

**KNOX CHURCH**

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# **KNOX LIFE**

**Spring 2022**



## Wanting to get in

At the beginning of a public meeting last week, during which questions were put to the two leading contenders for the Mayor of Ōtautahi Christchurch, two speeches were delivered by members of the "Make It 16" campaign. Presenting as people rather more "on top of" politics and current events than many people much their senior, they spoke of their desire to participate in the socio-political life of our city and nation. One mayoral candidate replied "yes" to the question "will you sign the Make it 16 petition, and will you keep in touch with the campaign?" The other candidate answered "no" to the same question. And that even split is probably in keeping with the way that that question goes down with most of the general public. Certainly, it's easy to be impressed by the passion of the young people who are knocking on democracy's door. They want to get in, but so far can't.

Also keen to get involved in governance was someone hoping to be elected to the School Board of Te Aratai College, formerly known as Linwood College. Given the broad multicultural demographic of the school and its inclusive ethos, it wasn't clear to many why a white supremacist would seek a place on the Board. Some wondered whether he was seeking a position from which to scuttle some of the school's more liberal policies. As it happened, the election process didn't go all that well for him; he got 2.6% of the vote, coming in last and failing to gain a seat. He wanted to get in, but didn't.

A majority of people do **not** want to get in. Participation in local body elections is strikingly low. At the last election, nationally, the participation rate was around 42%. That means 58% opted out. They don't want in.

When my voting papers were delivered, I found that I wasn't required or permitted to cast a vote for a Papanui Community Board representative; the number of vacancies exceeded the number of nominations - so two people were elected unopposed.

Commentators note that participation figures (in those voting and those standing) have been declining for decades. It's not new. What **is** new, is an acceleration of the decline. It is theorised that the decline is accelerating because:

1. voters feel there's no point
2. candidates are finding the social space around them (real space and social media space) has become unworkably hostile. Auckland City

Councillor, Josephine Bartley, was a case in point, receiving a number of threats of violence related to her involvement in the Covid-19 vaccine rollout. For a while, she considered getting out.

"Participation in local elections" may seem an odd topic for a minister's editorial. I'm drawn to it not because I'm a democracy obsessive. I'm drawn because I believe that Christians are called to be God's co-creators towards the new creation. We have some responsibility, in light of our hope and vision for creation, to help fashion the world around us. We can't be leaving the fashioning to those who lack goodwill.

- The Make it 16 people want in.
- The white supremacists want in.
- A majority of voters want out.
- An increasing number of good candidates want out.

Perhaps the Christian faith poses us with the question: what kind of a world do we want? Are we willing to build it together?

In, or out? To vote or not to vote?

Arohanui,

Matthew.

### **PRAYER FROM THE SUNDAY SERVICE ON 18 SEPTEMBER**

Lead us, O God  
to use the opportunities  
afforded us by the circumstances of our birth and life  
and our perception of the importance of love,  
to serve you well.

May what we possess in terms of talent,  
or wealth,  
or sense of right  
or dignity,  
enable us to improve the world.

Matthew

## CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

The Church Council has continued to assess our Covid protection measures at Knox and at last in late September we feel we can safely return to a more normal pattern of church service. We can all be grateful for everyone's willingness to put up with restrictions in order to help keep one another safe. True community spirit in action.

The annual interest from the Cunningham bequest was donated this year to Project Esther, a group which works with women and families providing a multi-faceted range of activities and support. Daphne Marsden, who established Project Esther nearly 30 years ago, spoke at a Knox Cafe evening about the work done by this group and council decided to donate the interest to them this year.

The Annual Re-birthday Appeal held in July raised just over \$6,000 which was a wonderful result. It was used to get new blinds in the lounge and the excess will be used to purchase spare lights for the church so that we may keep the current fittings operational for some years yet. You may remember that last year's Appeal enabled us to renew some of the church lights.

Our wonderful office manager, Jane Ellis, has gone to take up a full-time position elsewhere, but we are fortunate that Lynda Gerken has now taken over in the office every weekday morning instead of the three mornings which she has worked for the last year. We are very pleased that Lynda is continuing with us, having proven herself to be a most pleasant and competent office manager.

