



KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 12 March 2017



ON THIS SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN A CONVERSATION TOWARDS LIFE

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WELCOME TO KNOX

Knox Church is a congregation within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. We aim to create Christian community in which people of all ages, sexual orientations, cultural backgrounds and socio-economic situations are included as equally valued participants in our congregational life. We cherish our diversity, offering a safe place of belonging to any who wish to explore their beliefs in an atmosphere promoting discussion, the development of healthy relationships and spiritual growth. We strive to be open to dialogue and shared experiences with people of other faiths. We enjoy worshipping the God made known in Jesus, endeavouring to do so in ways that are relevant to our daily lives, respect the integrity of creation, and make a positive difference to our wider world.

A loop system for hearing aids operates at Knox.

Toilets are available through the door on the lectern side of the sanctuary.

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world:

**JESUS, GOD'S DECLARATION OF LOVE FOR THE WORLD;
JESUS, GIVING PEOPLE POWER TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD;
JESUS, CELEBRATING THAT GOD IS HERE, CALLING US ON!**

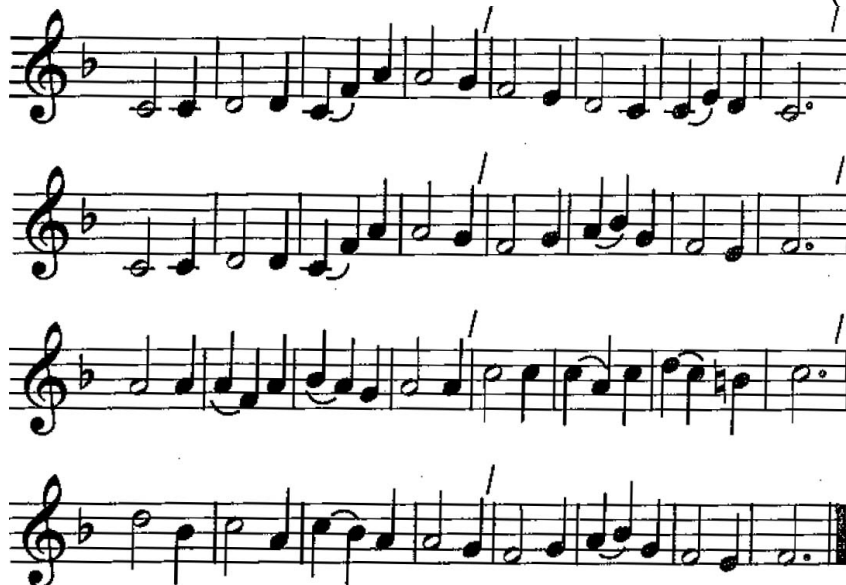
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)



1. God is here! as we, God's people,
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share:
here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit,
here the cross has central place:
here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old:
here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out:
here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you,
we adore you! we believe!

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Prayer of Approach

The Word became flesh and dwelled among us,
FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.

We beheld his glory,
GLORY AS OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.

He awoke our faith,
and moved us to say
“GOD IS HERE”.

He challenged our thinking,
OUR SONGS OF THE ABSENCE OF GOD.

He brought heaven down from the mountains
INTO HUMAN HEARTS.

He spoke of flesh and spirit,
OF LOVE AND SECOND BIRTH.

And to those of us who loved and listened
**HE GAVE THE POWER
TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD.**

One such seeker of God,
“Nicodemus” by name,
FOR A CONVERSATION CAME.

“God is with you”, he says; “we know,
**FOR BY YOUR DEEDS,
THE TRUTH YOU SHOW -**

- the truth that hearts and minds hold dear,
**THAT GOD IS LOVE,
AND GOD IS HERE.**

Yet, not everyone received him.
MANY TURNED AWAY.

“God is not here, in Christ,
HE IS A FAKE”, THEY SAY.

For blindness and cynicism,
for crucifixion and abandonment,
we say

Lord have mercy.
CHRIST HAVE MERCY.
Lord have mercy.

