

KNOX COUNCIL REPORT March 2020

The main focus of the meeting was about the management and effects of COVID-19. Matthew described a long discussion held at Bible Study that morning, which underlined the importance of keeping in touch with each other. He then read Psalm 23 and constituted the meeting with prayer.

To advertise our special Knox services, we will trial Jane emailing the motels and hotels with details, and possibly hand-delivering only to our neighbours.

Correspondence was sent and received about extra cleaning processes used by Total Property Services, and with Aurecon about progress updates on the construction proposals for the Knox Centre repairs. The quote from the South Island Organ Company was accepted for basic work on the new organ blower.

Two requests from the Minister were approved: that the Va'hai twins be baptised at Knox, and that a wedding be held at Knox. The Council approved of the minister's current approach to fielding inquiries about funeral services, and received information about Hope Funeral Services. The Council conveyed its thanks to Rev. David Brown for the seminars he conducted at Knox, and for his sermon on 23rd February.

The positive report on the Afternoon communion was received, but it was regretted that only one family attended the Sunday School gathering on Sunday 15th March.

The Property reported noted that the telephone system will now be fully upgraded to fibre which will enable full transfers of calls to the minister. The old foyer phone and the chapel cables will be removed.

Reports from the Roll Clerk and the Strengthening Workgroup were also received. Contract negotiations are ongoing.

A general discussion followed about pandemic measures to ensure safety in the church and Knox Centre. After yesterday's announcement, these are no longer relevant as over 70s will now be confined to home, and there will be no further church services until the Covid19 Crisis is over. The overall message of the meeting was that people need to be supported, we should stay in touch with each other, by phone if necessary, and we should be kind to each other in these challenging times.

The meeting concluded at 8.37pm with a repeat of the opening prayer, and the Benediction.