Also moving on from Knox is Daniel Cooper, our much admired organist for the past eight years. Daniel came to us at the age of 17 and we have always known that he would move on at some stage, but we are sorry to lose him. We've loved his wonderful music. We wish him well for the future. A new organist is currently being sought.

Upstairs in the Knox Centre we are planning to upgrade two rooms which have not been renovated for decades. Occasionally we have hirers using these rooms and it will be good to have them freshly painted and tidy.

Although we have reduced the events held at Knox in order to reduce possible exposure to Covid infection Matthew has held his long postponed seminars on Peace issues which he prepared during his period of study

leave last year. The four seminars were well attended and a follow-up gathering to discuss possible outcomes has resulted in a document on “What Next” thoughts. This is available to everyone at the church entrances and council has decided to pursue some of the suggestions in it.

The recently established Public Questions group has produced a document on Co- governance, which is very much a current issue around New Zealand. The Co-governance report produced by the group is also available for all to read.

Janet Wilson





Good-bye Jane and Daniel  
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## COMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

### Special Services:

Sunday	2 October	10am service. Morning tea to recommence.
Sunday	16 October	10am - Animal Sunday
Sunday	27 November	10am - Advent 1 - communion
Sunday	18 December	10am - Nine Lessons and Carols
Saturday	24 December	11.15pm - Christmas Eve service
Sunday	25 December	10am - Christmas Day service
Sunday	1 January 2023	10am – New Year's Day - communion

### Events:

Sunday 16 October 1.30pm til 3pm: Open Church Afternoon for Christchurch Heritage Festival. Live organ music.

Sunday 6 November 5-6.30pm: Church Council meets with new members.

Sunday 13 November 7.00pm - Knox Café evening in the Lounge. Bronwyn Wiltshire speaking about the fall of the Berlin Wall.

### Book Study: "The Coming of the Cosmic Christ" – Matthew Fox

Dates: 2, 9 and 23 October from 11.15am to 12pm

With the amazing pictures beaming in from the Webb telescope we are being challenged to widen our vision of the Christ. Fox has been writing some 30+ books that recover for us the significance of cosmology – the teaching that we belong to an unfolding universe.

We will explore some of his themes over these three Sundays.

Len Pierce – custodian of Knox Library



## John England Memorial Activist Award

This is an annual award for an individual or group that is involved in a significant activist activity of benefit to the community or a particular organisation.

The award commemorates the long standing activism of the Rev Dr John England who died in 2021.

John was a founding member of EcuAction, an interfaith Canterbury based action group, and despite his declining health, John consistently pushed EcuAction into considering and working on cutting edge priorities such as climate change and taxation reform.

This annual award will consist of a framed EcuAction certificate presented at a publicly arranged event at which the award winner will be invited to speak.

Nominations should be sent to EcuAction at [ecuactioncanterbury@gmail.com](mailto:ecuactioncanterbury@gmail.com) , or ring Brian, by 14 October 2022.

Narrative to include information on work done and why you have nominated them plus details of nominee & nominator

Further information is available from Brian Turner, phone 021 1294305

# **EcuAction proposal for a fairer tax system**

At the recent June series of three forums held in the Knox Hall and organised by EcuAction, an interfaith justice group, it was refreshing to see widespread recognition that our tax system is seriously unfair and needs to change.

Those on the lowest incomes pay much higher proportions of their income in tax than the wealthy and super-wealthy. The Sheriff of Nottingham would be proud of how much tax we take from the poor to support the lifestyles of the rich.

In the first of the three forums, John Minto (who has done extensive research into the NZ tax system) pointed out that at the heart of this iniquity is GST. We all pay GST when we buy things so it sounds fair. But a person in the lowest income decile pays 14% of their income in GST, because they have to spend all their income, while those in the highest income decile pay less than 5% of their income on GST because they are able to save and invest part of their income rather than spend it.

John pointed out that income tax has similar distortions with IRD reporting that many rich Kiwis manage to declare incomes low enough to avoid the top income tax bracket!

John noted that taking income tax and GST together it's no surprise to find workers on the minimum wage paying close to 30% of their income in tax while the super-wealthy pay less than 5% of theirs.

