

**GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH  
WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GISBORNE**

*Matawhero Church – Church Lane  
St Andrew's Church and Community Centre:  
176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

*16 May 2021*

*Easter 7- Ascension*



**Ministers:** *All the people in Christ* **Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim*

**Reader:** *Jennifer McDonald*

**Organist:** *David Russell* **Director of Music:** *Catherine Macdonald*

*We gather together as the people of God*

*Kia Ora, Talofa, Bulla, Shalom and Annyeong-haseyo*

## **Welcome & Notices**

*We take 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 during the singing.*

***Introit*** – He is Lord, Music © Norman Warren/Jubilate Hymns,  
*CH4 # 443, vv 1-2*

He is Lord, he is Lord;  
he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord;  
every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is love, he is love;  
he has shown us by his cross that he is love;  
all his people sing with one voice of joy  
that Jesus Christ is love.

## ***Call to worship***

Christ is alive. He is risen from the dead.

**The Holy One calls us to worship and praise.**

Baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit,

**we live with Christ in our hearts.**

Clap your hands and shout to God  
with loud songs of joy.

**Sing praises to God, who fills the world  
with forgiveness and grace.**

**We sing** – Lift up your hearts, believers! Harmonisation © Oxford University Press, #446, vv 1-4

**Lift up your hearts, believers!  
This is the holy day  
when Jesus, our Redeemer,  
completes salvation's way.  
The forty days are over,  
and clouds shine high and bright  
as Christ, the overcomer,  
is lifted from our sight.**

**Lift up your hearts, believers!  
Ye gates, lift up your heads!  
though minds be full of wonder,  
though souls be filled with dread.  
The Spirit has been promised,  
and, though we are alone,  
we wait until the moment  
when fire and wind are known.**

**Lift up your hearts, believers!  
And do not be downcast,  
for Jesus, our Redeemer,  
receives the crown at last.  
The thorns of crucifixion  
are changed to stars of light,  
and Christ, the Lord of glory,  
is named as God's delight.**

**Lift up your hearts, believers!  
This is the holy day  
when Jesus, our Redeemer,  
completes salvation's way.**

***Prayer of praise***

***Prayer of confession***

Jesus said, "It is not for you to know the times  
or periods that the Holy One has set."

**Yet we keep searching for signs and omens,  
trying to predict the future  
instead of living fully each day.**

Jesus said, "John baptized with water,  
but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

**Yet we are more concerned  
with following the proper procedures,  
than with opening our hearts  
to those around us.**

Jesus said, "You will receive power  
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

**Forgive us, Holy One,  
when we try to shape the world  
according to our desires,  
instead of asking for the power  
to do your will.**

***Words of Assurance***

**Story time** – The Dot



by Peter H. Reynolds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Clpw7PG7m1Q>

Question: What helped Vashti draw rich, mature dots in the end?

**We sing** – Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus, *With One Voice*, #439, vv 1-4

**Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
hallelujah! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by his blood.'**

**Hallelujah! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
hallelujah! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?**

Hallelujah! bread of heaven,  
and on earth our food, our stay;  
hallelujah! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day:  
intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Hallelujah! King eternal,  
you the Lord of lords we own;  
hallelujah! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heaven your throne:  
you within the veil have entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
you on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

### *Readings*

**First reading:** Acts 1:1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel reading:** Luke 24:44-53

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
**Praise to Christ the Word**

**Sermon:** The Ascension of Jesus, and our spiritual maturity in Christ

*(We remain in silence while the choir sings anthem)*

**Anthem** – Inspired by love and anger, Words & Music © WGRG, the Iona Community, *CH4 # 253*, vv1-2 and 5-6

Inspired by love and anger,  
disturbed by need and pain,  
informed of God's own bias,  
we ponder once again:  
'How long must some folk suffer?  
How long can few folk mind?  
How long dare vain self-interest  
turn prayer and pity blind?'

From those for ever victims  
of heartless human greed,  
their cruel plight composes  
a litany of need:  
'Where are the fruits of justice?  
Where are the signs of peace?  
When is the day when prisoners  
and dreams find their release?'

God asks, 'Who will go for me?  
Who will extend my reach?  
And who, when few will listen,  
will prophesy and preach?  
And who, when few bid welcome,  
will offer all they know?  
And who, when few dare follow,  
will walk the road I show?'

Amused in someone's kitchen,  
asleep in someone's boat,  
attuned to what the ancients  
exposed, proclaimed, and wrote,  
a saviour without safety,  
a tradesman without tools  
has come to tip the balance  
with fishermen and fools.

### ***Prayers of Intercession***

#### ***Offering***

#### ***We pray together***

God of all creation, powerful Spirit, Saviour of all,  
use our gifts to bring hope to a world  
that is in need of your grace. Amen.

***We sing*** – Lord, the light of your love is shining, Words and Music ©  
1987 May Way Music, CH4 #448, vv 1-3

Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
shine on me, shine on me,

#### ***Refrain:***

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*



Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into Your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness,  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me,

*Refrain*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display Your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me,

*Refrain*

*Sending*

*Benediction (Together)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
Be with us all now and forever.

*Sing: AMEN x 3 CH4 #819*

**Don't forget to bring your reading glasses for next Sunday  
(no video)**



Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
<b>May 16th</b>	Jennifer McDonald	<u><b>Seton Clare</b></u> Marilyn Matthews	Dianne Burrows Karen Neumegen	<b>S:</b> Colin Matthews <b>V:</b> Don McConnochie
<b>May 23rd</b> <b>HALL</b>	Val McGreevy	<u><b>Chrissie Parker</b></u> Dianne Burrows	Ethel Williamson Wendy Morris	<b>HALL</b>

**Rev Jin Sook will be on leave 17 – 30<sup>th</sup> May**

### **DIARY**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Matawhero Worship Service</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St Andrew's Worship</b>
<b>Service</b>		3.00pm	Sea of Faith in lounge
Monday	17	9.00am	Walking Group
		9.30am	Matawhero Gardening group
Tuesday	18	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	19	9.45am	mainly music
		<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Finance Meeting</b>
Thursday	20	3.30pm	Dunblane Service
		1.00pm	Choir practise
Saturday	22	8.00am	<b>CAR BOOT SALE</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St Andrew's Celebration Pot Luck Service in HALL</b>
			No Service at Matawhero



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**St Andrew's Lunchtime Concert Series**

# **Piano Extravaganza XI**

***10-plus pianists playing two, three, four  
or more at a time...***

**Queen's Birthday Monday 7 June 12.30 pm**

St Andrews Presbyterian Church

Cnr Childers Road & Cobden Street (Next to Pak 'n Save)

Admission free; optional Koha or Donation

Bring your lunch. Tea and coffee provided

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## **PRESBYTERIAN SUPPORT EAST COAST BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

PSEC is seeking nominations for potential replacement Board Members. Expressions of Interest are being received by the Board Secretary during May. Particular skill sets looked for include:

- Tikanga Maori
- Social Services
- Health Services
- Information Technology
- Fundraising

Application forms available from Liz in the church office

