it possible to cook food and to provide sanitary ways of eating which reduced the spread of disease in its time.

"Fire made it possible to heat warm environments and thereby made human migration around the world a possibility, even into colder climates.

"Fire made it possible - there was no Bronze Age without fire, no Iron Age without fire, no Industrial Revolution without fire.

"The advances of fire and technology are greatly dependent on the human ability and capacity to take fire and use it for human good.

"Anybody get here in a car today? An automobile? Nod your heads if you did - I know there were some carriages. But those of us who came in cars, fire - the controlled, harnessed fire - made that possible.

"I know that the Bible says, and I believe it, that Jesus walked on the water. But I have to tell you, I did not walk across the Atlantic Ocean to get here.

"Controlled fire in that plane got me here. Fire makes it possible for us to text and tweet and email and Instagram and Facebook and socially be dysfunctional with each other.

"Fire makes all of that possible, and de Chardin said fire was one of the greatest discoveries in all of human history.

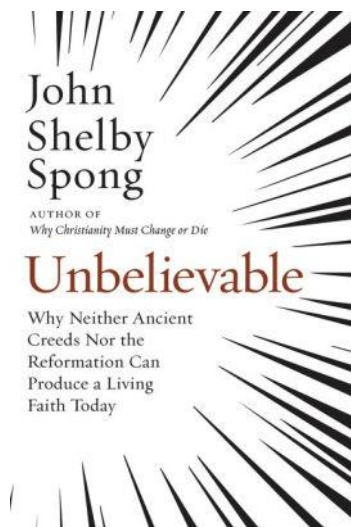
"And he then went on to say that if humanity ever harnesses the energy of fire again, if humanity ever captures the energy of love - it will be the second time in history that we have discovered fire.

"Dr King was right: we must discover love - the redemptive power of love. And when we do that, we will make of this old world, a new world.

"My brother, my sister, God love you, God bless you, and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love."

*Bishop Michael Curry -*

## **BOOK REVIEW**



Gisborne Presbyterian Parish GARAGE SALE will be on 1 SEPTEMBER 2018 - maybe you could think about planting vege seedlings ahead of time so they are ready to sell on that day?

## PARISH ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER AT 8.00am

\*\*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, please phone Convenor Jenny 868 4268 or Liz in the office: 868 5513

**If you would like to come to reflect, meditate and pray  
in the church,  
the doors are now open Mondays and Fridays  
12.30 – 2 p.m.**

( Be aware that the choir practises during this time on Fridays  
so it will not be a silent place that day!)

**But Volunteers are still needed to be there on other days  
so we can make the church available every week day.  
If you have not thought about this yet, please do and see if you  
could help – even occasionally?**

DO YOU LIKE MEETING PEOPLE? DO YOU HAVE AN  
HOUR AND A HALF TO SPARE EACH WEEK OR ONCE A  
MONTH? COULD YOU HELP US OPEN THE DOORS OF ST  
ANDREW'S TO WHOEVER WANTS TO COME IN, SIT AND  
PRAY, OR JUST LOOK AT THE BUILDING?

We would like to be able to open the doors and welcome people in  
for about an hour and a half each weekday at least - from 12.30 p.m.  
to 2 p.m. We claim to be a church that welcomes everyone and yet  
the doors of the church building itself are firmly shut for most of  
each week.

Yes, St Andrew's is a city church building and there are sadly people  
who want to vandalise or steal whatever they can, so we cannot just  
leave the doors open, but if someone, preferably two people at a  
time, were willing to sit in the church occasionally and welcome  
people in, we could create a roster that meant we could do this.  
The more volunteers there are, the less often you might need to be  
'on duty'. Talk to your friends and see if you could be a team of  
two to be available occasionally.

We are starting with opening the doors on Mondays and Fridays.  
IF YOU WANT TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH  
OFFICE AND LET LIZ KNOW YOUR NAME, CONTACT  
DETAILS, AND WHICH DAYS YOU MIGHT BE AVAILABLE.  
Thank you.

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We are aware that many of our Church family are unable to attend our Sunday Services on a regular basis, and so we are attaching below, a tear off slip to enable you to continue your financial support to our Church.

Or if you would prefer to make a donation electronically our a/c details are:  
GPP 030638 0462917 00 for internet banking

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Please send to: The Office, Gisborne Presbyterian Parish, PO Box 1117  
Gisborne 4040

Name: ..... Address:.....