Assurance and Response

. . . In the name of Christ I say to you:
You are forgiven and you are free.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Prayer of Supplication:

God, whose love found expression
as Jesus lived among us,
you call us, through him,
to find a second birth –
birth as your children.

**GIVE US GRACE TO SEEK HIM,
TO FIND HIM,
TO LOVE HIM
AND TO REFLECT HIM,**

until his light shines upon all who live
AND THE WHOLE EARTH FINDS LIFE.

We pray this in his name,
and even as he taught us, so together we say:

**. . . 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 Passing of the Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

**A KI A KOE ANO HOKI;
AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.

If there are younger ones present
A Conversation with the Younger Ones

Young People's Blessing:

Young ones, go to your worship with our blessing.

**TAKE OUR FAITH AND HOPE;
MAKE NEW THINGS WITH WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN.
MAY GOD BLESS AND GROW YOU.
AMEN.**

Young ones are welcome to move through to the Sala del Sol (upstairs in the Knox Centre) for well supervised, faith-based youth activities.

The First Lesson: Psalm 121

In this is the Word of God.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Lesson: John 3: 1-17

This is the gospel of Christ.
PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.

Hymn:
French

Scottish Psalter, 1615



1. I to the hills will lift mine eyes,
from whence doth come mine aid?
My safety cometh from the Lord,
who heav'n and earth hath made.
2. Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will
he slumber that thee keeps.
Behold, he that keeps Israel,
he slumbers not nor sleeps.

3. The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade
on thy right hand doth stay:
the moon by night shall thee not smite,
nor yet the sun by day.
4. The Lord shall keep thy soul; he shall
preserve thee from all ill.
Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep forever will.

Scottish Psalter, 1615

Meditation:

This side of the mountains: the giving of life

*Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>
Hard copies of the sermons are available before and after the service – ask the person at the door.*



Music for Reflection:

Prelude
Benjamin Godard (1849-1895)

Hymn:

Abbots Leigh

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)



1. God is love, the heavens adoring;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing its praises,
high rejoicing with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
and who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation.
is pure love, eternal love.
2. God is love, and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.
3. God is love, and, though with blindness
sin affects the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Len Pierce

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

To the God who loves the world,
and sent the Son,

**TO THE GOD WHO NEITHER SLUMBERS NOR SLEEPS,
WE PRESENT THIS OFFERING.**

May food nourish those who hunger;

MAY MONEY HELP THOSE WHO STRUGGLE.

May all things work to the glory of God

**AND THE BLESSING OF THOSE WHOM GOD DEEPLY LOVES.
AMEN.**

Notices

We stand for

The Lenten Litany:

O Christ,
who received Nicodemus by night,
who spoke to him of love and eternal life;
you call us to celebrate the presence of God,
and to love one another.

Along the Lenten path

LEAD US LORD JESUS

O Christ,
in whom we find sure footing
and sheltering companionship;
you call us to seek birth from above,
yet assure us of God's presence
in the actualities of human life.
You challenge us to be people of healing presence.

Along the Lenten path

LEAD US LORD JESUS

God of love,
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,

so may we give ourselves to you,
living according to your will.
**KEEP OUR FEET FIRMLY
IN THE WAY WHERE CHRIST LEADS US,
THIS LENT
AND ALL OUR DAYS. AMEN.**

Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.
2. From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.
3. Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.
4. Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

Shirley Murray (b. 1930)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Tea and coffee are served in the Knox Centre Lounge following the morning service

A most important notice



Following our years of basic survival
and our brave and wonderful rebuild,
what kind of a church do we think we are?

What do we stand for? What excites us?

What will our next chapter be?

Five extremely important forums are planned
for us to explore our future.

Go to:

http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/data/knoxlife/201702210000_Knox%20Life%20-%20Mission%20Discernment%20Edition.pdf

We launch our mission discernment forums with a special
service next Sunday morning.



