

# **GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

*Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

*St Andrew's Church and Community Centre:*

*176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

*3 October 2021*

*Pentecost 19*

*St Francis of Assisi Day – Blessing of Animals*

*Matawhero Historic Church*

## *Things We Can Learn From A Dog*

**Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.**

**When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by  
and nuzzle them gently.**

**Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.**

**Be loyal.**

**When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.**

**No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the  
guilt thing and pout – run right back and make friends.**

**If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.**

**When you are happy dance around  
and wag your entire body.**

**Never pretend to be something you're not.**

**Take naps and stretch before rising.**

**Let others know when they've invaded your territory.**

**When it's in your best interests, practise obedience.**

**Never pass up the opportunity for a joy-ride.**

**Allow the experience of fresh air  
and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.**

**Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.**

**Run, romp and play daily.**

**Thrive on attention.**

**On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.**

*We welcome all other visitors to our service this morning....*

*Please sign the Visitors' Book at the back of the church.*

*In our worship we use inclusive language as much as possible. Sometimes, especially in the hymns, this is not possible. Feel free to insert the language with which you are most comfortable.*

**BOLDED WORDS are for congregational response.**

**Where there is an asterisk \* please stand.**

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements/Concerns of the Church

*Pat Flockhart*

*(Offerings will be placed in the Offering bags as you come in)*

Introit

HS 65

**I arise this day with God, and God will arise with me.**

**I arise this day with Christ, and Christ will arise with me.**

**I arise this day with the Spirit, and the Spirit will rise with me.**

**God and Christ and Holy Spirit be all through the day with me.**

**I will sing this day with God, and God will sing with me.**

**I will sing this day with Christ, and Christ will sing with me.**

**I will sing this day with the Spirit, and the Spirit will sing with me.**

**God and Christ and Holy Spirit sing all through the day with me.**

Opening Liturgy and Call to Worship:

We gather here in the name of Jesus

**God, we ask that the Holy Spirit be with us**

We also ask that you bless us with your Peace and the sense of your presence

**Thank you for the companionship of the friends we have**

**brought today, and those who share our lives**

May we always thank and praise you for the beauty of the Earth and for the love we share.

\*Hymn: All things bright and beautiful - a New Zealand version CH4 137

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful –  
the Lord God made them all.*

**The wonder of the mountains  
The snow capped tips on high  
The richness of the colours  
In land and sea and sky**

*Refrain*

**The tui in the kowhai  
The gulls up in the sky  
The kiwi in its burrow  
That has no wings to fly**

*Refrain*

**God made the waves that ripple  
And crash upon the shore  
The fish that swim the ocean  
So thank God more and more.**      *Refrain*

Family time

Reading: Luke 15: 4-7

*The Lost Sheep*

*Catherine Macdonald*

Butterworth/ Inkpen

Anthem: *Creator God, we give you thanks*

HS22

(A Hymn of Thanks for our Pets)      Words and Music: Colin Gibson

Creator God, we give you thanks  
for those who live in nests or tanks,  
in baskets, kennels, bowls, or sheds,  
on sofas, perches, straw for beds.  
Through them we learn of nature's bond  
with all of life, in field or pond.

To you it matters not at all  
that they are very large or small,  
or blue, or green, or patched, or pied,  
or feathered, furred or finned outside.  
How dull if all the world was us,  
without a Rover, Fluff or Gus.

O loving God, we bring our praise  
for these who gladden all our days,  
who show us gratitude indeed  
for milk or water, bone or seed.  
They teach us how to care for those  
without our fingers or our toes.

Bless all the creatures who depend  
on us to be their special friend.  
At one before you here today,  
we make an Eden world – and pray  
a life of shelter, kindness, care,  
for every creature everywhere.

*Colin Gibson*

Reading: Genesis 1:21-26

*Berys McDonald*

God saw everything was good and He blessed them

Pray responsively the Prayer of St Francis:

*Berys McDonald*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.

**Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.**

Where there is discord, let me bring union.

**Where there is error, let me bring truth.**

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

**Where there is despair, let me bring hope.**

Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.

**Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.**

O Master, let me not seek as much  
to be consoled as to console,

**to be understood as to understand,**

**to be loved as to love,**

for it is in giving that one receives,  
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,

**it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,  
it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life**

*Lynnor Cooke*

**Reading:** *Do dogs go to heaven* from *Aotearoa Psalms* by Joy Cowley

\*Hymn: If I were a butterfly

WB5

**If I were a butterfly**

**I'd thank you Lord for giving me wings.**

**And if I were a robin in a tree**

**I'd thank you Lord that I could sing.**

**And if I were a fish in the sea**

**I'd giggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee**

**but I just thank you Father for making me 'me'.**

*Refrain*

*For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile.*

*You gave me Jesus and you made me your child.*

*And I just thank you Father for making me 'me'.*

**If I were an elephant**

**I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk.**

**And If I were a kangaroo**

**you know I'd hop right up to you.**

**And if I were an octopus**

**I'd thank you Lord for my fine looks**

**But I just thank you Father for making me 'me'.**

*Refrain*

**If I were a wiggily worm**

**I'd thank you Lord that I could squirm.**

**And if I were a billy goat,**

**I'd thank you Lord for my strong throat.**

**And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear**

**I'd thank you Lord for my fuzzy wuzzy hair.**

**But I just thank you Lord for making me 'me'.**

*Refrain*

Reading: St Francis' sermon to the birds

*Alvin Hall*

\*Hymn:

CH4 147 *Tune Lasst uns erfreuen*

**All things of earth and sea and sky,  
with gladness lift your voices high,  
join the singing, Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
thou silver moon with softer gleam  
join the singing, join the singing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Thou flowering earth who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
join the singing, Alleluia!  
The grains and fruits that in thee grow  
let them God's glory also show  
join the singing, join the singing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**And all ye folk of tender heart  
forgiving others, take your part  
O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Now let us our Creator bless  
and worship God in humbleness  
join the singing, join the singing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Offering:

*Lynnor Cooke*

\*Prayer of thanks

**Holy Oneness, we cannot contain you in the smallness of words.  
Nor can we give you anything that isn't already yours. Our offering  
is gratitude from overflowing hearts and we thank you. We thank  
you. Amen**

**Reading:** *I wonder* from *Eweing's Phone People III*  
by Eweing C. Stevens

**\*Hymn: O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth** ELLACOMBE CH4 367

**O God, your creatures fill the earth with wonder and delight,  
And every living thing has worth and beauty in your sight.  
So playful dolphins dance and swim; Your sheep bow down and graze.  
Your songbirds share a morning hymn to offer you their praise.**

**You made the pets we welcome in - they're wondrous blessings, too.  
With paws and whiskers, wings and fins, they offer praise to you.  
O Lord, you call us to embrace these creatures in our care.  
May we show kindness, love and grace to all pets everywhere.**

**You made the creatures on each farm; You know the things they need.  
May they grow healthy, safe from harm, and safe from human greed.  
Just as a shepherd loves the sheep, You know their joy, their pain.  
Lord, bless the animals we keep; May all farms be humane.**

**Your creatures live in every land; they fill the sky and sea.  
O Lord, you give us your command; to love them tenderly.  
We're called to have dominion here; to care for them always.  
By loving creatures you hold dear, we offer you our praise.**

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**\*Blessing and dismissal:**

Living, Loving God, we ask your blessing on all here gathered but especially on the dear creatures who are our companions and faithful friends. They share our lives through good times and times of sadness, loneliness, and stress. In some amazing way we know, these friends can sense our moods and experiences. Their love is never judgmental and makes a meaningful difference to our lives. Thank you, God, for your compassion and understanding and for always being accessible to hear our petitions. Go with us now as we try to live for others and to your glory.

Ministers: All the people

Minister: Rev Jin Sook Kim      Service compiled by Lynnor Cooke  
with Alvin Hall, Pat Flockhart, Berys McDonald,

Director of Music: Catherine Macdonald      Choir      Pianist: Val Hall

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 5-9pm MISSION WORKSHOP –**  
lounge Rev Sally Carter  
**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 9am-3pm WORKSHOP**  
**AND SHARED LUNCH**

*Parish Council would like all those interested to join them at this workshop*

**PASTORAL CARE MEETING** Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup> 1pm St Andrews  
lounge bring lunch

**BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF REVELATION** Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup> 4.30 – 6.00 pm  
in lounge

**REST HOME SERVICES**

Lynnor and Val would appreciate some extra help at the October Church Services. The Services will take the form of a Hymnalong and last for half an hour.

The residents are always so grateful for these monthly Services.

**The dates and times are as follows:-**

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	October	1.30p.m at Kiri Te Kanawa
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	October	3p.m. at Te Wiremu
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	October	3.30p.m at Dunblane
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	October	10.30a.m at Beetham Healthcare
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup>	October	2.30p.m at Leighton House

**Communion Duty: Chrissie Parker, Seton Clare, Jenny Lawton,**  
Lynnor Cooke, Cathy Porter

**Door Duty St Andrew's 10 October: Pat Smith, Dianne Burrows,**  
Jenny Lawton

**S&V: Sound** Colin Matthews      **Video** Alan Groves

**Reader:** Marilyn Matthews

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Walking Group
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Open Door
	1.00pm	Pastoral Care Meeting – bring lunch
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Car Boot Sale
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St Andrew's Communion Service</b>