

Anglican Parish of  
Gisborne



**MORNING PRAYER**

## ***Pentecost 16A***

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*The Parish of Gisborne would like to acknowledge that we meet on Kulin Nation country.  
We pay our respects to Kulin Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to any First  
Nations people who are present today.*

*We acknowledge that Aboriginal sovereignty has not been ceded.  
The Parish of Gisborne is committed to being a Child Safe organisation.*

Morning Prayer  
(Second Order: APBA p19)

Gathering in God's Name

Through Christ let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,  
the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Hebrews 13.15

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

*These or similar responses are used.*

Open our lips, O Lord,  
**and we shall declare your praise.**

This is the day that the Lord has made,  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*The minister continues in these or similar words.*

Friends in Christ,  
we come together to meet with God,  
and to take our part in the building up of his Church.

We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,  
hear from God's holy word,  
and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we do so, we must confess our sins,  
seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

Let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together:

**God of all mercy,  
we humbly admit that we need your help.  
We have wandered from your way.  
We have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and have failed to do what is right.  
You alone can save us.  
Have mercy on us,  
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.  
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit  
that we may live the new life to your glory.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

*The minister declares God's forgiveness.*

God desires that none should perish,  
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.  
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.  
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.  
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The minister may read one of these sentences of Scripture.*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2.1–2

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38–39

*The minister says*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
**His steadfast love endures for ever!**

*The minister greets the people, who may greet one another.*

Grace and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord,  
shout to the rock of our salvation.  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
come before his face with songs of joy.**

### The Ministry of the Word

*The minister offers this prayer, or a suitable alternative, in preparation for the reading and teaching of the Scriptures.*

Heavenly Father,  
give us wisdom and understanding.  
As we listen to your Word,  
may we know you better, love you more,  
and learn to please you in all we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The first Reading, as appointed.*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

May your word live in us

**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

Psalm 105.1-6

*Sing praises to the Lord our God.*

**O** give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises,  
and tell of all his marvellous works.

*Sing praises to the Lord our God.*

Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;  
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.  
Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face continually.

*Sing praises to the Lord our God.*

Remember the marvels he has done,  
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,  
O seed of Abraham his servant,  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

*Sing praises to the Lord our God.*

[The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.]**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 20.1-16

[Jesus continued to teach his disciples.] ‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

For the Gospel of the Lord:  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Breaking Open the Word

*Music may be played after the reflection.*

The Ministry of Prayer

*The minister says*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The minister continues*

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,  
**let your glory cover the earth.**  
Keep our nation under your care,  
**and guide us in justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known on earth,  
**your saving power among all nations.**  
Send out your light and your truth,  
**that we may tell of your saving works.**  
Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.  
**Hear the cry of those in need.**  
Hear our prayers, O Lord,  
**for we put our trust in you.**

The Collect of the Day

Confront us, O God,  
with that absolute and tender care  
which you extend to every human being.  
In our dealings together  
do not let us insist on justice to the exclusion of mercy,  
nor pursue equity to the detriment of compassion,  
but as we have known your graciousness,  
so make us exercise to others  
that mercy you have shown us  
in Christ, Jesus your Son,  
our Saviour, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Intercessions

Let us pray to God, who has called us to serve him  
in our work and in our worship, saying  
God who calls us by name, *hear our prayer.*

Give to your faithful people grace to live for the good of this world,  
knowing that our true life is yet to come. Make our lives worthy of the  
name of Christ which we confess.

God who calls us by name, *hear our prayer.*

Bring justice and harmony into the workplaces of the world.  
Make selfishness give way to desire for the common good.

God who calls us by name, *hear our prayer.*

Teach us to be generous in our work, considerate to those who work with  
us. Bless in your service the daily work of our community.

God who calls us by name, *hear our prayer.*

Have mercy on the unemployed and grant them the dignity of work that  
they desire. Have mercy also on those whose work is long and heavy.  
Sustain them in the heat and burden of the day.

God who calls us by name, *hear our prayer.*

We bring to mind those for whom our prayers have been asked; those  
who are lonely, afraid, or are unwell.

*pause for quiet prayer*

May the healing touch of our Lord Jesus lift up those who are in need.

God who calls us by name, *hear our prayer.*

May your perpetual light shine on those who have gone into the better  
life. Keep us always ready to depart and be closer to Christ who is already  
with us here.

God who calls us by name, *hear our prayer.*

Seeking no reward but the faithful service of God, we offer our prayers  
together:

**Father,  
your love never fails.  
Hear our call,  
keep us from every danger  
and provide for all our needs.**

**We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Though our parish is scattered and we are apart,  
let our love for you and one another grow stronger.  
Though I may not now receive you in bread and wine,  
let the longing of my heart  
speak my words of love and gratitude to you, Lord Jesus,  
and be for me all the reality of your presence with me. **Amen.**

From the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers,  
and you have promised that when two or three gather in your name  
you will grant their requests.

Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us.  
Grant us, in this life,  
knowledge of your truth  
and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

Eternal God and Father,  
by whose power we are created  
and by whose love are redeemed:  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit  
that we may give ourselves to your service  
and live this day in love to one another and to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Postlude

Dr Lucy Forrest (harp)

Readings for Next Week: Pentecost 17A (Proper 21)

Philippians 2.1-13, Psalm 78.1-4, 11-16, Matthew 21.23-32

Readings for October 4th: Feast of St Francis

Galatians 6.14-end; Psalm 100; Luke 12.22-34

## The Road Map as it is...

Gathering limits for weddings will increase to 10 people, and for funerals to 20 mourners.

Outdoor religious gatherings will increase to up to 10 people, plus one faith leader.

All places of worship of all denominations are closed for private worship or religious ceremonies.

