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Gisborne Presbyterian Parish

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends

The Annual General Meeting of Gisborne Presbyterian Parish proceeded



very smoothly on 22 September. All reports were well received and approved. We celebrate the ministries carried out in the name of this parish – the Walking Group, Open Door, mainly music and the Car Boot Sales all develop connections and build relationships with a wide variety of people.

Three new members have joined the Parish Council – Marie Burgess, Pete Cowley, Jan Gordon. The Property and Works committee has been thanked and discharged. Property Co-ordinators have been appointed for each site – Marie Burgess at Matawhero, Pete Cowley at 176 Cobden Street.

Thank you to all who serve in any way, on parish council, committees, work groups and in practical ways.

The mood of the meeting was all about **thankfulness**. All who contribute in any way to the smooth running of the parish and its activities are very much valued and appreciated. Thank you all.

My encouragement to you this month is to keep that attitude of thankfulness central in your life.

Be grateful for friends and family, for waking up each morning, for the skills you have and all that you are able to be. If you want to do something tangible to thank God, please consider making a donation to the fund for future ministry, at the Thanksgiving Service on 6 October.

May you experience the joy that comes from being thankful.

May you be a blessing to others.

God bless you
Mary Petersen

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 need transport to the Church Service at St Andrews or if you would like someone to visit you, or your family or friends, or have another pastoral need, please phone the office: 868 5513



MAINLY MUSIC

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.



One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth

Dorothy Frances Gurney (1858-1932)

EVENTS

Sunday 6 October 2019

A Special Day in the life
of Gisborne Presbyterian Parish

World Communion Sunday

Parish Communion Service at 10.30 a.m.
at St Andrew's.

(No service at Matawhero)

This service will include the opportunity to share **Celebrations** with the Church family, which normally happens on the second Sunday, and the opportunity to give to our **Guardian Angel** appeal.

It will also be **Thanksgiving Sunday**.

All thanksgiving gifts and contributions go towards future ministry in this parish.

If you are not able to make a special donation at this time, you might like to take the opportunity to review your regular giving. For online payments:

GPP: 03-0638-0462917- 00

After morning tea all are welcome to stay for a fun exercise in

Discovering Your Gifts

acknowledge and affirm the skills and abilities you have and affirm other people.

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER

A Minister is coming to take the St Andrew's Service. She is unanimously recommended by the Ministry Settlement Board and the Parish Council.

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER

after the services at both Matawhero and St Andrew's, there will be **congregational meetings**, to decide whether to call that minister to be the next minister of Gisborne Presbyterian Parish in 2020.

The name of the minister will be shared at the service on **6 October**, but is **not to be shared beyond this parish**.

There will also be discussion and voting at those meetings about the motion **"That permission be given to the Parish Council to explore possibilities and potential costs for more effective use of the church building."**
- as raised at the AGM.



WAINUI BEACH CHURCH are hosting:
A Christian Leadership Coaching Seminar
Oct 30 – 31 & Nov 1 – 9.30-5.00 pm.

Venue: Assembly of God Church,
82 Grey Street. Cost: \$180.00

Rev Christine Harding has over 35 years of leadership & ministry experience in both local and cross-cultural ministry.

Please contact Rev Mary for further discussion if you are interested in attending.

AFTERNOON TEA ON THE LAWN



WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2 PM

All welcome to Afternoon Tea at
Jenny & Peter Lawton's home
318 Clifford Street to see
the cherry tree blooming



**Presbyterian Support East
Coast Annual**

General Meeting

WEDNESDAY 23

OCTOBER 2019

at 5.30pm

**a warm invitation is
extended
to all parishioners**

WEBSITE



The audio of just the congregational story, reading and the reflection are also available separately on the Parish website.

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If you would like your old family videos, reel tapes, cassettes etc converted to dvd/cd or usb stick, please contact Pete Cowley
ph: 022 6102 910
competitive rates for parishioners

FAREWELL

The Very Rev Andrew Norton was a former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. Andrew was celebrated as a preacher, prophet, photographer and poet, who embraced life, faith, family, friends and work with keen perception and vigorous passion. He died at Totara Hospice on 9 / 9/19. In spite of enduring a long and painful illness, Andrew insistently proclaimed “Love wins!”



SPRING

Waking up and seeing yesterday differently
Empty branches holding out
a basket full of joy
Nature's resurrection
Kereru punch drunk on nectar
Eyes young again
Unexpected grace
Translucent blossoming
An anthem of alleluia
A mother duck leading her ducklings
precariously across the road
Abandoned twigs repurposed into
a treasure trove of new life
An opening when the end had come
The next step

The Very Rev Andrew Norton

ST ANDREW'S DAY DINNER

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2019



All are welcome. If you would like to help with the organisation and preparation of the dinner, please let the office know. Thank you.

WHAT GOES ROUND COMES ROUND:

He was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. The farmer saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy the farmer had saved.

"I want to repay you" said the nobleman "You saved my son's life."

"No I can't accept payment for what I did" replied the farmer. At that moment the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?" asked the nobleman

"Yes" the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal" said the nobleman.

"Let me provide your son with the level of education my son will enjoy. No doubt he will grow to be a man we both will be proud of."

So the farmer's son attended the very best schools and in time he graduated from St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the man who discovered penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog, was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin.

The name of the nobleman was

Lord Randolph Churchill and his son's name?

Sir Winston Churchill.

