



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 20 October 2019

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# OF FISH & WORMS

THIS YEAR'S ODD STORY  
FOR 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.

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, PRAISED BY EVERY PART OF CREATION;  
JESUS, THE LOVE AND NATURALNESS OF GOD REVEALED;  
JESUS, IN WHOSE SAFE EMBRACE WE REST.**

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

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

### 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 one God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings -  
God made their glowing colours,  
and made their tiny wings.  
*All things bright and beautiful . . .*
2. The fish that lives in water,  
the worm that tends the grass,  
the lessons from creation  
that wisdom brings to pass.  
*All things bright and beautiful . . .*
3. God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God, Creator,  
who has made all things well.  
*All things bright and beautiful . . .*

Verses 1 & 3, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)  
Verse 2, Matthew Jack (b. 1963)

### **Prayer of Approach**

Somewhere in this world, O God,  
someone is needing shelter.  
Jonah is being tipped into an ocean,  
and soon will be drowning.

**THROUGH YOUR CREATIVE GOODNESS,  
A FISH WILL COME ALONG,  
AND ALL WILL BE WELL.**

Somewhere in this world, O God,  
someone is needing to learn that creation needs caring for.  
Jonah is resenting the mercy extended to the people.

**THROUGH YOUR CREATIVE GOODNESS,  
A WORM WILL COME ALONG,  
TEACH A LESSON,  
AND ALL WILL BE WELL.**

You are not beyond using the animals to help us,  
to teach us,  
to bless us, O God.

**THROUGH YOUR CREATIVE GOODNESS,  
ANIMALS SURPRISE AND DELIGHT US,  
OPENING OUR EYES TO HOW LOVE IS.**

On this Animal Sunday,  
we praise you for affection and love,  
for naturalness and spontaneity.

**WE PRAISE YOU  
THAT NOT ALL YOUR CREATION IS HUMAN,  
BUT THAT ALL CREATION SINGS YOUR PRAISE.**

Hear our silent praises.  
**AMEN.**

*Silence*

Hear also our confession:  
for human activity that blights and saddens creation,  
for animals neglected and hurt,  
for the many ways in which we fail to love and care  
for the living beings that surround us.

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:**

While fish and worms  
may not be high on our list  
of the animals we love,  
they feature in the story  
of Jonah becoming a better person.

**ENABLE US, O GOD,  
TO LEARN FROM THE LEAST LIKELY TEACHERS  
AND KEEPERS  
THAT YOU SEND US.**

May we live humbly in your creation,  
**FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE WORLD.**

This we pray,  
using the words that Jesus 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.*

#### **Meeting the Animals**

When the minister says "We give thanks for *N*",  
the people say "**AMEN**".

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

*Young ones are welcome to move through to the Sala del Sol (upstairs in the Knox Centre) for well supervised, faith-based youth activities.*

**Hymn:**

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Welsh traditional melody



1. For the pets whose love, O, blessed us,  
thanks be to God;  
for the way they've opened up us,  
thanks be to God;  
for the feeding, keeping, holding,  
faithful love us all enfolding,  
better humans they embolden;  
thanks be to God.
2. For the way they know no lying,  
thanks be to God;  
for their calm when we are crying,  
thanks be to God;  
for their simple way of caring,  
gentle company of sharing,  
heaven's nature, yes, declaring;  
thanks be to God.
3. For the ones who've worked in service,  
thanks be to God;  
serving human need and purpose,  
thanks be to God;  
lifting loads and bearing burdens,  
giving help that's always certain,  
faithful 'til the final curtain,  
thanks be to God.
4. 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.

*Verses 1-3, Matthew Jack (b. 1963)*

*Verse 4, Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

### **Contextual Prologue**

**The First Lesson:**      Jonah 1: 11-17

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

### **Contextual Prologue**

**The Second Lesson:**      Jonah 4: 5-11

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

**Knox Singers:**      Hymn Study on “All creatures of our God and King”

**Sermon:**                  Saved and taught: fish and worms

*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 Janet Wilson*



## 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:

Kremser

Eduard Kremser (1838-1914)



1. Sing praise and thanksgiving, let all creatures living  
now witness their maker with gladness and song;  
all glory and honour we bring to God, singing:  
O praise to the Almighty,  
sing praise to our God!
2. God, frame our desiring to do your requiring,  
that unto your glory be all that we do;  
and here, now we've worshipped, give service and healing:  
O praise to the Almighty,  
sing praise to our God!

*Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676), tr. Margaret Barclay (b. 1923),  
adapted by Colin Gibson, then again by Matthew Jack.*

## **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Tuba Tune  
Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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

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## **NOTICES**

**This Week:**                    **20 October - 26 October 2019**  
Sunday                    10.00am    Morning Worship - Blessing of the animals  
Monday                    7.30pm     Knox Fireside Group – **See below**  
Wednesday               10.00am    Bible Study

**Next Week:**                   **27 October – 2 November 2019**  
Sunday                    10.00am    Morning Worship  
                                  11.15am    Knox Book Group – **See below**  
Wednesday               10.00am    Bible Study

**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. Background to the opening of the Berlin Wall on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1989.

**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 .

**TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES: Finding meaning in a consumption driven world** – A conference hosted by The Sea of Faith Network NZ. 12.30pm, Friday 1 – 4.30pm, Saturday 2 November 2019, at All Souls Church Complex, 30 Church Lane, Merivale. Keynote speakers: Bronwyn Hayward, David Hanna and Hana Olds, Merv Dickinson with Amelia Dewhurst, Catherine McFedries, Jim Consedine. A discussion of crucial contemporary issues from philosophical, scientific and spiritual perspectives. All attendees must register. Registration Fee \$50 - \$170 covers morning and afternoon teas, Friday light dinner and Saturday packed lunch. For enquiries contact Doug Sellman on 0274 344456 or [doug.sellman@otago.ac.nz](mailto:doug.sellman@otago.ac.nz) Assoc Prof. Bronwyn Hayward will present "The inaugural Lloyd Geering Lecture", Friday 1 November at 7.30pm. This is a free, open, public meeting within the conference, followed by supper (gold coin koha will be appreciated).

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 FILM GROUP** – Sunday 3 November, 5pm in lounge. "Goodbye Lenin". East Berlin 1989. A mother, who is a stalwart member of the Party, becomes injured during a demonstration and lands up in a coma for several months. Meanwhile, the Berlin Wall opens and life is changed forever.... in German with English subtitles.

**THE KNOX SINGERS:** Are you tired of the same repetitive "auto-pilot" Messiah performances held every year? Want to experience something challenging and enlightening? Then this is the Messiah performance for you!! Join the Knox Singers and Seasoning Ensemble with guest artists for an exciting new interpretation of Handel's "Messiah" SATURDAY 9th November 7:30pm, Knox Church & SUNDAY 10th November 2:30pm, Knox Church. Soprano: Yumeka Hildreth, Alto: Renata van der Wal, Tenor: Fernand Kenel, Bass: Albert Bennett This special production has been designed and prepared by Musical Director of the Seasoning Ensemble and the Knox Singers, Daniel Cooper. "A new MESSiah" will challenge your understanding of Handel's Messiah and baroque music in general, putting a new twist on Handel's old favourite! CASH DOOR SALES \$25 (un-waged) \$30 (waged)

**KNOX LIFE** – Deadline for articles for the next Knox Life – Friday 11 November.  
Please forward to [office@knoxchurch.co.nz](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz)

**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](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz) Ph. 3792456 or Janet Wilson, Donations Secretary [janwil507@gmail.com](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> – all order forms to be returned
- November – make Christmas Cakes and Truffles
- December 7<sup>th</sup> – morning pack baking ready for delivery.

*If you can help in anyway please contact:*

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





## THE PEACE BELL EVENT

On Sunday 13 October, Knox participated in a prayer event, hosted by the Canterbury Interfaith Organisation. Fifteen different faith communities participated. This is the prayer that Matthew prayed.

