

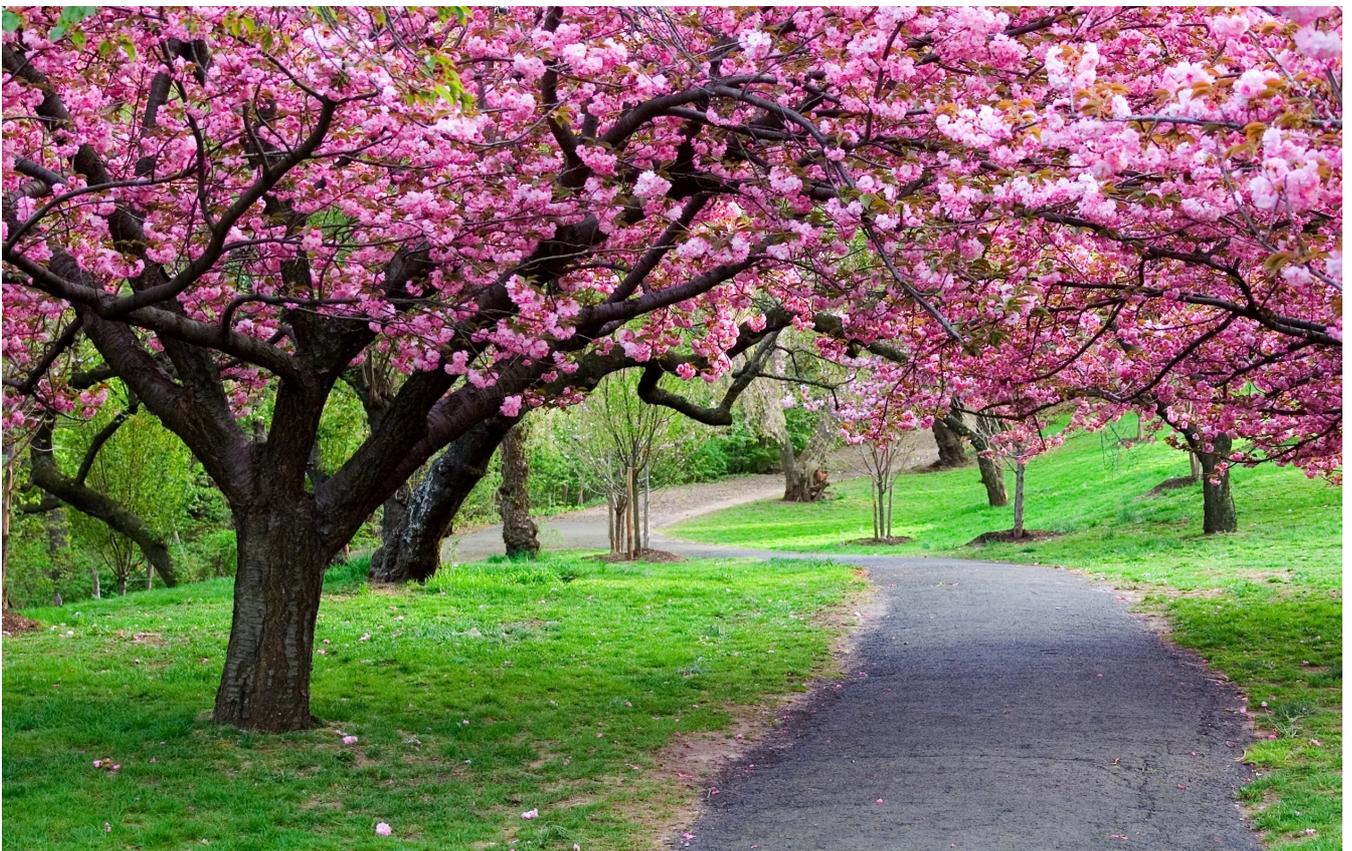


# KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

## **Order of Service** 9 September 2018

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# **THE COMING OF LIFE**

a service of readings, reflections  
and pieces of music  
for Spring Flower Sunday

