



# KNOX CHURCH

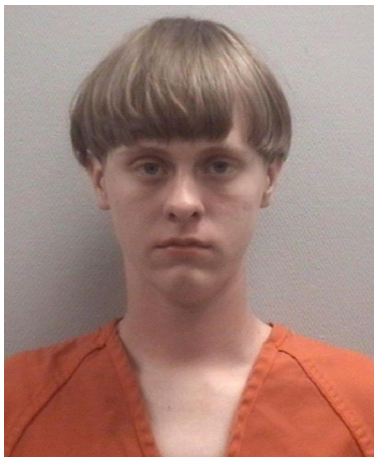
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## Order of Service 14 May 2017

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## SPEAKING OF JESUS



## 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, IN WHOSE ARMS THERE IS ROOM FOR EVERY PERSON;**  
**JESUS, TELLING HIS DISCIPLES NOT TO LIVE IN FEAR;**  
**JESUS, FILLING THE HEART AND HOPE OF THOSE WHO SEE HIM.**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.  
**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

St Albinus

Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)



1. Jesus lives! your terrors now  
can, O death, no more appall us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
now the grave cannot enthrall us.  
Hallelujah!

2. Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
naught from us his love shall sever:  
life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
tear us from his keeping never.  
Hallelujah!

3. Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
not for us a gloomy portal  
when we take our final breath,  
but the gate to life immortal.  
Hallelujah!

4. Jesus lives! to him the throne  
over all the world is given;  
May we go where he is gone,  
rest and reign with him in heaven.  
Hallelujah!

*Christian Friedrich Gellert (1715-1769)  
tr. Frances E. Cox (1812-1897)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

A young Christian called Stephen  
lifts his eyes from the troubles,  
and sees a vision of the living Christ.

**JESUS LIVES!  
YOUR TERRORS NOW, O DEATH,  
CAN NO MORE APPALL US!**

A young Christian called Stephen  
catches a vision of God welcoming him  
and giving him life.

**JESUS LIVES!  
BY THIS WE KNOW  
NOW THE GRAVE CANNOT ENTHRALL US.**

The disciples of Jesus want to believe, but can't.  
Their hearts are full of fear,  
until Jesus bids them see him  
and know the love of God.

**JESUS LIVES!  
OUR HEARTS KNOW WELL  
NAUGHT FROM US HIS LOVE SHALL SEVER.**

Thomas and Philip fear that their faith is not strong enough  
and that they have lost their way.

**JESUS LIVES!  
LIFE, NOR DEATH, NOR POWERS OF HELL  
TEAR US FROM HIS KEEPING NEVER.**

Again and again, through sacred story,  
in Jesus, God becomes the One who receives,  
who blesses, who makes whole, and who welcomes.

**JESUS LIVES!  
MAY WE GO WHERE HE IS GONE,  
REST AND REIGN WITH HIM IN HEAVEN.  
HALLELUJAH!**

With our praise, we offer confession,  
for God's goodness is not always met with joy.  
**SOMETIMES WE HIT AND HURT,  
OPPRESS AND FALSELY ACCUSE.**

Sometimes our innocent ones are given up to injustice:  
**OUTSIDE THE CITY WALLS  
THE YOUNG STEPHEN IS STONED TO DEATH.**

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 reassured the disciples  
and inspired courage in the heart of Stephen,  
make us to be a people of bravery and faith.  
**GIVE US EYES TO SEE YOU,  
FEET WITH WHICH TO FOLLOW YOU,  
AND LIVES THAT COMMUNICATE YOUR LIFE-GIVING GOODNESS.**

For this is our prayer, through Jesus,  
who taught us to pray together, saying:

