



KNOX CHURCH

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GREATNESS

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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 WHOM GOD'S GREATNESS DWELLS;

JESUS, EXPOSING SHALLOW PRACTICE OF POWER;

JESUS, CALLING US TO WELCOME THE LITTLEST AND THE LEAST.

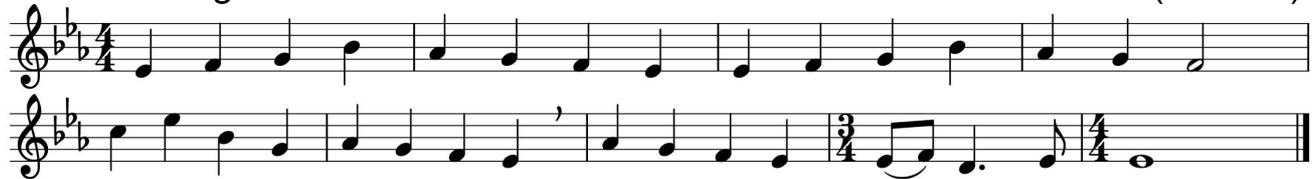
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Servant Song

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)



1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
'till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

Prayer of Approach

We saw him serving,
emptying himself
for the sake of the other.
There was a greatness in his humility,
SO WE WANTED TO SERVE.

We saw him being a pilgrim,
walking with others
with faith and purpose.
We saw him learning what it was like
to be like us.
There was a greatness in his enjoying of the other,
SO WE WANTED TO JOURNEY WITH OTHERS.

We saw him holding a light for others.
We saw him bring calm, safety,
and freedom from fear.
There was a greatness in his courage for others,
SO WE WANTED TO PROTECT THE FRIGHTENED.

We saw him weep with the weeping,
laugh with the laughing.
There was a greatness in his empathy,
SO WE WANTED TO CARE.

We saw him singing the song of God's life.
We saw him being in harmony with all God's children.
We saw him stretching heaven's grace to earth.
There was a greatness in his desire to bless,
SO WE WANTED TO BLESS.

We saw such greatness in that gift of a person,
that all our smaller pretensions to power
and wealth
and fame
looked silly.
**HIS GREATNESS
WAS OF A WHOLE OTHER ORDER.**

So we sought to be like him.
In faith and commitment,
in his name,
to one another we sang:
BROTHER, SISTER, LET ME SERVE YOU.

And yet the clambering for greatness.
YET THE OPPRESSION OF THE NEEDY.
Still the boasting and strutting,
AND STILL THE CRUELTY.

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:

After an embarrassing argument
about who was the greatest,
the disciples of Jesus
were helped to see
what true greatness is.
**MAY WE LEARN,
FROM THE TEACHING OF JESUS,
THAT SELF-SAME LESSON.**

May we see in the child,
in the small and non-great,
the counter-cultural secret of the gospel.
**AND THEN MAY WE BECOME LIKE CHRIST,
SHOWING FORTH,
TO THE BLESSING OF OTHERS,
THE LOVING-GREATNESS OF GOD.**

We pray this in Jesus' name,
saying together:

**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 at the moment, young ones are welcome to enjoy toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.

The First Lesson: James 3:13 – 4:3, 4:7-8

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

Music for Reflection: Have mercy, O Lord
Lucien Deiss (1921-2007)
Soprano: Jeni McKinnon

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 9: 30-37

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

Hymn:

Leoni

Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)



1. Community of Christ,
who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.

2. Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.

3. Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound --
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish
into joy.

4. When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
for evermore.

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

Sermon:

Greatness kidnapped and recovered

*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:

Hereford

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pray for a world where every child
finds welcome in a sheltered place,
where love is tender, undefiled,
and firmness intertwines with grace. 2. Pray for a world where passion's fire
burns not in force or careless lust,
where God's good gift of deep desire
is safe in arms of faith and trust. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Pray for a nation just and fair
that seeks the welfare of us all,
where leaders guide with prudent care
and nurture life for great and small. 4. Pray for a world where all have voice
and none will batter, rape abuse.
Till then, may all have rightful choice
and pray for wisdom as they choose. |
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Ruth Duck (b. 1947)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Liz Baxendine

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Christ called those who would be great
to serve others,
to give of themselves.

**IN GIVING WHAT WE DO,
IN REMAINING ALIVE
TO THE EVER-NEW CLAIMS OF JESUS,
MAY WE,
IN A HUMBLE, EFFECTIVE WAY,
EXPRESS GOD'S GREATNESS,**

through Jesus, God's child,
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Two Oaks

Music and words: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

The image displays the musical notation for the hymn 'Two Oaks'. It consists of five staves of music, all written in a single treble clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a single line, with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are several accents (apostrophes) placed above certain notes in the second, third, fourth, and fifth staves. The notation is clean and professional, typical of a church music book.



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as a symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*
3. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*
4. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome . . .

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Prelude
Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 23 September – 29 September 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 30 September – 6 October 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

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

To Kill A Mockingbird - The performance on Wednesday 26th has been cancelled, so we will go on Thursday 27th, 7pm at the Aurora Centre, Burnside High School. Cost \$5. Please contact Bronwyn if you would like to go, I will make a block booking: phone 3519445 (leave a message) or 0274797718 (text) or email bronwynwiltshire@gmail.com. Ticket sales will also be available at the door on the night. Anyone welcome. 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 30th. 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. Names required by Monday 24th 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 30th September at 7.30pm, Knox Church, 28 Bealey Ave. Programme entry \$20/\$25.

Church Outing to Canterbury Museum Saturday October 6th 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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Our AGM will be held immediately after the morning service on Sunday 14 October. The written and financial reports will be available to the congregation before the AGM.

