

**Gisborne Presbyterian Parish welcomes you to
St Andrew's Church
Sunday 1st September 2019 at 10.30 a.m.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE**

Creation Day



**May God bless, inspire and challenge you
and give you strength.**

Worship leaders: The Choir Director of Music: Catherine Macdonald

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instrument of song! We offer thanks in worship and in
wonder that such a gift to human souls belong.*

Shirley Erena Murray

We gather together as the people of God

Welcome ... notices ...

A few moments of silence to prepare ourselves to worship God

*The Bible and candle, representing the light of Christ among us,
will be carried into the church during the singing of the introit.
Please remain seated to sing.*

HS 29 Creation Sings

Tune: Londonderry Air

**Creation sings! And we are in the music,
the movement of God's energy and art,
a liturgy that links our life to angels,
a litany that rises from the heart.**

**The Spirit sings! Through love and lamentation,
from Pentecost to joy of Easter Day
the universe is resonant with music,
the smallest creature dances to its play.**

**Creation groans at our discordant clashing:
the Spirit comes with music as our friend
to bring the harmony of peace and beauty,
to teach the textures of the way to blend.**

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Call to Worship from Psalms 104 & 105 – the message version

What a wildly wonderful world, God!
You made it all with wisdom at your side,
made earth overflow with your wonderful creation.

**Oh, look – the deep wide sea, brimming with fish past counting,
sardines and sharks and salmon.**

Ships plough those waters, and Leviathan, your pet dragon,
romps in them

**All the creatures look expectantly to you to give them their meals
on time.**

You come and they gather around: you open your hand and they eat
from it. Take back your spirit and they die.

**Send out your spirit and they spring to life –
the whole countryside in bloom and blossom.**

The glory of God – let it last forever!

Let God enjoy His creation.

Thank God! Pray to him by name!
Tell everyone you meet what he has done!

Sing him songs, belt out hymns, translate his wonders into music!

Honour his holy name with Hallelujahs,
You who seek God, live a happy life!
Keep your eyes open for God, watch for his works,
Be alert for signs of his presence.

Remember the world of wonders he has made.

Sing: HS 93

Look in Wonder

**Look in wonder, hold in honour
all the beauty of the earth!
World, surrender to her splendour:
God's own blessing for her birth;
sense and savour every colour,
every season, sun to star,
see the measure of this treasure,
all we nurture, all we mar.**

**Every creature by its nature
shares the cycle, life's design,
every human, man and woman,
joins the circle, moves the line;
look in horror, look in anger –
these are lifestreams we destroy!
Tree and river gone forever,
bird and flower dead to joy.**

**In this garden, Eve and Adam
still are given time and place;
ours to cherish, ours to nourish,
ocean, water, land and space.
God, unnerve us, God, forgive us:
how we plunder, waste and war!
Give new meaning to earth's greening,
that the beauty thrives once more.**

Shirley Murray

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sing: HS 152 You hold us with a tender parent's hand
Tune Finlandia

**You hold us with a tender parent's hand,
empower when the load is hard to bear,
uplift us when we hesitate or fall,
surround us with your unremitting care.
You give us courage when our faith is weak;
guide all our deeds, inspire the words we speak.**

**We give you thanks for unexpected joys,
a sudden smile, reunion with a friend,
delight of violets' fragrance in the air,
the warmth of greeting at our journey's end.
Guard all these special moments in our mind;
your presence in them all we, seeking, find.**

**From chrysalis a butterfly appears;
from bud the petals of a flower unfold.
With those whose lives are held within your love
the fractured rock reveals a seam of gold.
Then take us, use us Lord, that we may be
transformed, released to live creatively.**

Jocelyn Marshall

Congregational Storytime: The Seen and the Unseen

A piano piece by Monty Copeland

The choir sing: HS 7 As the wind song through the trees

As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

Never seen, ever known
where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain,
as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new,
making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

Readings: Psalm 103: 13-17 (Good News) *Sally Spence*
Colossians 1: 15-20

For the Word of God in scripture
For the Word of God among us
For the Word of God within us
Thanks be to God.

Sing: HS 83 Just as a mother....choir will sing v1 & 2.
Congregation please join in v3

Just as mother sings her baby to sleep,
just as a father hugs his child,
just as compassion gathers all to her wing:
so is the love of God to me,
so is the love of God to me.

Just as a friend will listen when we are low,
just as a neighbour lifts our load,
just as the sun will turn the face of a flower:
 so is the love of God to me,
 so is the love of God to me.