**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:

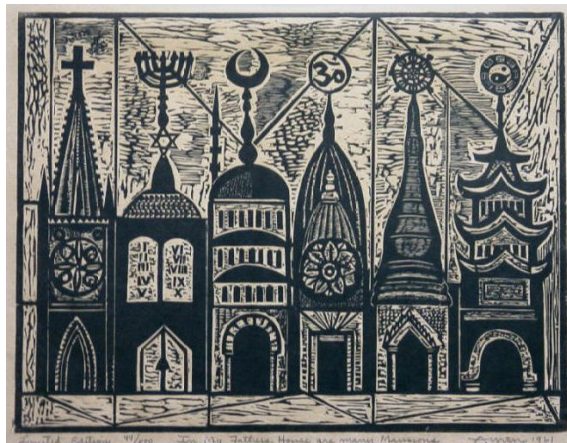
Acts 7: 55-60

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

#### The Gospel Lesson:

John 14: 1-14

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



**Hymn:**

Concord

Robert James Berkeley Fleming (1921-1976)



1. Let there be light,  
let there be understanding,  
let all the nations gather,  
let them be face to face.
2. Open our lips,  
open our minds to ponder,  
open the door to concord  
opening into grace.
3. Perish the sword,  
perish the angry judgment,  
perish the bombs and hunger,  
perish the fight for gain.
4. Hallow our love,  
hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
hallow their holy freedom,  
hallowed be your name.
5. Let there be light,  
open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror,  
hallow the world God made.

*Frances Wheeler Davis (b.1936)*

**Sermon:**

Stephen's blasphemy

*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:** Little Chorale Suite for Organ: 3, Offertory  
Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

**Hymn:**

Carlisle

Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)



1. Have faith in God, my heart,  
trust and be unafraid;  
God will fulfill in every part  
each promise heaven's made.
2. Have faith in God, my mind,  
though oft your light burns low;  
God's mercy holds a wiser plan  
than you can fully know.
3. Have faith in God, my soul,  
his cross for ever stands;  
and neither life nor death can pluck  
his children from his hands.
4. Lord Jesus, make me whole;  
grant me no resting place  
until I rest, heart, mind and soul,  
the captive of your grace.

*Bryn Austin Rees (1911-1983)*

### **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Madeleine Church*

### **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

May the God who turns fear into faith,  
despair into hope,  
and death into life,  
transform the offering we bring.

**MAY FOOD AND CURRENCY  
BECOME SERVANTS OF THE GOD OF LIFE.**

And may we also, ourselves,  
find ways of saying "Do not be afraid",  
**THROUGH JESUS THE CHRIST,  
AMEN.**

### **Notices**

*We stand for*

### **The Litany for Mothers' Day:**

All who gather here are sons or daughters.

**WE PRAISE GOD FOR THE WOMEN WHO GAVE US LIFE.**

For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,  
**WE GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.**

For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,  
**WE PRAY FOR PEACE.**

For relationships that are strained  
and no longer a source of joy,  
**WE PRAY FOR HEALING.**

For mothers who have died, who live  
no longer with us, but whose light  
shines on in our hearts and  
memories,  
**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO  
MOURN,  
AND GIVE GOD THANKS FOR  
LIFE ETERNAL.**

For mothers who grieve, who have  
lost children born or unborn,  
**WE WEEP WITH THOSE WITH  
BROKEN HEARTS.**

For those who are struggling to raise  
children, who are tired and weary,  
**WE PRAY THAT WE MAY BE  
THEIR VILLAGE,  
OFFERING REAL HELP IN HARD  
TIMES.**

For those who are preparing emptier  
nests,  
**WE BOTH CELEBRATE AND MOURN WITH YOU,  
AND HOPE THEIR WINGS ARE AS STRONG AS THEIR ROOTS ARE DEEP.**

For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,  
**WE PRAY FOR WISDOM AND PATIENCE.**

For grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,  
**WE PRAY THE CAREGIVERS HAVE THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM.**

For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world,  
for the women who, created in the image of God,  
give not just life, but abundant life,  
for women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others,  
for women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ,  
for the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers,  
for mothers, in their wide variety and many forms,  
**WE GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.**