NOTICES

This Week: 12 March 2017 – 18 March 2017

Today 10.00 am Morning Worship
 5.00 pm Film viewing in lounge – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study in Committee Room
Friday 1.00 pm Orana Park Visit – **see below**

Next Week: 19 March 2017 – 25 March 2017

Sunday 10.00 am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study in Committee Room
Saturday 2.30 pm Organ Recital – **see below**

Film Viewing – Film **Belle** about a negro girl who was adopted by the Earl of Mansfield in the late 18th century, and played a role in the abolition of slavery in England.

Orana Wild Life Park Visit – 17 March

Personal tour led by Matthew Jack. Come and see the Giraffes Yaks and other animals. Meet at the main Gates at 1pm. Transport can be provided. Cost approx.. \$20 (depends on numbers. .Payment to be made to Jennifer McKinnon or Knox Office prior to the visit. Please add name to lists in foyer or by the front door. Names and numbers needed by Sunday March 12 (so costs etc. can be finalized)

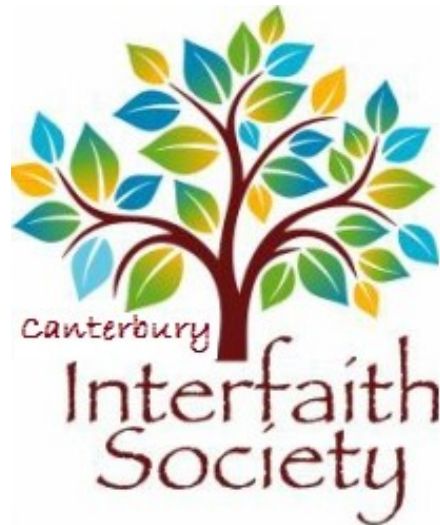
Organ Recital - 25 March at 2.30 pm featuring organ music of Jan Nieland (1903-1963) by John Linker, Director of Music, ChristChurch Transitional Cathedral. Free Entry.

Knox Café - Sunday 26 March, 7.00 pm in the Lounge. Speaker Sue Spigel, a well known Christchurch quilter, will speak on environment and art. This Knox Café will be a lead into “The creation series in October”. All are welcome – tea and coffee provided, BYO anything else.

Knox church values the support of all who are involved in our community's life.

For those who wish to contribute financially, charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Options are available for giving; for information please contact our Donation Secretary, Janet Wilson, ph 338 7203, email janetwilson@clear.net.nz

From the Canterbury Interfaith Society:



20 March – Bahai New Year

Monday, 20 March, at 7pm. Doors open at 6.30pm.
Christchurch Baha'i Centre
31 Domain Terrace, Spreydon, Christchurch

22 April – Buddha's Birthday

Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple Christchurch and Buddha's Light International Association cordially invite you, along with your family and friends, to this year's Buddha's Birthday Festival and the Temple's 10th anniversary. The ceremony will be held at 10.30am on 22 April 2017 at 2, Harakeke Street, Christchurch.

A lot of fun activities will be held such as:

- Bathe the Buddha
- Biography & Publication of the Venerable Master Hsing Yun
- Baby Blessing (Pre-registration required)
- Multicultural Performances
- Animation - A story of the Buddha
- Buddhist Prayer Beads stall
- Vegetarian Food Stall
- Free Chinese Health Check
- Tea Meditation
- Sutra Transcription

For more information please phone 03-341 6276

The Missional Church in Aotearoa: Reflections on a Decade of Serving the Church in New Zealand

The Department of Theology and Religion at the University of Otago and Laidlaw College warmly invite you to a public lecture by Rev Dr Lynne Baab.



When: Thursday 30 March | 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Where: Laidlaw College Christchurch, 70 Condell Avenue, Papanui

RSVP: by Tuesday 28 March to chch@laidlaw.ac.nz or 03 354 4270

Lynne will also be leading a seminar at 12:30 at Laidlaw on the topic *Multiethnic Congregations: A Response to Global Migration*.

