



KNOX CHURCH

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THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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, WHO BORROWED A DONKEY FOR GODLY PURPOSES;
JESUS, WHO USED ANIMALS TO AWAKEN OUR HEARTS;
JESUS, WHOSE ONENESS WITH CREATION
IS A MODEL FOR OUR LIFE.

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

Hymn:

Laast Uns Erfreuen

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne (1623)



1. To you, O God, all creatures sing
and all creation, everything
sings your praises, alleluia!
Your burning sun with golden beam
your silver moon with softer gleam
sing your praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Your living creatures, large and small,
diverse and wondrous, one and all,
sing your praises, alleluia!
They, being true to who they are,
express their joy both wide and far,
sing your praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Now we who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take our part,
sing your praises, alleluia!
Christ goes before us to renew
the way that leads us home to you.
Hear our praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*William Henry Draper (1855-1933)
based on Canticum of the Sun, Francis of Assisi (1182-1226),
adapted by Miriam Therese Winter,
second verse by Matthew Jack (b. 1963)*

Prayer of Approach

Compassionate Jesus,
tradition has you being born among farm animals:
**HAY, NATURALNESS,
THE CREATOR CRADLED
WITHIN THE CREATION.**

Scripture has you telling animal stories:
**BIRDS OF THE AIR,
FISH IN THE SEA,
OXEN FALLING INTO DITCHES.**

We also find you borrowing a donkey,
for a special day.
We find you assuring its owner,
that with you the animal will be safe
and cared for.
**WE SEE YOUR KINDNESS
AND YOUR CARING.**

Loving Jesus,
you show us the respectful husbandry of God.
SO RECEIVE OUR WORSHIP AND PRAISE.

In the light of your respectful husbandry,
we consider in the quiet
our own caring for creation -
**THE ENDANGERED WILDLIFE,
THE EXPLOITED LIVESTOCK,
THE IGNORED COMPANIONS.**

These are somehow emblematic
of the way we run our world.
And so 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:

As we gather, O God,
to give thanks for the animals,
give us the ability to care well for creation.
**ENABLE US TO LIVE WITH FAITH AND GENEROSITY,
KINDNESS AND RESPONSIBILITY.**

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

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.

During the singing of the hymn, you are invited, if you would like to, to light a candle in memory of a beloved pet.



Hymn:

All things bright and beautiful

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.*

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| 1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings -
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings.
<i>All things bright and beautiful . .</i> | 2. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden -
he made them every one.
<i>All things bright and beautiful . . .</i> |
| 3. The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky,
<i>All things bright and beautiful . .</i> | 4. he gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.
<i>All things bright and beautiful . . .</i> |

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

The First Lesson:

Mark 11: 1-6

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.

The Gospel Lesson:

Luke 14: 1-6

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST THE WORD.

Sermon: “Naruto” versus David Slater

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 Kim Bathgate

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Giving thanks for the animals of our world
and all that they have taught us,

WE MAKE OUR OFFERING IN FAITH.

Bless, O God, the food and the money,
AND BLESS US ALSO,

that we may be generous and humane guardians
of the world around us,

**TO THE GLORY OF YOUR NAME,
AMEN.**

Notices

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. Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.

3. 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.

4. Your love be known, compassion
shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.

5. 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. 1931)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: The Teddy Bears' Picnic
John W. Bratton (1867-1947)

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

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Commemorating the Reformation: a Christchurch-based ecumenical event

Tuesday 31st October, at 7:00pm

Knox Church (corner of Bealey Ave and Victoria St)

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation. We all know the story of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenburg. But how do we commemorate this across the churches of different histories? Well, we just do, with participants from many streams including the Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, Anglicans and Independents. With old hymns and new worship styles we will bring our worship, prayer and expressions of unity together under the title "*From Conflict to Communion.*"





Final Exam Recital

Daniel Cooper *Organ*

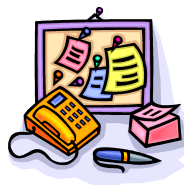


Tuesday 31st October, 5:10pm
Knox Presbyterian Church
28 Bealey Avenue
free entry



**Children under 5 are not permitted
as this is a formal examination*

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NOTICES

This Week: 29 October – 4 November 2017

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.15am Faith, Film and Fiction – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 5 November – 11 November 2017

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Faith, Film and Fiction – Today 11.15am in Lounge- Presentation of two books by the Iranian writer Marsha Mehran about three sisters who fled from Iran and eventually opened The Babylon Café in a tiny village in Ireland. Our last film for the year will be on Sunday 12th November at 5pm: **The Hundred Foot Journey**. Our final book session for 2017 is on Sunday 26th November 11am when Len Pierce will present to us the theology of Martin Luther.

Jonathan Voon Piano Recital – Featuring Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata". **TODAY**, 2pm at Knox Church. Jonathan is a diploma student of Daniel's. Entry \$5

Daniel Cooper Exam Recital – Tuesday 31 October at 5.10pm, Knox Church.

Knox Life - Our next issue of Knox Life will be distributed in November. We would love to have your articles, reviews, poems, photos etc to share with the Knox community. Please email contributions to the Knox office by the end of October.

Christmas Baking reminder—all orders due in at the end of October – if you need more order forms they can be found in the foyer.

Neighbourhood Week - During Neighbourhood Week, Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November, we would like to reach out to some not-for-profit groups in our area by taking their staff some home-baked goodies for their morning tea one day. Would you be able to do a little baking for them? Or would you be willing to deliver our gifts to one of the groups? If so, please contact Jennifer McKinnon (338 0333) or Janet Wilson (338 7203).

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Invite you to the

**2017 ACWC DAY LITURGY
FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN**

Ingathering Service

Friday November 3 2017 at 10am

St Albans Uniting Church

SPEAKER: Rev Kathryn Walters

Morning Tea to follow the Service

Kilmarnock Edition – will be performing Friday 3 November at 7pm in "The Common" at the Bryndwr Village (corner of Ilam and Aorange Roads). This is a fundraiser for the Village Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$15 and include supper. We hope that you will be able to join us for an evening of Celtic songs with audience participation.

Please contact Lesley Compton (Email: murrayc@clear.net.nz), phone: 3583001 or 021 683001 or Anne Stewart (Email: anne@villagechurch.nz) phone: 3514945 if you would like to order tickets.

AGM - The Annual General Meeting of Knox Church will be held on Sunday 5 November immediately after the morning service. Reports and accounts are available in the foyer.

ST ALBANS COMMUNITY CHOIR - “**WITH A SONG AND A SQUEEZE,**” will be on at 5pm, Sunday, November 5, at St Paul’s Anglican Church, 3 Harewood Road, Papanui. This show will be in association with the Christchurch Accordion Orchestra and other guests. Admission is by donation (to a local charity) and will be followed by a light supper. We look forward to seeing you there.

AFTERNOON COMMUNION - At 2pm on Wednesday 8 November we will be having a short communion service in the chapel. This is particularly for those who do not get to our Sunday morning service very often, but of course everyone is most welcome to come. After the communion service we will have afternoon tea and time to chat with each other.

PILLARS - Council has approved that for the first three Sundays in November instead of our food etc donations going to St Georges Iona they will be going to PILLARS. PILLARS is a group that looks after families who have family members in prison. Food especially Christmas type food, toiletries, gifts suitable for children and teenagers etc welcome and will be well used. This is the eighth year Knox has donated goods to PILLARS.



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**

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The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

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Keeping in Touch

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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