*Adapted from Rev. Robb McCoy's Litany, <http://fatpastor.me>*

*Without announcement we sing*

**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:** Little Chorale Suite for Organ: 5, Postludium  
Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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

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# **NZ Crimes Act - Part 7**

## **Crimes against religion, morality, and public welfare**

### **Crime against religion**

#### **123 - Blasphemous libel**

- (1) Every one is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 1 year who publishes any blasphemous libel.
- (2) Whether any particular published matter is or is not a blasphemous libel is a question of fact.
- (3) It is not an offence against this section to express in good faith and in decent language, or to attempt to establish by arguments used in good faith and conveyed in decent language, any opinion whatever on any religious subject.
- (4) No one shall be prosecuted for an offence against this section without the leave of the Attorney-General, who before giving leave may make such inquiries as he or she thinks fit.

Compare: 1908 No 32 s 150

#### **David Seymour**

Seymour said an MP could introduce a private member's bill to repeal the [blasphemy] law. "I have deep respect for religion and the various churches in New Zealand, but I have no respect for people who want to mix religion and politics."

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/92323066/surprise-as-public-figures-told-new-zealand-still-has-antiblasphemy-laws>

#### **Mahatma Ghandi**

"He who says politics and religion do not mix understands neither one."

#### **Mark Honeychurch**

Humanist Society vice-president Mark Honeychurch said the blasphemy law was an embarrassment for New Zealand's global reputation, and meant it had no credibility when criticising theocracies such as Saudi Arabia, which severely punished people for blaspheming.

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# The Knox Church

## Mission Discernment Forums

- pop these dates in your diary -

### Forum Three

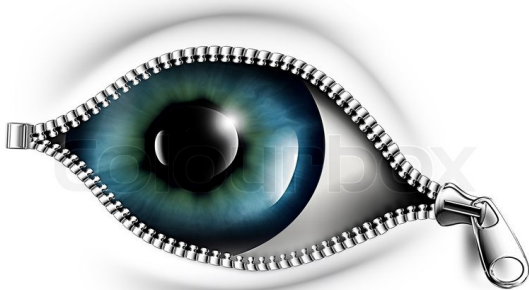


**28 May**, 11:30am – 12:30pm, soup break, then 12:50pm – 1:50pm

- 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)

## THE WORK OF THE GARDENER

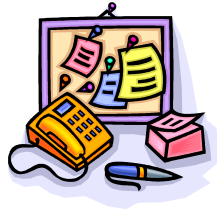
### Forum Four



**25 June**, 11:30am – 12:30pm, soup break, then 12:50pm – 1:50pm

- Having explored various parts of the city, we share what we have seen, thought, learned and become interested in.
- We share our chosen news stories from around the city, the country and the world.
- We work out where our focus is falling.
- Closing Reflection: Looking at Saints and Stirrers

## WITH OPENED EYES



## NOTICES

**This Week: 13 May 2017- 19 May 2017**  
Today 10.00am Morning Worship.  
Monday 7.30pm Fireside Group – **see below**  
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study in Committee Room

**Next Week: 20 May 2017 – 26 May 2017**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
11.15am Faith, Film and Fiction – **see below**  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study in Committee Room

**Knox Fireside Group** - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be on Monday May 15 at 7.30pm in the Knox lounge. The speaker will be Lucy Carey Dietician who will speak about diet and cooking as we get older. All Welcome.

**The Christchurch Group of the Sea of Faith Network** - will meet in the lounge at the rear of St Ninians Church, Riccarton on Friday 19th May at 5pm. It is 500 years since Martin Luther went public with his 95 theses, we will look at his life and times, and the changes in process in Europe, that enabled the dissemination of his views. We will begin by listening to a short BBC radio 4 programme on Luther from the "Beyond Belief" series.

**NZ Christian Writers Seminar** – The importance and power of writing from a Christian Worldview with George Bryant. Saturday 20 May at Christchurch North Methodist. Contact Dave Palmer, 027 2165743 or [davepalmer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:davepalmer@xtra.co.nz).