This unfairness is hard-baked into our tax system. Wage and salary earners pay tax on every dollar earned and every dollar spent and cannot avoid tax. It's taken out of pay before they get it and is deducted by retailers when they buy anything. But for the wealthy and super-wealthy, tax is almost voluntary as they find myriad ways to avoid or reduce their tax responsibilities.

This is unfair. It is morally wrong.

The wealthiest 5% now own 37% of the country's wealth and their share is growing at the expense of the rest of us. Meanwhile the poorest half of our society, who pay the highest rates of tax, have just 2% of the country's wealth.

Tax policy is a key reason for this growing inequality. Our “low-rate, broad base” tax system is what has got us into this dreadful iniquitous mess.

So what solution are we proposing?

In a nutshell EcuAction is proposing to abolish GST and raise the \$25 billion needed to replace it with three taxes which will shift responsibility to the wealthy and super-wealthy who are currently paying pocket-money levels of tax.

The three taxes are a comprehensive Financial Transactions Tax (FTT), a Wealth Tax and a Capital Acquisitions Tax.

The FTT would put a small percentage tax (0.1%) on all money transfers through banks and financial institutions. For the average person this would amount to about \$2 per week in tax (alongside a saving of hundreds in removing GST) but would bring in large amounts from the high value money flows in areas such as currency trading which take place each day. Dozens of countries have various kinds of FTT. Our proposal would bring in about \$15 billion for the government annually.

The Wealth Tax would bring in about \$10 billion and would apply only to the top 5% of income earners who would pay a small percentage tax each year based on their wealth. Wealth taxes are common in countries around the world and help in a small way to reduce inequality.

The Capital Acquisitions Tax would be paid when receiving a cash windfall such as through an inheritance but again, it would only affect very large inheritances.

When one looks through the countries which already have FTTs, Wealth Taxes and Capital Acquisitions Tax they are the same countries we like to compare ourselves to.

For each of the three forums we had an expert presenter and a faith respondent.

I was the faith respondent to John Minto’s presentation and commented on two references on taxation attributed to Jesus, namely “Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and unto

God the things that are God's (Matthew 22:21) and the Luke 19 reference to Zacchaeus the unjust tax collector who told Jesus he would repay four-fold that which he had extracted unfairly from tax payers.

It's significant that a number of world church bodies including the World Council of Churches, the World Methodist Council and the Council for World Mission are advocating a Zac Tax (after Zacchaeus) to pay compensation to those affected historically by slavery, land alienation and other forms of colonialism. Echoes here of Treaty settlements in Aotearoa-NZ.

The second forum featured the effects of GST on low income people, with Trade Union Secretary Paul Watson and Rev Sheena Dickson of Aranui detailing their experience with those on the bread line. Sheena pointed out that after rent and other unavoidable charges she had families with only \$60 left to feed themselves for a week.

The third and final forum concentrated on the effects of high and low incomes on the environment.

Dr Christine Dann, an environmental researcher and writer recounted how many of the early European settlers in Canterbury acquired considerable land and wealth and our streets still bear their names, whilst the landless and dispossessed Maori eeked out a poverty ridden existence; an inequality that persists for many today. In that sense both high and low income people exploit the environment to sustain their life styles with unfair taxation accelerating the degradation of the environment at both ends of the income range. Rev Mark Gibson as faith respondent affirmed this and added that if we take seriously the history and advocacy of the Biblical prophets and Jesus, we will stand up for justice and fairness in this our day.

So what became apparent through the forum series is how much of an outlier NZ is on taxation. We tax the poor more and the rich less than any other country we like to compare ourselves with. This suits the rich and big business but it doesn't work for low and middle income earners.

It's morally wrong to expect those on the lowest wages to subsidise the wealthy and super-wealthy through a Sheriff of

Nottingham tax policy.

EcuAction's tax proposal takes us in the direction of greater fairness. It also promotes dignity and self- respect for everyone.

The full tax proposal is at [www.alternativeaotearoa.nz/new-page](http://www.alternativeaotearoa.nz/new-page)

Give it your consideration and if you want to join the national campaign for a fairer tax system and one based on true Gospel values of fairness and justice, please contact me on email: [bhturner41@gmail.com](mailto:bhturner41@gmail.com) or phone 021-1294305.

