



KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 23 April 2017



TRANSITIONS

a service
for the Sunday after Easter

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, APPEARING BEHIND DOORS WE LOCKED IN FEAR;
JESUS, TAKING AWAY THE ANXIETY WE NURTURE;
JESUS, MOVING US SURELY INTO FAITH AND LIFE.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Thaxted

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)





1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and act upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Michael Perry (b. 1942)

Prayer of Approach

Could such a song have been sung, gracious Saviour,
by people locked away in fear?

**COULD SUCH PRAISE
HAVE COME FROM PEOPLE SHUTTING DOORS?**

No, you have worked graciously with your people,
WISHING THEM PEACE,

breathing into them your Spirit,
HELPING THEM BELIEVE AGAIN.

It is a merciful, gentle ministry:
GRACE FOR THOSE IN TRANSITION.

So whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
**WE'LL TRIUMPH THROUGH OUR SORROWS
AND RISE TO BLESS YOU STILL.**

Hear our thanks and praises,
OFFERED IN YOUR RE-CREATIVE NAME.

Hear also our confession, dear God,
for our locking of doors,
our hiding in fear,
our lacking in trust.

. . . 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:

Gracious God,
whose Son, Jesus, is revealed still to be present,
even when we have shut the doors,
you come with gentleness,
Spirit and peace.

**BE WITH US IN THIS GREAT TRANSITION CALLED "LIFE".
GIVING US COURAGE AND FAITH.**

We pray this in Jesus' 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

Although there is no Sunday School today, young ones are welcome to enjoy the activity corner at the back of the church where they will find toys and an activity sheet. Sunday School begins again on 7 May.

Thank you Di!

We thank Diane Harrington, our much loved Church Secretary, who retires today after 23 years at Knox.

Di's Hymn:

Royal Oak

William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

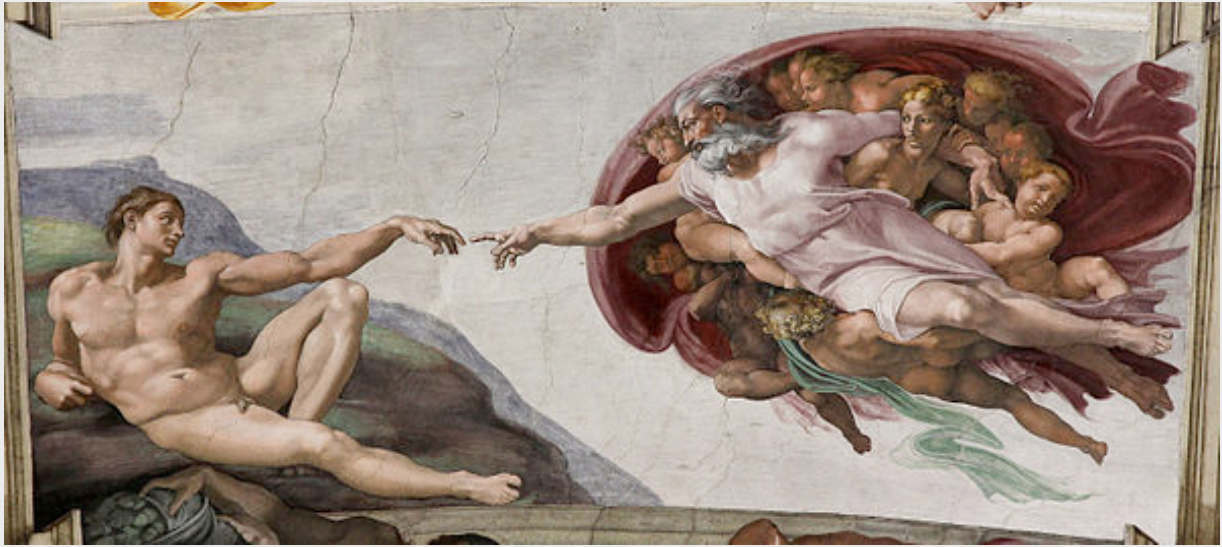


*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful -
the Lord God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings -
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful . . .
2. he gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful . . .

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Report from the First Mission Discernment Forum: the Beginning



The First Lesson: Romans 8: 18-25

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

Gospel Lesson: John 20: 19-31

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

Anthem: Stand up, stand up for Jesus
Morning Light, arr. Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Sermonette: The transition companion

*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.*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Bob Fendall

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Called from fear into adventure,
CALLED FROM DEFEAT INTO HOPE,

called from shut doors into wide open living,
WE MAKE OUR OFFERING TO GOD.

May God bless it and us,
TO THE RE-CREATION OF THE WORLD.
AMEN.

Notices

The ANZAC Litany:

An ANZAC Day greeting from the youth of France

Amandine Lhoste, a French exchange student

ANZAC Ode John Collins

Hymn:

Nun Danket

Later form of melody by Johann Crüger (1598-1662)



1. Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us.
God, keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
our Maker now be given,
to Christ and Spirit too,
our help in highest heaven:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be ever more.

*Martin Rinkart (1586-1649),
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt*

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Toccata on “Joy to the World”
Martin Setchell (b. 1949)

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

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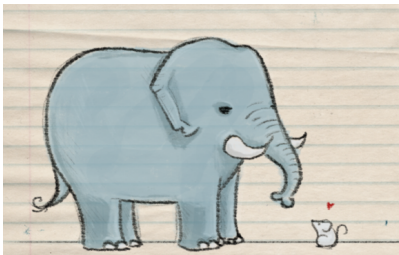


OUR NEXT CHAPTER

MISSION DISCERNMENT AT KNOX

The next two forums in our series of five are
“Big and little things” and
“the work of the Gardener”

Forum Two



BIG & LITTLE THINGS

30 April, 11:30am – 12:30pm, soup break, then 12:50pm – 1:50pm

- God in the ordinary stuff of our lives,
- Big themes from the biggest story,
- Our bottom lines and big drivers,
- Closing Reflection: Looking at “the Father / Creator”

Forum Three

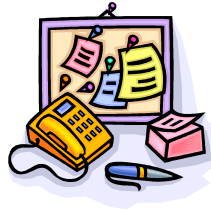


THE WORK OF THE GARDENER

28 May, 11:30am – 12:30pm, soup break, then 12:50pm – 1:50pm

- The garden
- Current garden features at Knox
- Favourite Flowers (our mission statement)
- Dreaming up the perfect garden
- Reflection: Looking at the Spirit
- Getting ready for next time (learning how to look at things)

Forum 4, “With opened eyes” will be held on Sunday 25 June,
and Forum 5, “Wheat from chaff” will be on Sunday 30 July.



NOTICES

This Week: 23 April 2017 – 28 April 2017

Today 10.00 am Morning Worship. Farewell to Diane.
11.30 am Faith Film and Fiction. – **see below**
Monday 7.30 pm Fireside Group – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study in Committee Room