## 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, ONCE HANGED ON A TREE, BUT NOW ALIVE AGAIN;  
JESUS, THE VINE IN WHOM WE FIND NOURISHMENT AND LIFE;  
JESUS, THE LORD OF GOD'S SPRINGTIME.**

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

### Hymn:

Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



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| <p>1. Give thanks for life,<br/>The measure of our days,<br/>Mortal, we pass through<br/>Beauty that decays,<br/>Yet sing to God our hope,<br/>Our love, our praise,<br/>Alleluia!</p>                       | <p>3. And for our own, our living<br/>And our dead,<br/>Thanks for the love by<br/>Which our life is fed,<br/>A love not changed by time<br/>Or death or dread,<br/>Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>2. Give thanks for those<br/>Who made their life a light<br/>Caught from the Christ-flame,<br/>Bursting through the night,<br/>Who touched the truth, who<br/>Burned for what is right,<br/>Alleluia!</p> | <p>4. Give thanks for hope,<br/>That like the wheat, the grain<br/>Lying in darkness<br/>Does its life retain,<br/>In resurrection<br/>To grow green again.<br/>Alleluia!</p>     |

*Shirley Murray (b. 1931)*

**Scripture Sentence:**

My beloved speaks and says to me:  
'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;  
for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtle-dove  
is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom.

*Song of Songs 2: 10-13*

**Prayer of Approach**

As the earth comes slowly to life,  
as signs of light  
and warmth  
come upon our home,  
**WE CONTEMPLATE THE GOODNESS OF GOD.**

As colour creeps into our world,  
as green and red and pink and blue  
are painted onto our inner eye,  
**WE GLORY IN THE CREATIVITY OF GOD.**

As beauty and intricacy  
are presented to us,  
for our good,  
as they are given  
with a sense of heaven's love,  
**WE MARVEL THAT LOVE HAS FOUND US  
AND MADE US LIVE.**

Glory be to the God  
who brings the Springtime  
**AND TO WHOM WE GIVE  
OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

Yet we pray a prayer of confession:  
for the ruining of creation,  
the destroying of beauty,  
the indifference we display  
to God's call to us  
to love and care for the planet,  
the people,  
and our better selves.

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

*Silence*

### **Assurance and Response**

. . . In the Springtime Spirit of God,  
and in the name of Christ, I say to you:  
you are forgiven and you are free.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **Prayer of Supplication:**

God of creation;  
beauty and life  
are your gifts to us.  
At every time  
and in every season  
you bless us with love and grace.  
**GIVE US MOMENT  
TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY AROUND US,**

**THE LOVE UPHOLDING US,  
AND THE FUTURE TO WHICH YOU CALL US,  
THAT WE MAY SERVE AND SPEAK  
YOUR LOVING PURPOSES FOR ALL CREATION.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
who taught us to pray, 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**



## A Prayer of Blessing for the Flowers:

O God, your goodness is stamped on creation.  
Its beauty echoes yours.

**WE THANK YOU FOR THESE FLOWERS.**

O Christ, you spoke of the flowers of the fields.  
You said if God clothed them, who neither toiled nor worried,  
then how much more would God clothe us.

**WE THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR FAITH IN GOD'S GOODNESS.**

O Spirit of God, bless these flowers,  
that, as they are handed to people today,  
they may become signs of divine love  
and human caring.

Brighten the homes to which they will go,  
**AND FILL ALL OUR HOMES  
WITH PEACE.**

We pray this in Jesus' name.  
**AMEN.**



*Young ones are welcome to enjoy activity sheets and toys in the children's corner at the rear of the church.*

## Hymn:

Lucerna Laudoniae

David Evans (1874-1948)



1. For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
*Christ our God, to you we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.*

2. For the beauty of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light,  
*Christ our God . . .*

3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight,  
*Christ our God . . .*

4. For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
Pleasures pure and undefiled,  
*Christ our God . . .*

5. For each perfect gift divine  
To our race so freely given,  
Joys bestowed by love's design,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
*Christ our God . . .*

*Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt.*

## **A Series of Readings, Reflections and Pieces**

### **Reading:**

Genesis 2: 8-9, 15-17

### **Reflection:**

Living in the garden

### **A Musical Response**





**Reading:** Isaiah 11: 1-2

**Reflection:**

The stump and the shoot

**A Musical Response**

**Reading:** Acts 5: 27-32

**Reflection:**

The empty tree

**A Choral Response:**

Hymn study on  
"O love that wilt not let me go",

Tune: St Margaret,  
*Albert Lister Peace*  
(1844-1912)



"O cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee:  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be."