Prayer of Confession – Sunday 24 June

Jesus says: “Come follow me”.

I say, “Lord you are calling the wrong person, I am not the following type. It takes me all my time to stand on my own two feet”.

**And Jesus says: “I love you”**

I say: “Now don’t get me wrong, Lord, I do all I can within reason. But I can’t afford to go overboard. I mean I have to live in this world.

**And Jesus says: “I love you”**

I say: “It’s all very well to talk about love, but love is dangerous. It can get people crucified. At best it can be misunderstood. If I go around telling people that I love them, someone is going to lock me up.

**And Jesus says: “I love you”**

I say: “The trouble is I’m not ready. Come back in a few years when I’ve got my life sorted out. By then I should have something to offer you.

**And Jesus says: “I love you”**

I say: “Lord don’t look at me like that. You are making it very difficult. All right I will spell it out. I’m a sinner. I’d let you down. I’d give my life to you and then take it back again. I’m weak Lord.

**And Jesus says: “I love you”**

I say: “You don’t understand what I am telling you. I’d deny you and betray you. There’d be times when I’d crucify you and what would you think of me then?

**And Jesus says: “I love you”**

(Joy Cowley)

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Aotearoa New Zealand**

*We are at the Well*

We are.... A new generation of Presbyterian Women  
**Dr Deborah Bower** - Theologian, Spiritual Life Coach

**Caren Rangī** - a woman of influence

**Saturday 14 July Cost \$10**

9.30 - 4.30 pm St Andrew's, Market St, Hastings

Please contact Jan Ewart if you would like transport: 862 7505

## Scottish Painter



There was a Scottish painter named Smokey MacGregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further.

As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the local church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings.

Smokey put in a bid, and because his price was so low, he got the job. So, he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine.

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened, and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by tell-tale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried:

**“Oh, God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?”**

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke. (you’re going to love this)  
**“REPAINT! REPAINT! AND THIN NO MORE!”:**

# DATES FOR JULY, 2018

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 1</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Matawhero Church Communion</b> <i>Rev Petra Barber</i>
		<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <i>Rev Dr Clive Yates</i>
		2.00pm	Civic Orchestra Concert
			At St Andrew's Church – ticket sales
Monday	2	8.30am	The Hui (Community groups showcase in Hall)
	2	9.00 am	Walking Group
Tuesday	3	10.00 am	Open Door
Wednesday	4	9.45am	mainly music
Friday	6	1.00pm	choir practice
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10.00am – 12.30</b>	<b>Exploring Worship</b> in lounge <i>Rev Mary Petersen</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>No Service at Matawhero</b>	
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Andrew's Communion</b> <i>Rev Mary Petersen</i>
 <b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN</b>			
Monday	9	9.00am	Walking Group
		4.15pm	Finance Budget Meeting
Tuesday	10	10.00am	Open Door
		1.30pm	Ryman Service
Friday	13	1.00pm	Choir practice
		6.30pm – 8.30	<b>Leading Worship</b> in lounge <i>Rev Mary Petersen</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Car Boot Sale</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>No Service at Matawhero</b>	
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <i>Rev Mary Petersen</i>

Sunday		2.00pm	St Andrew's Concert series –Anna Cooper – Flute Takes Flight
Monday	16	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	17	10.00am	Open Door
		4.15pm	Finance Meeting
Thursday	19	3.30pm	Dunblane Service
Friday	20	1.00pm	Choir practice
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>No Service at Matawhero</b>	
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <i>Maitland Manning – Presbyterian Support</i>
<b><u>TERM 3 BEGINS</u></b>			
Monday	23	9.00am	Walking group
Tuesday	24	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	25	9.45am	mainly music (resumes)
Thursday	26	2.00pm	Leighton House Service
Friday	27	1.00pm	Choir practice
		6.30pm – 8.30	Leading Worship in lounge <i>Rev Mary Petersen</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Car Boot Sale</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>No Service at Matawhero</b>	
		<b>**10.30am</b>	<b>NO SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S</b> <b><u>Combined Service at St David's Church</u></b> <b>Transitional Ministry Journey (3)</b> <i>Rev Mary Petersen</i>
Monday	30	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	31	10.00am	Open Door
<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>			
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.45am	mainly music