**Strong as the beat that keeps the rhythm of life,
clear as the song creation sings,
true as the word that we are never alone:
 so is the love of God to me,
 so is the love of God to me.**

Shirley Erena Murray

Reflection: - *God gives us examples to live by*
- *How much does God love us –
 count the waves of the ocean:
 the stars in the universe*
- *Look, listen, feel creation – it tells God’s story*

A tribute to Hikurangi: Benita Kape

Offering ... and dedication of the offering and ourselves

We sing while the offering is carried forward

CH 4 809 to 808 **Praise God**

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honour to God’s name.**

Dedication: we pray together:

**God of Life we offer these gifts to you
and pray they will be blessed.**

**We offer ourselves to serve you
and pray for your blessing as we share your love. Amen**

Prayers of the People:

Val Hall

Including words of 'The Weaver Spirit' by Shirley Murray

Sing: CH4 154 : How Great thou Art

**O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder
thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!*

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**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look up from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze: *Then sings....***

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die - I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: *Then sings...***

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!**

Please be seated as the choir sing the Te Moana Blessing

HS 130

The blessing of water and light and air,
the blessing of earth and its beauty
and the time to discover God's world of joy:
this blessing be given us all.

The blessing of friendship and bread to share,
the blessing of music and laughter
and the time to discover God's power of love:
this blessing be given us all.

The blessing of God who is wholly God,
the blessing of Jesus our teacher
and the Spirit whose breath is our life's own breath:
this blessing be given us all.

Shirley Murray

Please stand for the Benediction:

May the grace of Jesus Christ rest upon you
the steadfast love of God, Creator and giver of Life embrace you.
May the presence of Holy Spirit Surprise and encourage you this day
and forever. Amen.

Sing: amen, amen, amen.

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
1 September	Sally Spence	<u>Jenny Lawton</u> Marilyn Matthews Pat Flockhart	Wendy Morris Dianne Burrows	S: Hans Kwak V: Colin Matthews
8 September <i>Communion</i>	Bob Bos	<u>Alvin Hall</u> Cathy Porter Gwenda Crawshaw	Sally Willis Jill Wallis	S: Peter Cowley V: Mike Willis

COMMUNION ROSTER SEPTEMBER 8

PAT SMITH

Jean Robinson, Silia Letufuga, Raewyn Hannah, Jenny Lawton,
Don McConnochie, Linda Savage

COLIN MATTHEWS

NOTICES

Sunday	1	9.00am	Matawhero Communion <i>Alvin Hall</i>
Monday	2	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	3	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	4	9.45am	mainly music
Friday	6	1.00pm	Choir practise
Saturday	7	8.00am	Garage Sale
Sunday	8	10.30am	St Andrew's Communion Rev Petra Barber &

Celebration

Monday	9	12.00pm	Guardian Angel Koha Meet the Candidates in the hall All welcome
Wednesday	11	12.00pm	Pastoral Care Meeting

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert – Barley Corn

OVER 80's SPRING FLOWERS

To be dedicated and distributed after Church on Sunday 15 September. If you would like to assist in assembling the flowers please meet on Saturday at 1 pm in the hall. Donations are requested from those under 80 towards costs and can be left with Liz in the office.

Or you can pay online: 03-0638-0462917-00 ref: flowers



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
SAMARITAN SHOE BOXES available from the
office. Collection is in October.

PRESBYTERY CENTRAL GATHERING

Saturday 21 September at St Andrew's Church Hastings

THE GATHERING IS ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY!

**Meeting at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church ,
300 Market Street South, Hastings.**

COME TO HAWKES BAY FOR THE WEEKEND!

Friday 20th a day for all ministers and leaders

2pm-5pm: Church Funding & Finance seminar

5.30-7.30pm: Dinner & Reflections

Saturday 21st (Kidstream available for ages 5-11)

9.45am Registration

10.30am Welcome & Worship

11am Keynote Speaker

Workshops on:

- Outsmarting Porn
- Weaving Stopping Violence Work into Proactive Faith
- Equipping the next generation to pass it on
- Doing life with Jesus in the council flats
- How to be welcoming in a Multi-cultural society

5.30-7:30-pm Dinner at St John's Church.,
*If you would like to go and need, or can provide, transport,
please let the church office know.*

**Waikohu Co-operating Parish is Anglican and
Presbyterian.**

St Paul's Motu combined Anglican/Presbyterian service.

You are invited to attend a Special Service at St Paul's,
Motu on Sunday 1 September 2:30pm. Followed by a meal
and fellowship at the Motu Community House.

All welcome.

The Motu Motivation Café is open for a cuppa if you would
like one before the service.

THIS AFTERNOON