Rev Brian Turner  
A spokesperson for EcuAction



## Let us pray for ourselves and others

Today, at the beginning of our prayers, let us remember and acknowledge with great sadness the death of our Queen. For many of us she has always been our Queen and we thank God for her constant devotion to us as people of the commonwealth. Truly a mighty totara has fallen.

As we think about the season of spring, we are reminded of the words of Jesus, "I have come to give you life, life in all its abundance." Suddenly spring has come in the form of flowers and blossom but also in the still hidden grain that will later sustain us, in the form of weeds that disturb our complacency, and in the form of trees that are dependable and sheltering.

Some words from Joy Cowley

*Jesus comes to us as a springtime tree  
And we receive Him as a springtime tree  
Fragrant the blossoming of the child  
Fresh with laughter free and wild  
Carrying the green of summer*

We are so aware that for many, spring is not all flowers and blossoms, so we remember in a moment of silence those known and unknown for whom life is not abundant.

Give us the courage to live fully, love wastefully and be the best people we can be.

Written by Linda Wilkins for the occasion of the Knox Spring Flower Service which happened to be the day we found out that our Queen had died.

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## A little chapel in London

Ken and I came upon a little chapel in London which was devoted to Members of the Victorian Order. This was the order that the Queen gave to those who worked for her. My brother had done that back in the 70's. We saw that the door was closed, but as we looked a man came along and went inside. Being brave, I suggested that we should knock on the door. When the man answered we were informed that he was the Musical director and he invited us in. There, in the tiny chapel was the Queen's Pledge on the stained glass window!

Bee Bryant



## INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY ACTION?

Have you heard of ActionStation Aotearoa? If not, you may like to check it out at [ActionStation.org.nz](http://ActionStation.org.nz)

It's an independent, crowdfunded, community campaigning organisation which was set up in 2014 and now has over 500,000 members using their collective strength to support people-powered progressive change in New Zealand.

The organisation campaigns to support honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Climate Justice, and Whānau Well-being. Members sign online petitions, make submissions to parliament, send messages to decision makers and support campaigns for change in various other ways.

ActionStation also provides its members with guidance and support for them to organise petitions of their own - currently Alcohol Health Watch is working with ActionStation to get signatures on a petition to parliament supporting a Harm Minimisation Bill. Information and links are provided online but signing is your decision.

When you join ActionStation you receive periodic emails about current petitions or submissions. It is entirely your choice as to whether you wish to add your signature. There's no charge for membership and no pressure to donate anything. The group is completely independent of any political party. It relies instead on the power of collective action and provides information - videos, webinars - on issues relating to its primary goals.

As a determinedly independent organisation it does not take any government funding and is not a registered charity but its staff and its volunteer board members are listed on its website and its audited financial statements are also posted there.

Digital technology can be used to support worthwhile causes and ActionStation Aotearoa is an interesting example of that.

Janet Wilson

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP REFUGEES**

Volunteers are required by the Powhiri Refugee Family Support Settlement Service to provide assistance to former refugees in Christchurch.

Help is needed with such things as:

- welcoming new arrivals at the airport
- help with grocery shopping
- teaching whanau to use public transport
- providing transport to school, GP appointments etc.

Potential volunteers will need a police check and a 10 minute initial phone call with the Powhiri Team Lead. Contact Laurette at Purapura Whetu Trust to express your interest (laurette[at][pw.maori.nz](mailto:laurette@pw.maori.nz)).

You will need to attend an upcoming training workshop at Purapura Whetu Trust being held from 10am - 4pm at 166 St Asaph Street on Saturday 16 October.

## **TE WHARE ROIMATA**

Te Whare Roimata is grateful for your generosity each and every week. Parcels mainly go to single people on low incomes and we are advised that preferred grocery items are as follows: coffee sachets, cereal, porridge sachets, toiletries, fresh fruit, Weetbix (large and small) cup of soup packets, muesli bars and treats.

## LIVING WAGE CANDIDATE FORUM

A public meeting of Christchurch local body candidates was held recently to ascertain their views on various aspects of social justice. Groups putting questions to the candidates were:

Generation Zero, Christchurch Resettlement Services, Unite Union, Make It 16, Sustainable Otautahi Christchurch and School Strike for Climate.