**Faith, Film and Fiction** – Kim Bathgate will present two books: **Wild Boy** by Brando Yelavich and **A Philosophy of Walking** by Frederic Gros. (postponed from 23<sup>rd</sup> April).

**Allegheny College Chamber Choir** – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm at Knox Church. The choir are students of the highly regarded Allegheny College in Pennsylvania, USA. Most of the choir members are specializing in a variety of disciplines and come together for music. They have travelled widely in American and Europe and are currently touring the Pacific

region for the first time. Entry \$10 waged, \$5 unwaged. CDs will also be available for sale.

**Variety Concert** – To raise funds to send a delegate to the next Asian Church Women's Conference in Bangkok, October 2018. St Albans Uniting Church, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm. Afternoon tea to follow. Tickets \$15. See Jennifer McKinnon.

**Christchurch Girls' High School Music Concert** – Thursday 1 June, 7pm in Knox Church. Students of all instrumental and choral groups present and evening of music. Gold coin entry.

**Soup Makers!!** – A vital part of each Forum is the soup and bread midway during the session. It would be great if we could spread the soup making for the next 3 Forum Sundays (last Sundays of May, June and July). If you can help, please see Jennifer McKinnon or Janet Wilson.

**Knox Life** - Contributions are invited for our next issue of Knox Life. Articles, book or film reviews, poems etc are welcome. Please send to the Knox office by the end of May.

**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](mailto:janetwilson@clear.net.nz)**

Theology and Religion Distance Papers 2017

# Enrol for Semester 2

BIBS 121	Interpreting the New Testament
BIBS 132	Introductory New Testament Greek Language 2
BIBS 211/311	God, Land and Exile in the Hebrew Prophets
BIBS 322/423	The New Testament Epistles
CHTH 111	Doing Theology
CHTH 131	God and Ethics in the Modern World
CHTH 212/312	Spirit, Church and Sacraments
CHTH 221/321	Karl Barth and Public Theology
CHTH 319/415	Christian Ethics and Reconciliation ( <i>Intensive course, Auckland, 3-7 July</i> )
HEBR 132	Introductory Biblical Hebrew 2
PAST 215/315	Christianity, Society and Ministry in NZ
PAST 318/MINS 410	Pastoral Care in Dying, Grief and Loss
RELS 101	Judaism, Christianity and Islam
RELS 205/305	World Christianity

For additional information go to [otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/](http://otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/)

Enrolment for Semester Two papers closes 25 June 2017. Please visit [otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/](http://otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/)

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## Explore faith, yourself and the world ...



# South Sudan Famine Appeal

The race is on to save lives in South Sudan. The United Nations declared famine in Unity State in February. By July, it predicts 5.5 million people (47% of the population) will be in desperate need of food, a consequence of drought and conflict. Many are already surviving on the traditional hunger food, wild leaves.

CWS partner the Maridi Service Agency is helping displaced people with livelihood support in Maridi. ACT Alliance South Sudan (Action by Churches Together) is assisting people across the country but we are appealing for those in worst hit Unity and Bahr Al Ghazal States. Your donation will provide lifesaving food and commodity vouchers now, and help with replanting so families can soon feed themselves.

**\$96 will pay for seeds, tools and support to grow food.**

**\$133 will pay for a voucher so a family can buy emergency supplies.**

**YES, I want to help the people of South Sudan.** 05/17

**Enclosed is my cheque for:** ☐\$30 ☐\$75 ☐\$100 ☐Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Return to Christian World Service **PO Box 22652 Christchurch 8140**

Or phone **0800 74 73 72** or go to [www.cws.org.nz/donate](http://www.cws.org.nz/donate)

Help South Sudanese survive this double disaster.

*Please donate now.*



Phoro: ACT Alliance/P Jeffrey

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>> Post: Christian World  
Service PO Box 22652  
Christchurch 8140

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### The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 66: 8-20
- John 14: 15-21

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## Keeping in Touch

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