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

Welcoming the child

In his radio series, “Nuhaka Dreaming”, Right Rev. John Bluck writes about his childhood in 1950 rural Nuhaka, Hawkes Bay. In his latest episode (broadcast this week), John speaks about how children play, and how the capacity to play like a child might be critical for the world’s future.

He says:

We know a lot more than we did in the 1950s about the importance of play in children’s lives and its power to develop confidence and creativity into adulthood. Back then we knew nothing about any of that. To us it was just messing about, nothing to do with making any deeper connection with the rhythms of the universe.

Learning to play well as a child in Nuhaka has shaped me in ways I’m only now beginning to value.

Dunedin historian Peter Matheson has helped me to do that.

“Who really believes we will be able to argue our way towards a sane approach to global warming,” he writes, “or the cult of violence, or obtain justice for the poor, or find alternatives to our bulging prisons? We may have to dance and play our way there, sing our way out of our inner terrors, our comfortable uncertainties. The knowledge we seek has nothing to do with logic and smart analysis and dollar signs. It’s about rebirth and recovering the child within us.”



The Mission Discernment Group met last Sunday

As an umbrella theme for our mission venture over the next five years, it recommended the general theme of “peace” - Knox as a Christchurch Centre for Peace and peace initiatives.

Nineteen peace initiatives were floated, and the principle of implementing two initiatives per year for the next five years was agreed, with annual review and adapting / culling as required. (We called this implementation approach “responsible and sustainable”.) Members of the discernment group were invited to identify which of the initiatives seemed best to be implemented first, and will do that over the next two weeks.

In the meantime, Knox Council has approved the workgroups decisions, and enthusiastically looks forward to hearing more.

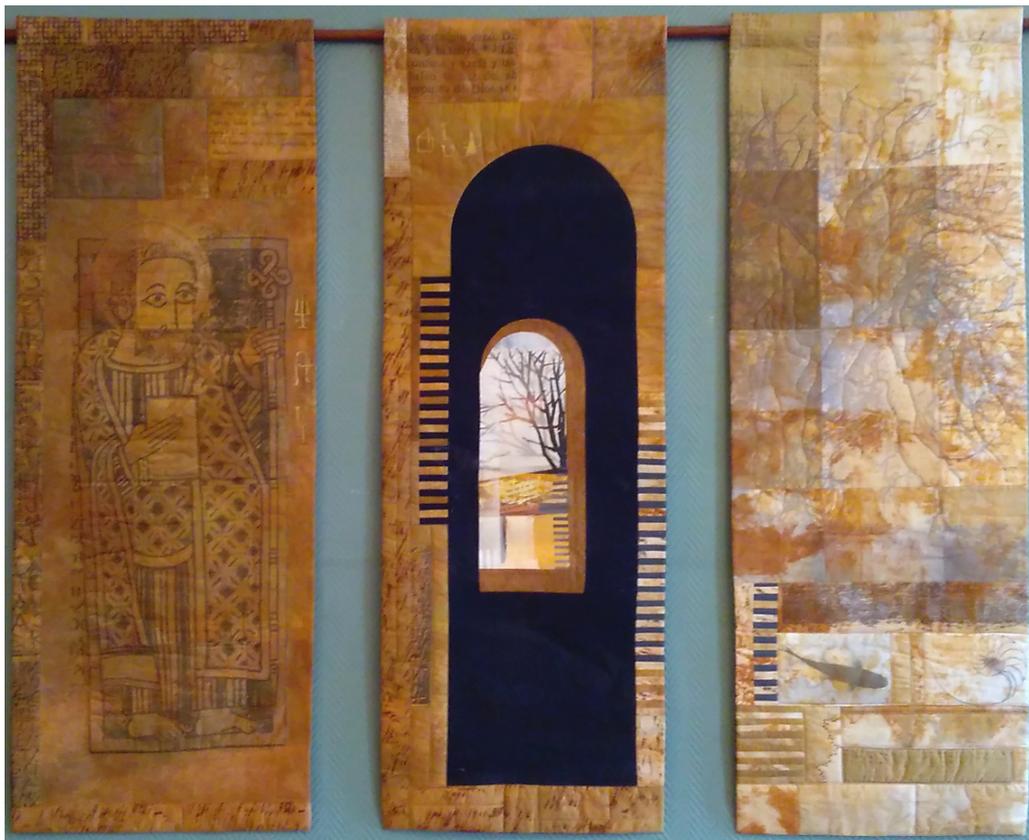
American psychologist, Arthur Aron

offers 36 questions he reckons can connect people deeply.

Following last week’s publication of the first twelve,
here is the next set:

13. If a crystal ball could tell you the truth about yourself, your life, the future or anything else, what would you want to know?
14. Is there something that you’ve dreamed of doing for a long time? Why haven’t you done it?
15. What is the greatest accomplishment of your life?
16. What do you value most in a friendship?
17. What is your most treasured memory?
18. What is your most terrible memory?
19. If you knew that in one year you would die suddenly, would you change anything about the way you are now living? Why?
20. What does friendship mean to you?
21. What roles do love and affection play in your life?
22. Alternate sharing something you consider a positive characteristic of your partner. Share a total of five items.
23. How close and warm is your family? Do you feel your childhood was happier than most other people’s?
24. How do you feel about your relationship with your mother?

A beautiful quilt



This triptych quilt, presented very kindly to Knox by Sue Spigel, hangs in the foyer of the Knox Centre. We will be dedicating it and using it as a thematic focus for our service next Sunday, 30 September.





Alexander was considered great



A fish adept at swallowing reluctant prophets was once described as “great”.



The Bible readings for next week will be posted on the website early next week

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