*George Matheson (1842-1906)*

**Reading:** John 15: 1-5a

**Reflection:** In the vine

**Prayer**



**Hymn:**

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Welsh traditional melody



1. For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for these gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

*Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*led by Len Pierce*

### The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

From small buds

**MAY GOD GROW GREAT FLOWERS.**

From early Spring

**MAY GOD MAKE A WONDERFUL SUMMER.**

Into cold and dark places

**MAY GOD PLACE WARMTH AND LIGHT.**

And from this ordinary offering

**MAY GOD BLESS THE WORLD  
AND US IN OUR SERVICE.**

Through Jesus, God's prophetic flowering,  
**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. 1930)*

**Benediction** and **Sung Amen**

**Organ Postlude:** Waltz of the Flowers  
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)



“time and space/s”

Arvo Pärt *Salve Regina*  
Benjamin Britten *Missa Brevis in D*

The Knox Singers *Chorus*  
Daniel Cooper *Director*

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm, Knox Church 28 Bealey Avenue  
Programme entry \$20/\$25  
[www.knoxchurch.co.nz](http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz)



## NOTICES

### **This Week: 9 September – 15 September 2018**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship – Spring Sunday
	4.00pm	Knox Film Group – <b>see below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study
Friday	2.00pm	Afternoon Communion

### **Next Week: 16 September – 22 September 2018**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Monday	7.30pm	Knox Fireside Group – <b>See below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

**Spring Sunday Today** - Thanks you for your contribution of flowers. Cards in named envelopes are available on the front bench for those who are able to make deliveries

**Knox Film Group** – The film “Boy” at 4pm in the Lounge. All welcome

**Afternoon Communion** - The next afternoon Communion is this Friday September 14 at 2pm in the Knox Chapel. All are welcome to attend

**Presbytery Review Meetings** - All are invited to the Presbytery Review meetings which will be held in Christchurch this week. This is your opportunity to have your input into the workings of Presbytery after the amalgamation of small presbyteries to one large presbytery was forced upon us.

- **Wednesday 12th September - 7pm at St Luke's Halswell** (438 Halswell Rd) Followed by supper at 8.30pm
- **Thursday 13th September - 2pm at St Luke's ChCh North**, (2 Daniels Rd) Followed by afternoon tea
- **7pm at St Paul's Trinity Pacific**, (45 Fitzgerald Ave) - Followed by supper

**Prophets in the Cathedral** - Sunday Evensongs, 5pm @ The Transitional Cathedral. **Sunday 16 September:** Rev Dr Steve Taylor will be giving a seminar on ‘Craftivism: the prophetic mission of Dorcas, Lydia, handmade letters of protest and knitted Christmas angels’. Steve will speak at 6pm. Discussion with soup and rolls to follow. All welcome!

**Knox Fireside Group** The next meeting of the Knox fireside Group will be on Monday September 17 at 7 30pm in the Knox lounge. Speaker will be Jennifer McKinnon will unravel the mysteries of the FLC. All are welcome to attend

**Kate Sheppard Memorial Trust Suffrage 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser** – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at Knox Church start 6.30pm (seated by 6.15pm). An evening of entertainment, mixing and mingling with refreshments . Tickets: KSMT Friends/Unwaged \$25, Waged \$45. Tickets through Eventbrite (visit [goo.gl/ykQ9vC](http://goo.gl/ykQ9vC)) or contact Judith Sutherland 021 031 3705.