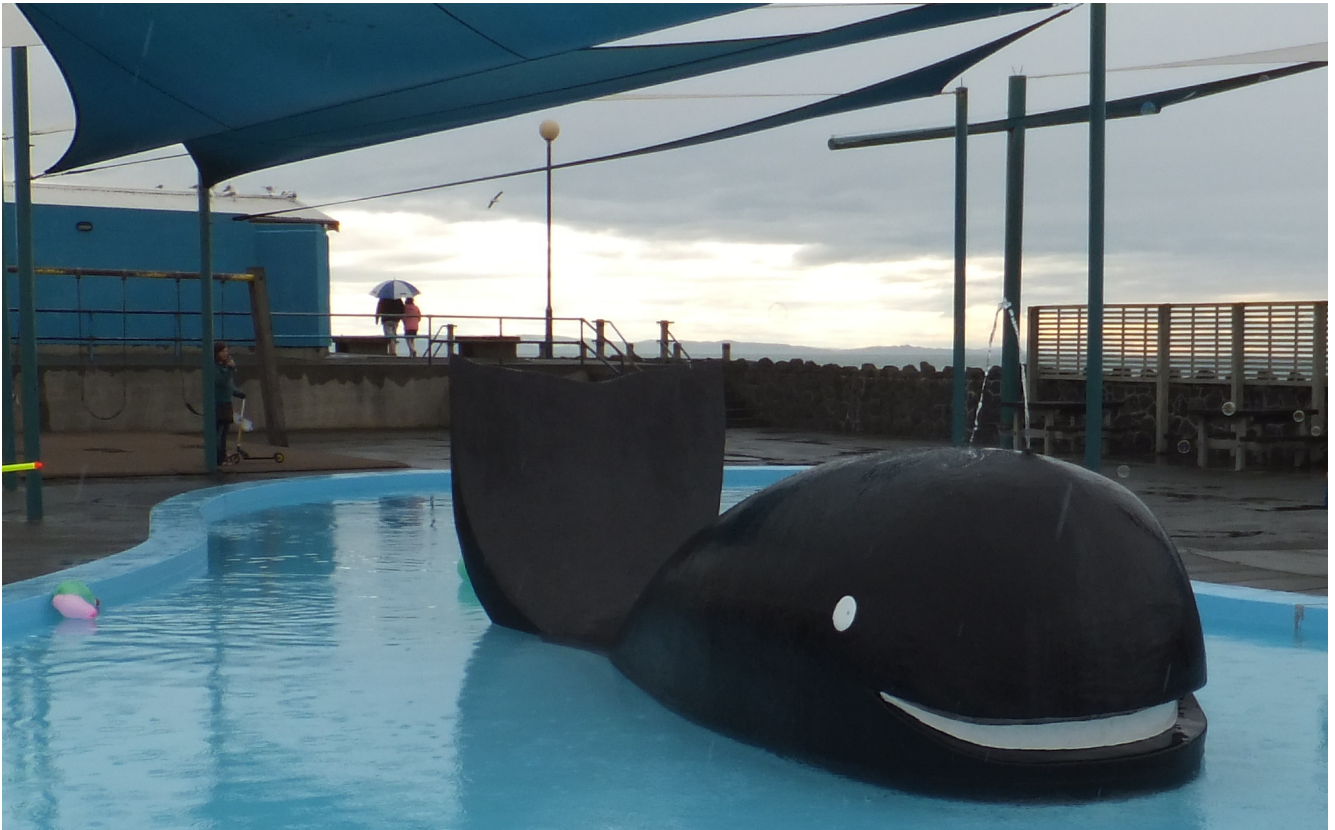
*Gracious and nurturing God,  
that your world,  
entrusted to our care,  
may be a place of grace and peace,  
devoid of hatred, destruction and killing,  
enable us to be your one, united family,  
focussed on building new generations  
of fine and loving people,  
peace-makers,  
and reconcilers in faith.  
Hear this prayer, O God.  
Amen.*



A Whale-Bus

In France, early in the Twentieth Century, Jean-Marc Coté dreamed up, and illustrated the idea of a whale bus.





The now replaced whale pool in New Brighton



A dragon swing in Sumner





On average, 300 dolphins and whales strand on New Zealand beaches each year.  
Why does this happen?



The people of Tirau decided to build their i-SITE office in the shape of a dog.



KNOX  
Singers

Seasoning Ensemble



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

- Psalm 84: 1-6
- Luke 18: 9-14

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