



KNOX CHURCH

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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.

Please don't leave any items unattended around the church;
they may cause alarm.

We take care to use inclusive language in our services. References to God in traditional prayers and hymns may sometimes be gender-specific. As we pray and sing together, you're invited to adapt the words we've chosen. When we pray the "Lord's prayer", feel free to pray in your first language.

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

**JESUS, CONFRONTING THE POWERFUL WITH GOD'S HUMILITY;
JESUS, BRINGING PEACE AND WHOLENESS TO A WORLD IN NEED;
JESUS, OPENING THE WAY TO THE RENEWAL OF LIFE.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Dam Busters March

Eric Coates (1886-1958)





1. God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble;
and we therefore will not fear
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!
2. There is a flowing river,
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her -
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at God's presence -
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!
3. Come, see the power of our maker,
revealed in Jesus' courage:
wars will cease across the world
when is shattered the spear!
Be still and know your Creator,
uplifted in the nations -
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

*From Psalm 46,
Richard Bewes (b. 1934), alt.*

Prayer of Approach

God, our strength and refuge,
shattering spears and shaking mountains;
you tend and heal us -
YOU MEND OUR LIFE.

God, maker of rivers
and healer of hurts;
you keep and encourage us -
YOU KISS OUR CHEEK.

God, powerful in creativity,
wonderful in working;
you wish us only good -
YOU BEFRIEND AND BLESS US.

Praise be to you
for your kindness.

AMEN. AMEN.

Silence

God, our challenge,
you lay the wero at our feet;
you unmask our folly -
YOU REVEAL OUR FAULT.

God, our redeemer,
you work with who we are, and how we are;
you call us from the leprosy -
YOU REVEAL WHAT IS FALSE.

God, our would-be re-former,
you put prophets and truth tellers among us;
you expose what is pretentious and empty -
YOU ASK US TO CONFESS.

And so we say:

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:

Hearing, O God,
the story of Naaman
and his being healed of his leprosy,
we may well find ourselves considering kings and servants,
the important and the dismissed,
and where the true power to heal finds a home.
**GIVE US GRACE,
AS WE LISTEN AND PRAY,
TO ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE DIRECTED**

**INTO SERVICE AND FAITH,
FOR THE HEALING OF THE WORLD.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
and use the words he gave us:

**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 during the school holidays, young ones are welcome to be at home in the activity area at the rear of the church.

The First Lesson: 2 Kings 5: 1-7

The Lesson continues: 2 Kings 5: 8-15c

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

Hymn:
Angelus

Heilige Seelenlust, 1657



1. At even, when the sun was set
the sick, O Lord, around you lay;
O in what divers pains they met,
O with what joy they went away!
2. O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
when reached by love that never
ends?
3. From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamour to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.
4. How strong, O God, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of
ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.
5. In conflicts that destroy our health
we diagnose the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills:
is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
6. Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

Verse 1: *Henry Twells (1823-1900)*

Verses 2- 6: *Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

Sermon:

Bursting the bubble

*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: Improvisation

Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Hymn:

Heaven shall not wait

John Bell (b. 1949)





1. Heaven shall not wait
for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:
Jesus is Lord;
he has championed the unwanted;
in him justice confronts its timely end.
2. Heaven shall not wait
for the rich to share their fortunes,
the proud to fall, the élite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord;
he has shown the master's privilege -
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.
3. Heaven shall not wait
for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:
Jesus is Lord;
he has married word and action;
his cross and company make his purpose plain.
4. Heaven shall not wait
for triumphant Hallelujahs,
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:
Jesus is Lord
in our present imperfection;
his power and love are for now; and then for evermore.

*John Bell (b. 1949)
and Graham Maule (b. 1958)*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Liz Baxendine

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We offer money, food and ourselves, O God.

MAY WHAT WE OFFER

BLESS THE WORLD

AND MOVE YOUR PEOPLE CLOSER TO WHOLENESS.

We pray this in the name of Jesus.

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 show
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: Trumpet Voluntary
Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)



NOTICES

This Week: 13 October - 19 October 2019
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship followed by AGM
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 20 October - 26 October 2019
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship - Blessing of the animals
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Knox AGM – Today, immediately after morning service.

