

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

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

22 August 2021

Pentecost 13



Ministers: *All the people in Christ* **Minister:** *Rev Jin Sook Kim*
Reader: *Chrissie Parker*
Director of Music: *Catherine Macdonald*

Greetings with news and notices

Call to Worship

Let us hear God's call to cherish the earth. Let us dream of our world
where the species are infinite
and our dreams will be delicate.

Let us sing in a world with all voices in harmony
and our song will be delicate.

Let us walk in our world of warm light and fragility
and our tread will be delicate.

Let us go gently into a delicate world.
Let us worship God.

We sing - Our life has its seasons, Music © Colin Gibson,
Words © Shirley Murray *Alleluia Aotearoa* #113, vv 1-3

**Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow**

*so there's never a time to stop believing
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

**There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,
*but there's never a time to stop believing ...***

**There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end,
*but there's never a time to stop believing ...***

We are sorry

In the beauty of the season of spring, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us this day.

Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants the quick and easy answers to all of life's problems. We want to be able to open the Bible and place our fingers on the passage that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts. Jesus' own disciples struggled with his teachings. It took a long time for them to understand fully what Jesus was saying and how they were to respond. We are no different. Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient; when we just want to "get on with it", and be where the action is. Help us to live as disciples of Jesus, through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike. Push us in our ministry of help and compassion to do more than we ever thought. Give to us that extra

measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve you by serving others. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

God forgave us

Even though you doubt and question, God's love is poured on you, in you, and through you to others. Rest assured in God's presence and love for you, that will never fail or abandon you. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are healed, restored, and forgiven. AMEN!

Celebration Time

We sing – The spring has come, Music © Colin Gibson, Words © Shirley

Murray, *Alleluia Aotearoa* #140, vv 1-3

**The spring has come, let all the Church be part of it!
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day, the spring has come,
let all the Church be part of it!**

**The sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!
The world expands, let's spread the Gospel way in it!
New leaf, new thrust, new greening for the love of Christ.
New leaf, new thrust, the sun is warm,
let all God's children play in it!**

**The spring has come, new people are the flowers of it.
Through wind and rain, new life is in the showers of it.
New bud, new shoot, new hope will bear the Spirit's fruit.
New bud, new shoot, the spring has come,
new people are the flowers of it!**



Story – *The Cherry Tree* by Daisaku Ikeda

Hope springs eternal - even in the dark aftermath of war - as seen in this picture book. After bombs have destroyed their Japanese village and killed their father, Taichi and Yumiko's broken-hearted mother must go to town and earn money shining shoes. Left to play outdoors each day, the children encounter an old man tending a brittle, dead-looking cherry tree. They help care for the tree through the harsh winter, and despite the old

man's doubts, their vigilance pays off- the resulting pink blossoms rekindle the spirits of the entire village.

*Those who would like to watch it from YouTube, here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2ish14lygk>

***Gospel Reading* – Revelation 21:5-7**

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Reflection – Evergreen life

Activities for spring

Adults: Green chats about our future as church

Children: Making Sun Bread

Offering – We pray together

Help us who have received so freely from you to give as freely in our turn, and so have the pleasure of giving as well as the happiness of receiving. Amen.

We sing - Give thanks for life, Music © Douglas C Mews, Words © Shirley Murray, TUNE: SINE NOMINE, CH4 #740, *Alleluia Aotearoa*#45, vv 1-4

**Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass
through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope,
our love, our praise, Alleluia!**

**Give thanks for those
who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame,
bursting through the night,
who touched the truth,
who burned for what is right, Alleluia!**

**And for our own,
our living and our dead,
thanks for the love
by which our life is fed,
a love not changed
by time or death or dread, Alleluia!**

**Give thanks for hope,
that like the wheat, the grain
that lies in darkness
does its life retain
in resurrection
to grow green again, Alleluia!**

Sending

Go out to care for God's earth in all its varied and fragile beauty.

We go out with trust and courage to care for the earth,
our home and our children's home.

**May God the Creator restore our hope and vision.
May the Christ who walked the earth go with us.
And may the Holy Spirit empower us,
To see the pattern of the universe. Amen.**

THREE FOLD-AMEN

Sunday	Reader	Door & Team	Morning Tea	Sound Visual
22 August <i>On line service</i>				
29 August	Bob Bos	<u>Seton Clare</u> Cathy Porter Dianne Burrows	Paulina Melief tba	S: Liz Lyell V: Colin Matthews



Gisborne Presbyterian Parish is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Join Zoom Meeting FRIDAY 27 AUGUST
10.30 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81895584653>

Meeting ID: 818 9558 4653 Passcode: 343999

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DIARY – ALL ACTIVITIES ON HOLD WHILE IN LOCKDOWN

Wednesday	25	9.45am 3.00pm	mainly music 'Have a Go' Group – Matawhero lounge
Thursday	26	2.00pm	Leighton House Service
Friday	27	1.00pm	Choir practise
Saturday	28	8.00am	CAR BOOT SALE
SUNDAY	29	10.30am	St Andrew's Worship No Service at Matawhero
Monday	30	9.00am	Walking Group
Tuesday	31	10.00am	Open Door
SEPT	1	9.45am	mainly music

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CARD MAKING GROUP meets Mondays 9.30am – 12 noon on August 30th at Lynnor's
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UPCOMING from September....

BIBLE STUDY FOR THE BOOK OF REVELATION in **September till 2 November** on **Tuesdays** 7, 14, 21 September and 12, 19, 26 **October** and 2 **November** - 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm.
Please read the Book of Revelation at least once (to three times) for the study.
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HAVE A GO' at Matawhero Church lounge every 4th
Wednesday at 3 pm. Next meeting 25th August (if out of
Lockdown)

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

Sunday 26 September after the morning service
at St Andrews.

All who are responsible for reports for committees or groups
please note that your **reports should be completed and in the
church office by the end of August.**

Thank you.

PARISH ANNUAL MONSTER GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

****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 phone Jenny: 868 4268 or Office: 868 5513

URGENT REQUEST – ROOF APPEAL

Major leaks occurred, during recent heavy rain, in the foyer of St Andrews causing damage to the toilet and surrounding area. This leak was a result of corrosion of the roofing iron on the church tower, pigeons being a large cause of this problem but it is also a very difficult area to access, making maintenance difficult.

After being advised by roofing experts we are going to need to repair this section of the church roof. While repair to damage to the foyer area will be covered by insurance, the external roof repair is not.

As you are aware we have been operating on a deficit budget so Parish Council, after due consideration, have agreed to approach you as our members for assistance with covering the cost of this work.

The cost is going to be \$25,944 with 1/3 (\$8645) needing to be paid prior to the work being undertaken. We ask you to prayerfully consider if you can support this appeal and if you can make a contribution, it would be much appreciated.

Donations can be made as follows:

- Directly into the Church account
03-0638-0462917-000 Ref: Roof 26020 or
- An envelope marked *Roof Appeal*, and placed in Offering bag or directly to the Office

All named donations will receive a receipt.
Jenny Lawton (*Parish Clerk*)