Lynne Baab came to Dunedin in 2007 from a vibrant congregation in Seattle and from a country where church attendance, as a percentage of population, had been stable for quite a while. In her first months and years here, she had to come to grips with the church decline and secularisation that New Zealand Christians are so familiar with. In those years, she started teaching a paper on the missional church, and she has collected many stories from New Zealand Christians who are ministering effectively in a very challenging environment. She'll tell those stories as well as reflect on what she has learned about the missional church in action in Aotearoa.

Lynne M. Baab, MDiv (Fuller) PhD (Washington), is the Jack Somerville Senior Lecturer in Pastoral Theology in the Department of Theology and Religion at the University of Otago. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and served in two congregations in Seattle, Washington, USA as associate pastor and parish associate. She is the author of nine books, five of them on aspects of congregational life and congregational leadership and the other four focused on Christian spiritual disciplines. She has also written web-based adult education materials, several Bible study guides, and numerous magazine articles on congregational life and Christian spirituality. In addition to her research and teaching at the University of Otago, Lynne serves as adjunct tutor at the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership.

Euthanasia

Seminar: A Duty to Die?

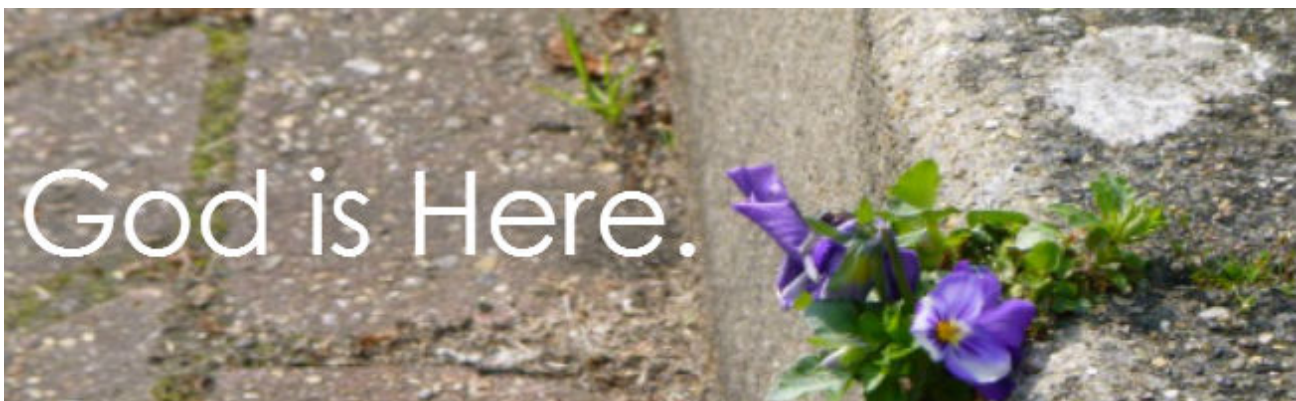
The Anglican Transitional
Cathedral,
Latimer Square, Saturday 1 April,
9.30am to 2.30pm.



A one day seminar on one of the controversial topics of today's society, co-hosted by the Transitional Cathedral and Theology House, chaired by Bishop Victoria Matthews and with speakers from both sides of the debate: Bishop Jim White (Assistant Bishop of Auckland), Dr Jack Havill (Immediate Past President of Voluntary Euthanasia Society (End of Life Choice)), Renée Joubert (Executive Officer, Euthanasia-Free NZ), Rev Dr Graham O'Brien (Co-Chair InterChurch Bioethics Council).

BYO Lunch, tea/coffee provided.

Registrations to Jill Short at Theology House
email: admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz or ph: 03 341 3399 by 5 pm Thursday
30 March.



Perhaps God is here too . . .
although maybe not;
it's a very small box . . .
and sometimes
we make God too small . . .
a wind is blowing through the
paddocks . . . Can you see it?



Bible readings for next week will be:

- Isaiah 43: 18-21
- Matthew 4: 18-22

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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