Next Week: 29 April 2017 – 5 May 2017

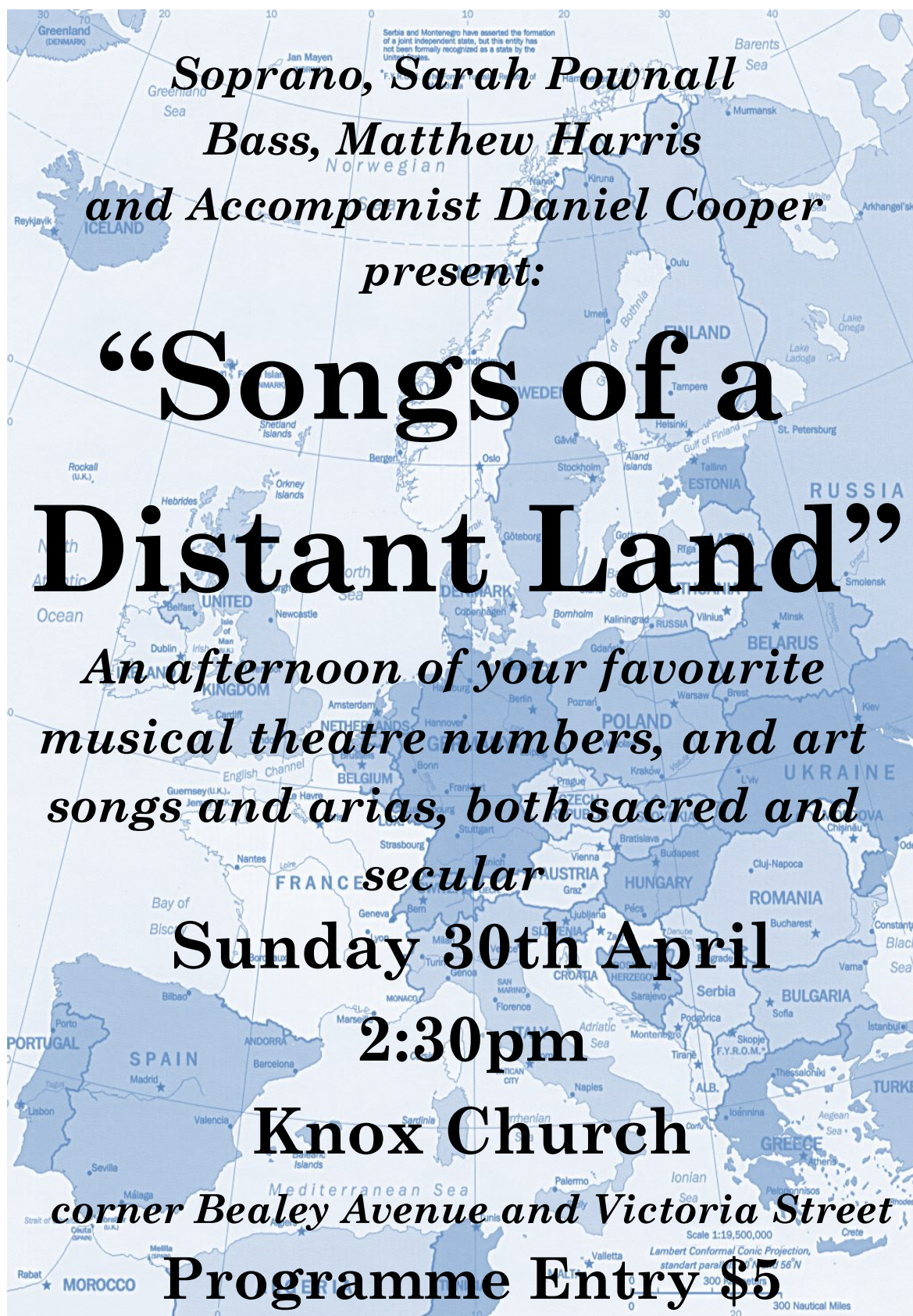
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Farewell to Diane Harrington - On Sunday 23 April we will officially thank and farewell Diane Harrington, our church office secretary for the last 23 years. A special morning tea will follow the morning service.

Knox Fireside Meeting - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside group will be on Monday 24 April in the Knox lounge at 7 30pm. The Speaker is Helen Matthews who will speak on “ Israel , a recent experience. While Helen’s family were living in Israel recently on UN duty she visited them several times and will share her experiences with us “ All welcome.

Faith, film and fiction - Kim Bathgate will present two books: ***Wild Boy*** by Brando Yelavich and ***A Philosophy of Walking*** by Frederic Gros. We will begin at 11.30 so people have time to share in the farewell morning tea for Di Harrington.

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



*Soprano, Sarah Pownall
Bass, Matthew Harris
and Accompanist Daniel Cooper
present:*

“Songs of a Distant Land”

*An afternoon of your favourite
musical theatre numbers, and art
songs and arias, both sacred and
secular*

**Sunday 30th April
2:30pm**

Knox Church

corner Bealey Avenue and Victoria Street

Programme Entry \$5



Bible readings for next week will be:

- Luke 24: 13-27
- Luke 24: 28-35

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