



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 16 September 2018

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*a picture of Emma, Roy and Jesus-Valentino*

# WHO WE ARE

## 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, TOPIC OF GOSSIP FOR THE WIDER WORLD;**

**JESUS, INSPIRATION OF THOSE WHO KNEW AND LOVED HIM;**

**JESUS, ASKING US TODAY “WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”**

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

**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

St Denio

John Roberts (1822-1877)



1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting nor wasting, but ruling in might;  
your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. Your life is life giving to both great and small,  
in all life you're living, the true life of all:  
we blossom and flourish, as leaves and as flowers,  
then wither and perish, but naught dims your powers.
4. So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,  
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we now render, as your angels do;  
in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

*Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Cracks appeared in the invisible, O God.  
From the light inaccessible, details bled through.  
**WE BEGAN TO SEE THE WHOLLY OTHER.**

The gentle carpenter came forth,  
telling his tales,  
forgiving the foolish.  
**WE NOTICED HIS LOVE.**

As he did his deeds,  
spoke his words,  
worked his works,  
**WE BEGAN TO NOTICE HIS HEART.**

And from his heart  
came forth lessons to learn,  
blessings to receive,  
**LIFE TO LIVE.**

He was the Christ,  
the child of God.  
He was the keeping of the promise,  
**IN WHOM WE CAME TO LIFE.**

We began to praise him,  
to talk about him,  
to try to describe him for others.  
**WE TRIED TO LET HIS LIFE  
INFUSE OUR LIFE,  
MOVING AND GROWING IN HIS GRACE.**

As people asked us “who is he?”  
our hearts and minds took flight.  
**WE WANTED TO SAY  
“IT IS IN HIM THAT WE LIVE AND LOVE”.**

Yet one day we stilled his voice,  
we turned off his heart.  
We said “enough of seeing what is good”,  
**“ENOUGH OF LIFE AND LIGHT”.**

He was handed over to executioners,  
**ABANDONED BY US ALL.**

Shut the crack,  
**PUT OUT THE LIGHT;**  
close the revelation,  
**HIDE THE SHOWING OF LIFE.**

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

*Silence*

### **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 of the opening heart,  
you revealed yourself in Jesus,  
and enabled people like Peter  
to see what was shining forth.  
You gave moments of insight  
into your nature  
and into whom we are called to be.

**AS YOU DID WITH PETER,  
DO WITH US.  
ENABLE US TO KNOW YOU,  
AND TO FIND, IN THE KNOWING,  
WHO WE ARE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
and as us 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 ones are welcome to enjoy toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.*

## **The Baptism of Nate Harvey Mitchell and Nina Hansen Mitchell**

### **Introduction:**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we come now to baptize Nate and Nina.

Baptism reminds us that God values each one of us. God's love is already around Nate and Nina. God wants for them a life of love, joy and achievement.

Through this baptism we receive them into the fellowship of the church and begin to care for them as a member of our church family.

In this act we are declaring our faith in God and we are stating our responsibility as parents, grandparents, extended family, friends, and as Christians, to help Nate and Nina to grow into people who will be able, with energy and joy, to live lives of faith, hope and love.

By sharing this sacrament we all take on ourselves the responsibility to play our part in spreading love, joy, hope and faith to all people.

*(Nate and Nina's family and friends come forward to the font.)*

### **Baptismal vows:**

Minister: (to parents) Do you promise, as far as you are able to, to build your family life on the love and truth that the church has taught us?

Parents: Yes, we do.

Minister: And do you promise to go on giving expression to that love and truth, for the sake of your own children, all the children among us and every human being?

Parents: Yes, we do.

Minister: (to congregation) And all of you, relatives and friends, do you receive these children in the name of Christ?

Congregation: **YES, WE DO.**

Minister: Will you endeavour to support them and their parents through life with Christian love and understanding?

Congregation: **YES, WE WILL.**

*Water is poured into the font.*

*The congregation stands for*  
**The Prayer of Consecration**

*The minister says:*

May God be with you.

**AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Lift up your hearts.

**WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the gift of water:

in the beginning you moved over the waters

to bring order out of chaos;

from the great flood in the days of Noah

you saved those on the ark;

through the Red Sea you led your people to freedom

from slavery in Egypt;

across the river Jordan you led Israel to the land you promised;

in the waters of the Jordan our Lord was baptised by John

and anointed by the Spirit.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, bless **this** water

and Nate and Nina who will be baptised in it;

that they may be born anew

of water and the Spirit,

be raised to new life in Christ,

and continue to be his faithful disciples;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

## **The Baptism**

*The people remain standing for the act of baptism.*

In the name of God, our Father;

in the name of Christ our Lord;

in the name of the Holy Spirit

we baptise you.

*The people respond:* **AMEN.**

*The people sit.*

*Jackie Derrick, leads the*  
**Baptismal Prayer:**

Loving God, you know us by our names, and we belong to you.

We thank you for your grace and faithfulness; for the new life you have created; for these children who have been born among us, and whom you have entrusted to our care.