Ceremonies and services can still be recorded or broadcast live from the place of worship for viewing online. Those who are necessary to conduct the ceremony may be on site to record and live stream services, however this is limited to a maximum of five people. You should ensure those people wear a face covering. Always keep at least 1.5 metres between yourself and others.

Places of worship may be opened for the purposes of conducting weddings or funerals, but there are strict limits on the number of people who can attend.

Places of worship can continue to be open for essential public support services. Essential support services include food banks, help for the homeless or other essential activities. Face coverings must be worn. Keep at least 1.5 metres between yourself and others.

Can I attend a prayer group?

Outdoor religious gatherings are allowed for up to five people plus one faith leader who is licensed by the Archbishop to lead worship (lay or ordained). The location of the gathering must be on the grounds of or within 1km of their place of worship.

For the time being, services will be videoed or zoomed as listed on the last page.



Our Parish Efm group will be starting its next year on November 1st, 2020. We are a happy small team enjoying the challenges of studying our faith and looking forward to welcoming others as we establish a new group.

We are meeting via Zoom at present, on Sunday afternoons from 3.00pm until around 6.00pm. The times and dates are to be determined by the new group when

it meets on November 1st. We invite anyone interested in joining with us to read the prospectus on the Anglican Parish of Gisborne Website [www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au](http://www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au) for detailed information and if you would like a hard copy, please contact Alison via email [alison.kitching@bigpond.com](mailto:alison.kitching@bigpond.com)

As we need to order the Reading and Reflection Guide, please let us know before October 25 if you'd like to be part of the new group.

Debra Saffrey-Collins & Alison Kitching

#### Working Bee at St John's

To help get on top of the Spring growth, could you spare some time with a mower, whipper snipper and the like at St John's?

If so, please contact the Parish Office on 5428 4038 and we will relay the message to Janice!

A little bit of effort will save a lot in terms of labour and finances.



#### COVID-19 Restrictions:

no more than 5 people on site; wear your mask, keep your distance, maintain your sense of humour!

You must bring your own PPE and refreshments at the moment!

#### Geese Awareness

There are geese there. Please be aware.





TRIVIA NIGHT  
**SILENT AUCTION WINNERS 2020**  
**If you haven't paid for and/or**  
**collected your items,**  
**please contact Alison via the Parish Office**  
**5428 4038**  
**at your earliest convenience.**

1	Christmas Cake	Chris Dixon	28	Picnic Back Pack	Sandra Murray
2	Christmas Cake & Pudding	Shawn Ackers	29	Jewellery Case	Shawn Ackers
3	Jams & Pre-serves	John Wells	31	Digital Radio	David Parrôt
4	Trading Post hamper	Jane Bland	32	Orchids	Christine Nelson
5	Chivas Regal Whisky	Graham Dickinson	33	Outdoor Mirror	Matt Marais
6	French Wine & Food Hamper	Sonia Mailer	34	Galileo Thermometre	Ian Buerckner
7	Gin Shaker, Glasses & Olives	Ian Head	35	Pearl & Silver Necklace	Rosemary Homewood
8.	Historical Newspapers	Rohan Millar	36	Purple Beads	Rosemary Homewood
9.	Wish White Pillar Candle	Jo Van Niekerk	37	Silver Pendant	Marg Wells
10	Teapot, Cup & Saucer	Alan Smith	39	Aqua & Bronze Necklace	Rosemary Homewood
11	Glass Dish	Ngaire Neylon	40	Marian Neck-lace & Bracelet	Ngaire Neylon
12	Mosaic Vase	David Parrôt	41	Bronze Beads	Rosemary Homewood
19	Royal Albert Tray & Server	Barb Annonson	42	Dichroic Glass Stud Earrings	David Parrot
21	Hanging Rock Wine	Ian Buerckner	43	Lavender Pam-per Pack	Angie Hamilton
22	Framed Roses Print	Brett Collins	43	Lavender Pam-per Pack	Angie Hamilton
23	Chair	D e n n i s Webster	44	Wine Pack No 1	Michael Horoch
25	Brief Case	Jim Poyser	45	Wine Pack #2	Graham Snell
27	Colette Wallet	Alison Kitching	46	<b>Ralph Lauren Polo Shirt</b>	<b>Shawn Ackers</b>

47	Hip Flask & Shot Glasses	Jo Van Niekerk	59	Magnetic Bracelet	Rosemary Homewood
48	Men's Gloves	David Parrôt	60	Woolworths Gift Voucher	John Wells
49	Paris Cushion, Diffuser etc.	Graham Dickinson	61	Trailer Load of Wood	Graeme Millar
50	Bird of Paradise Mugs	Shirley Farley	62	Painted Glass Vase	Brett Collins
52	Microwave Bowls No 1.	Alison Kitching	64	Compost No. 1	Barb Annon
53	Microwave Bowls No 2.	Alison Kitching	65	Compost No. 2	Robyn Snell
54	Wine Decanter	Paul Gazzola	66	Compost No. 3	Shirley Farley
55	Quilted Wall hanging	Graham Dickinson	67	Compost No. 4	Shirley Farley
56	Pink Treasures	Rosemary Homewood	68	Compost No. 5	John Wells
57	Post Office Pack	Marg Wells	69	Compost No. 6	Robyn Snell
58	Riddell Motors Voucher	Barry Homewood			

VIRTUAL MORNING TEA Sunday 10.30 am

[www.bit.ly/GisAngVMT](http://www.bit.ly/GisAngVMT)

Morning Prayer Wednesday 10 am: [www.bit.ly/GisAngWedMorn](http://www.bit.ly/GisAngWedMorn)

Morning Prayer Friday 8.30 am <https://bit.ly/GisAngFridayMP>



BETTER LATE THAN WHATEVER!



MATTHEW 20:1-16

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