BECA CHRISTCHURCH HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Sunday 13 October - Open Day at Knox
1:30pm - 4:00pm



GOING TO THE PEACE BELL - TODAY

Alongside the “Open Church” project, the mission discernment group determined that a second project to trial this year would be a good Knox attendance at the annual Inter-faith prayer gathering at the Peace Bell in the Botanic Gardens. We decided that rather than make a big noise and have a high profile, this year we would just go and take a look (although the minister will conduct a prayer). The more people taking a look, the better. Unfortunately, the Peace Bell event is at 2:00pm on Sunday 13 October, the same day we have our AGM and an open day as part of Heritage Week. Please focus your energies today on the events where you feel you can make the best contribution. However many people willing to go to the Peace Bell event will be served with the minister’s baked beans and bacon for lunch, and walk together to the event. A week or so from now, we’ll reflect on the value of the experience.

SUNDAY LUNCH – The Oderings Barrington café has reopened its doors under new management and a new name and so, on Sunday the 20th of October at 12pm, we hope to meet you at the Kowhai Café, at the Oderings Barrington Garden Centre in Stourbridge St. There is ample parking and cabinet food as well as a small menu are on offer. Please add your name to the list at the church entrance if you would like to join us. Names are required by Monday the 14th. If you didn't put your name down and still would like to come along, you can also email jannekenyuysink@gmail.com but no later than Monday the 14th, please.

KNOX FIRESIDE GROUP - The next meeting of the Fireside group will be on Monday 21 October at 7 30pm in the Knox Church Lounge. Jan Harland will speak about her recent trip to Vancouver Canada. All welcome

KNOX BOOK GROUP – Sunday 27 October, 11.15am in Committee Room.

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 tenth year Knox has donated goods to PILLARS .

KNOX LIFE – Deadline for articles for the next Knox Life – Friday 11 November. Please forward to office@knoxchurch.co.nz

FREE* BUS TRIP TO PEGASUS - If you would like to go and see how Pegasus Town, in the Waimakariri district is developing and stop there for a coffee at the local café, maybe even go for a walk around the lake if the weather is nice, then join us for a trip on the number 95 bus on Saturday the 2nd of November. Although buses go hourly, it would of course be nice to travel together: we are looking at catching the 95 bus that leaves from Victoria St, across the road from Knox, at 9.52 (be at the bus stop at 9.45), to arrive at our destination at 10.46. Leave your car in the Knox car park. The Flat White café is not too far from the bus stop and a walk around the lake takes about an hour. To return home, the bus leaves from Pegasus at 12.05, 13.05 and so on.

*Free to holders of a Gold card but of course anyone is welcome; just use your metro card or pay the appropriate fare (see metro website).

Knox church values the support of all who are involved in our community's life. Knox Church is a charity. All charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Bank account 03 1705 0029641 00. Put your name in the reference field and email your contact details to the office or donations secretary. For further information or options contact: office@knoxchurch.co.nz Ph. 3792456 or Janet Wilson, Donations Secretary janwil507@gmail.com Ph. 338 7203.



Baking for Christmas



As we did last year, we will do baking for Christmas with all proceeds going to the Rebuild. There will be Christmas Cakes: Small 10cm, Medium 15cm, Large 22-23cm, Truffles, Afghans and Shortbread made by Doug Shaw.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

All recipes and some ingredients will be given. Can you make Christmas Cakes or Truffles?

Donation of money to go towards the ingredients, seek and collect orders.

TIMETABLE

- October – order forms go out
- October 31st – all order forms to be returned
- November – make Christmas Cakes and Truffles
- December 7th – morning pack baking ready for delivery.

If you can help in anyway please contact:

Jennifer McKinnon, email: Jennifer.mckinnon@xtra.co.nz or 338 0333, Jane in the office, email: office@knoxchurch.co.nz or 379 2456. Extra order forms can be obtained from the Church office or from the table in the foyer.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday 20 October, we will be holding our annual “blessing of the animals” service. It’s been our regular practice to include a slide show in the service, featuring photos of well-loved pets who are no longer with us. If you have a photo you would like to include, please email it to Matthew (minister@knoxchurch.co.nz) by Wednesday 16 October. Please encourage your friends to bring their animals to the service. We make a brave effort, in light of the attendance of non-human animals, to keep the service a bit shorter than usual.



The Bible readings for next week will be posted on the website during this coming week

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