You have given Nate and Nina ears with which to hear, and eyes with which to see.

Bless too their mouths, so that they may learn how to laugh, and to use human speech.

Bless their hands and feet, so that they may learn to walk and dance and run.

Bless also their minds, so that they may learn from their own experience that everything you have made is good.

May they be secure within their family, growing in wisdom and strength, learning to take the ups and downs of life in their stride.

May we who are mature and responsible never cause them to stumble, but rather love them, and lead them to the truth.

Above all, may we help them to grow in knowledge of your love and acceptance and find fulfilment in following the way of Jesus Christ.

We ask these things in Jesus' name,  
**AMEN.**

### **The Presentation of Baptismal Gifts**

**The Knox Singers:**                      The Clare Benediction  
John Rutter (b. 1945)

**The Scripture Lesson:**                Mark 8: 27-37  
  
This is the gospel of Christ.  
**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**Sermon:**      Walking a wee bit more into who we are

The Kathryn Ryan interview referenced in the sermon can be accessed online at: [https://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player?audio\\_id=2018662358](https://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player?audio_id=2018662358)



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.

### **Hymn:**

Kelvingrove

Scottish Traditional Tune



1. Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave your self behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

*John Bell (b. 1949)*

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*led by Andrew Johnston*

### The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

As Jesus is the Christ,

**SO MAY WE BECOME THE HANDS AND FEET OF GOD.**

As Jesus blesses us with who he is,

**SO MAY THIS OFFERING BLESS THOSE TO WHOM IT GOES.**

Through Jesus,

**AMEN.**

### Notices

#### Hymn:

Wolvercote

William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950)



1. O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
Lord, be for ever near me,  
my master and my friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.
2. O let me feel you near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,

the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw me nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
Lord, speak to reassure me,  
to chasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
true guardian of my soul.
4. Lord, let me see your footmarks  
and in them plant my own;  
that I may follow boldly  
and in your strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my friend.

*John Ernest Bode (1734-1820)*

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Simon Meehan,  
Canterbury Caledonian Society Pipe Band

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

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## NOTICES

**This Week:**                **16 September – 22 September 2018**  
Sunday                10.00am    Morning Worship  
Monday                7.30pm     Knox Fireside Group – **See below**  
Wednesday           10.00am    Bible Study

**Next Week:**            **23 September – 29 September 2018**  
Sunday                10.00am    Morning Worship  
Wednesday           10.00am    Bible Study

**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, who 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)

**PCANZ General Assembly Volunteers Needed** - On Wednesday 26th September 10am -1230pm lunch provided at St Albans Uniting Church. This is a morning to collate and put together the registration packs for the upcoming General Assembly. If you would be willing and available to help Liz would love to hear from you. PH 027 2577112 email [pcanzassembly2018@gmail.com](mailto:pcanzassembly2018@gmail.com)

**To Kill A Mockingbird** - Wednesday 26 September 7.00pm at the Aurora Centre, Burnside High School production of To Kill A Mockingbird. See Bronwyn for details. Cost \$5

**Knox Book Group** - Sunday 30th September 11.15am in committee room: "A Man you can bank on" by Derek Hansen.

**Sunday lunch** – join a group of Knox people for a casual lunch on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Meet at noon in the Oderings Barrington Garden Centre café, next to the Z petrol station in Stourbridge St, just off Barrington St. A variety of foods is on offer in pleasant surroundings. If interested, please add your name to any of the lists that are placed at each entrance of the church or email [jannekenyuysink@gmail.com](mailto:jannekenyuysink@gmail.com). Names required by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of September.

**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.

**Church Outing to Canterbury Museum Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm** - To view display of "Wild Life Photographs of the Year" 100 photographs on loan from National History Museum London This exhibition is well worth seeing and will be followed with Coffee at Robert Harris Coffee shop in the YMCA building

**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)

***If anyone has any Church tea towels they have forgotten about, please could you return them. Many thanks.***

**Acting Council Clerk** – From 1 September for approximately 3 weeks Jean Brouwer will be acting Council Clerk. Jean's phone number is 355 6534.

**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 [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 today, after church, 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. The mission options paper is available on the table in the foyer.





# "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)

## **American psychologist, Arthur Aron, offers 36 questions he reckons can connect people deeply.**

### **Here are the first twelve:**

1. Given the choice of anyone in the world, whom would you want as a dinner guest?
2. Would you like to be famous? In what way?
3. Before making a telephone call, do you ever rehearse what you are going to say? Why?
4. What would constitute a "perfect" day for you?
5. When did you last sing to yourself? To someone else?
6. If you were able to live to the age of 90 and retain either the mind or body of a 30-year-old for the last 60 years of your life, which would you want?
7. Do you have a secret hunch about how you will die?
8. Name three things you and your partner appear to have in common.
9. For what in your life do you feel most grateful?
10. If you could change anything about the way you were raised, what would it be?
11. Take four minutes and tell your partner your life story in as much detail as possible.
12. If you could wake up tomorrow having gained any one quality or ability, what would it be?



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

- James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a
- Mark 9: 30-37

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