All candidates present agreed to set a deadline for City Council controlled organisations to become Living Wage Accredited.

All candidates agreed that the Council should fund an officer to enforce Healthy Homes standards.

Here are their individual commitments.

### MAYORAL CANDIDATES

Phil Mauger/David Meates

I commit to:

1.	Maintain Living Wage accreditation	Yes	Yes
2.	Give Council controlled organisations a 2023 deadline for accreditation	Yes	Yes
3.	Add a Living Wage requirement to CCC Director Appointment policy	Yes	Yes
4.	Support CCC Grant recipients to pay a Living Wage	No	Yes
5.	Require commercial operators on CCC Land ( cafés etc) to pay a Living Wage	No	Yes
6.	Fund an officer to enforce Healthy Homes standards	Yes	Yes
7.	Sign the Make It 16 petition and keep in touch with the campaign	No	Yes

### COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Jake Mclellan, Melanie Coker, Mike Davidson, Celeste Donovan, and Yani Johanson all attended the Forum and were also asked to commit to the same actions as the two mayoral candidates.

All answered yes to all commitments, except that Melanie Coker was late arriving and missed the first commitment.

Matthew opened the meeting before dashing away to attend the Knox Finance Committee meeting. Vocal Collective, a 60 strong community choir, presented some rousing songs and Norman Wilkins closed the meeting. An opportunity for food and chat followed.



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### **HERITAGE FESTIVAL OPEN DAY**

For a number of years Knox Church has participated in this event, with our Open Day held on one of the Sunday afternoons, attracting several visitors. This year we will be open on Sunday 16th October from 1.30pm-3pm. An innovation this year is that the restored organ with the new blower will be played by Jeremy Woodside. Knox people are welcome to act as guides.

## FAITH, FILM AND FICTION...

### **Book Review:**

### **A New Spiritual Home: Progressive Christianity at the Crossroads – Hal Taussig (Reviewer: Len Pierce)**

Knox Library has received a fresh load of books from the libraries of Kim Bathgate and Graeme McIver (formerly a minister of Durham Street Methodist Church. There are several titles from Marcus Borg, Dominic Crossan and Matthew Fox, authors who are being read by a large segment of the American public in a movement called “Progressive Christianity”.

Hal Taussig is a New Testament scholar who teaches at Union Theological Seminary, New York. He has compiled evidence of a grass roots movement throughout the American Church. It transcends old labels like “liberal” and “conservative” and is largely led by energised lay people who are drawn by Church congregations which are keen to study and challenge tired theology and dormant worship. Several of these Churches are described and a list of a thousand others shows that the picture of Christianity in the U.S. is not all the media has focused on.

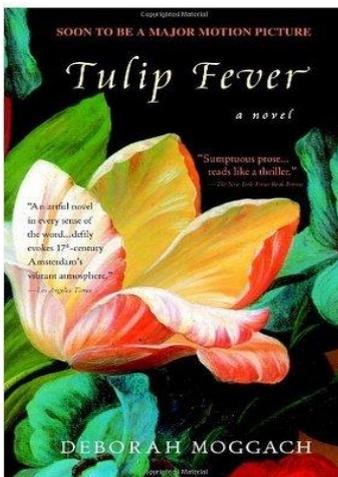
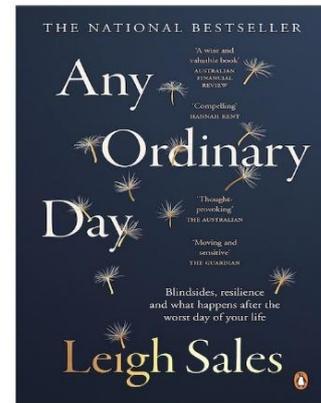
Taussig’s book is a game changer for people in this county who have been alarmed by exposure of Gloriavale and Arise’s exploitation of young people and Destiny Church’s marches and protests.

Since we have been given such a rich resource of positive literature I am committed to sharing and stimulating learning of a renewed progressive faith.