**A New Zealand Prayer Book: Past, Present and Future** - A Celebration Evening of Geoffrey Haworth's recently published history of A New Zealand Prayer Book. **Wednesday 19 September**, 7pm to 9:15pm, at St Barnabas' Church Hall, Fendalton Road, Christchurch. Gold coin koha, all very welcome. Enquiries to Claire Bonner, [admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz](mailto:admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz)

**Time and Space/s** – The Knox Singers Chorus with Daniel Cooper Director. Arvo Part – Salve Regina, Missa Brevis in D – Benjamin Britten. Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, Knox Church, 28 Bealey Ave. Programme entry \$20/\$25.

**Introduction to Te Reo Maori for Liturgy 2018** - This year's course is 7pm to 9.15pm Tuesday evenings, 16 October to 20 November inclusive, and will be hosted at Te Heparā Pai, 290 Ferry Road, Christchurch. Course cost is \$60pp. Enquiries, expressions of interest to Claire Bonner, Administrator, Theology House: [admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz](mailto:admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz)

**Mission Discernment Meeting - 16 September** - see detailed notice on page 15. We will break for soup and bread mid way. If you can provide a crock pot of soup would you let Jennifer McKinnon know . Either today or 3380333 or [jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz)

*Knox church values the support of all who are involved in our community's life.*  
**Acting Council Clerk** – From 1 September for approximately 3 weeks Jean Brouwer will be acting Council Clerk. Jean's phone number is 355 6534.

*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 [janmwil507@gmail.com](mailto:janmwil507@gmail.com)*



## **Writing our Next Chapter - completing our mission discernment -**

Last year, through five mission discernment forums, we did some really good mission discernment work. Roughly 30 people contributed. We clarified what kind of church we are, what kinds of concerns are central to our faith, and what sorts of activities might call us over the next few years. A summary of our work, with various mission options (sorted into the PCANZ's agreed five faces of mission) was sent to the Church Council. Council's response was mainly centred on publicity and advertising - and a number of publicity strategies are being explored. Council has, however, recognized that publicity and mission are different things. Following a session with Rev. Darryl Tempero, Presbytery's Resource Minister and "mission coach", Council decided in August that it would be wise to present the mission options back to the group that had so skilfully produced them - hoping that one or two main priorities might be chosen.

During the Tempero session, we were encouraged to critique the various mission options in the light of what we had said concerning our understanding of the work of God; namely:

- *people are given an identity*
- *people are nurtured*
- *promises are made and kept*
- *people respond to the promises by journeying together in faith*
- *demanding human experiences like exodus and exile are reflected on constructively, such that a celebratory, hopeful way of life comes forth*
- *the teachings of Jesus are valued*
- *conflicted, divided humanity grows into a new, inclusive community of love*
- *love takes central place*

So next week, Sunday 16 September, we will hold a discernment forum, beginning at 11:45am. Especially if you were involved in the previous forums, you are encouraged to come along. As usual, we will break for soup and rolls, and aim to finish by 2:00pm.

Pick up a mission options paper from the table in the foyer this morning.

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**A ROCHA**  
Conservation and Hope

# RICH LIVING

EXPLORING SUSTAINABILITY AND CHRISTIAN FAITH

**FRI 28 Sept 2018**

South West Baptist Church  
244 Lyttelton Street,  
Spreydon  
7.30pm

*A free dynamic  
creative worship  
evening featuring  
Steve Graham.*



**SAT 29 Sept 2018**

Cashmere Presbyterian Church  
2 Macmillan Avenue, Cashmere  
9am – 8pm

*A mix of practical workshops, discussion panel,  
prayer, walks, meals and networking – with an  
emphasis on what Christians can do to make a  
difference. Registration required.*



**SUN 30 Sept**

Come and explore sustainability and Christian faith at the Sunday services of our Rich Living weekend partner churches and other churches in the Christchurch area as part of the Season of Creation.

CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

grace VINEYARD CHURCH

+++ SOUTH WEST BAPTIST CHURCH



For more information and to register for the Saturday event, please visit:  
[www.arocha.org.nz/events/rich-living-christchurch/](http://www.arocha.org.nz/events/rich-living-christchurch/)



## The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Mark 8: 27-37

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