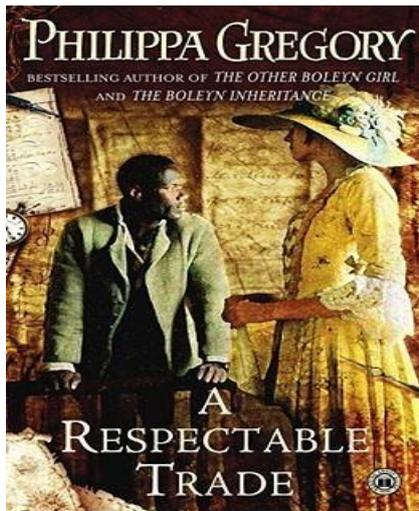
Len Pierce

Read all about it!! A wide variety this time...

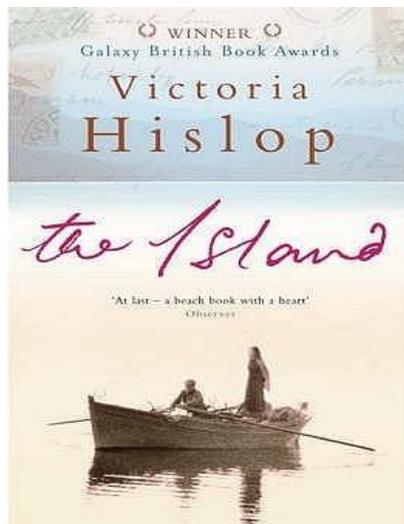
**Any Ordinary Day** by Leigh Sales (2018). Have you ever wondered about the randomness of events when a person is or is not involved... and what about the journalists whose job it is to interview the survivors? We had our own experiences of this in 2010-11 and 2019. Leigh Sales is an Australian journalist and broadcaster who, for many years, presented the daily TV news 7.30. One day, after a close brush with her own mortality, she began to question both the randomness of being present at a scene or not, and also, what exactly is the job and impact of the journalist's inevitable question "How do you feel?" She changed her outlook and gained more insight and sympathy of the random victims. This book explores these issues with heartbreaking insight.



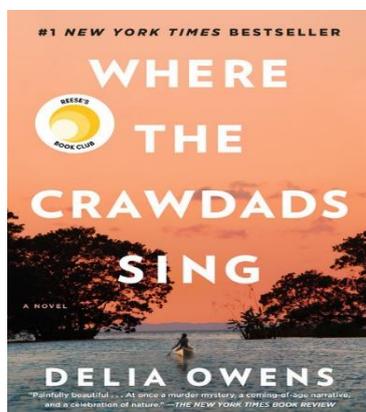
**Tulip Fever** by Deborah Moggach (1999) is a historical novel set in the cut-throat days of seventeenth century Amsterdam when fortunes were made and lost in the trade of tulips. The plot centres around Sophia, whose husband is one of many who made a fortune this way. The years 1634-1637 are recognised as the first recorded speculative bubble. Through the characters and their spell-binding story, we learn much about one of our favourite flowers. The film of the book was released in 2017.



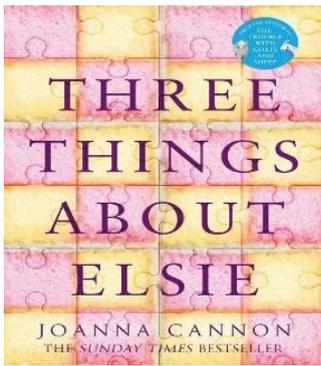
**A Respectable Trade** by the prolific Philippa Gregory (2012) deals with the slave trade of the eighteenth century, in particular 1787 Bristol. Through the arranged marriage of Josiah Cole, a small dockside trader, to the well-connected Frances Scott, the author illuminates the complex period of the 'respectable' trade of sugar, rum and slaves. This book resonates with the themes of the 2006 film **Amazing Grace**.



**The Island** by Victoria Hislop (2005) is another historical novel set in a much less well-known background, the island of Spinalonga, off the coast of Crete. For most of the twentieth century this was the site of Greece's leper colony. Alexis Fielding, a young Englishwoman, searches the background of her Greek mother, Sofia. Alexis discovers that her mother grew up in Crete, opposite this island and eventually she learns the tragic story of her family and of the people who were impounded on Spinalonga. Today, tourists can visit this island and Greek television made a TV series based on the book. A Greek TV series was screened in 2010-11 and a sequel, **One August Night**, was published in 2021.



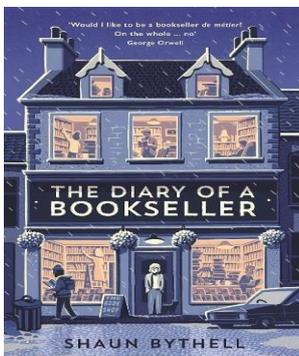
**Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens (2018) is Number 3 in this year's Whitcoulls Top 100 Books. It has also been made into a film released this year. Starting in late 1969, in the marshes of the North Carolina coast, it begins with the murder of a popular and handsome young man. The mysterious 'Marsh Girl', Kya Clark, is immediately suspected. The book shows us the life of Kya and the lessons she learns surviving alone in the marshes. The book is unexpected, engrossing and moving. I am looking forward to seeing the film.



**Three Things about Elsie by Joanna Cannon (2018)** “There are three things you should know about Elsie. The first thing is that she’s my best friend. The second is that she always knows what to say to make me feel better. And the third thing ... might take a little more explaining.” This book is different. 84-year-old Florence has fallen in her flat at Cherry Tree Home for the Elderly. As she waits to be rescued, she reflects on her life, and on a man who died sixty years

ago. This book is unexpected and captivating, both funny and sad. The author worked in hospitals as a doctor and psychiatrist and shows her profound understanding and respect for the aspects of ageing. Thank you to the person who put this on the Book Table for us all to enjoy.

And to end with something completely different...



**The Diary of a Bookseller (2017), Confessions of a Bookseller (2019), Seven Kinds of People you find in Bookshops (2020) - Shaun Bythell** is a bookseller in Wigtown, Scotland, who has the largest secondhand bookshop in the UK. In recent years Wigtown has developed into Booktown with an annual book festival. In his books he gives a hilarious and witty insight into the various assistants, customers and animals who visit his shop. If you enjoyed the TV

series **Black Books** you will love Shaun Bythell as he describes the various oddities of life in a bookshop. You can also google him for some hilarious visits to his shop and encounters with his assistant. Another book in similar vein is **Weird things customers say in Bookshops (2012)**. This gem was compiled by **Jen Campbell** with contributions from booksellers around the world. And now there is the New Zealand version published this year, **The Bookshop at the end of the world (2022)** by **Ruth Shaw** who runs two tiny bookshops in Manapouri.



Progress Pride Flag flying at Otago Girls' High School during Pride Week

### **Rainbow Flags**

For some years Knox has had some small Rainbow flags in the Church and foyer. These signal that we are a congregation which is accepting of and welcoming to people of the Rainbow community. The original multicoloured Rainbow flag was designed by Gilbert Baker in San Francisco in 1978.

The meaning of the colours:

- Red = Life
- Orange = Healing
- Yellow = Sunlight
- Green = Nature
- Blue = Peace, Harmony, Art
- Violet = Spirit

Pride flags are also a symbol of progress and equality.

In 2011 The Genderqueer Pride flag was designed by Marilyn Roxie, a gender queer writer and advocate. The flag had a lavender, white and chartreuse stripe. The lavender stripe is the mix of blue and pink (colours associated with men and women). This flag represents androgyny as well as queer identities. The white stripe represents gender neutral identities. The chartreuse stripe is the inverse of lavender and represents third gender identities.

In 2018 Daniel Quasar, a graphic designer and musician, designed the Progress Pride flag which we now have at Knox. He added a five coloured chevron to the classic Rainbow flag to place a greater emphasis on “inclusion and progression”. Although the Progress Pride flag hasn’t completely replaced the six colour Rainbow flag, it has taken over in many places.

In June, to mark Pride Month, my old school, Otago Girls’ High School in Dunedin had a “Progress Pride” flag flying from its flagpole. The school was the first girls’ public school in New Zealand and among the first in the British Commonwealth.

It is good to see the Progress Pride flag at Knox.

## **Bee Bryant**

Bee has supplied Knox Church with a number of these colourful flags for us to have on display. Thank you Bee.

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