



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 9 February 2020

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## OF WISDOM AND WAIFS

## 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, THE LIVING OUT OF THE WISDOM OF GOD;**

**JESUS, CRUCIFIED, YET WONDROUSLY ALIVE;**

**JESUS, IN WHOSE LIGHT WE LEARN TO LOVE.**

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

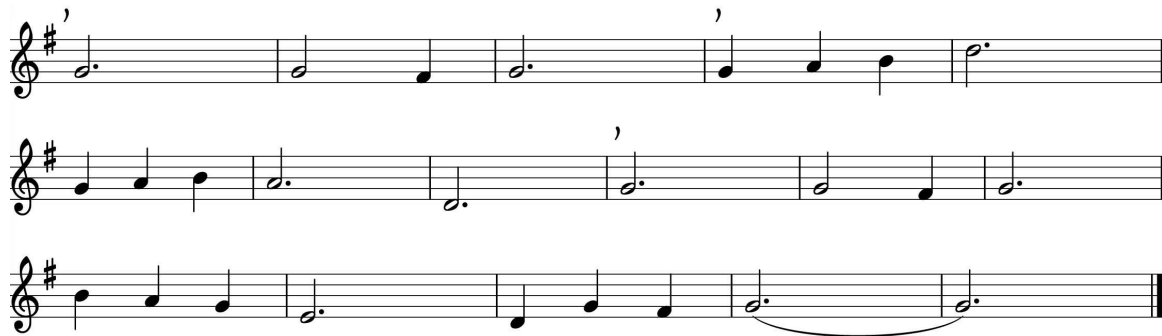
**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

Christ, be our light

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)





1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Chorus:*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church  
gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us,  
make us your living voice.

*Chorus*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Chorus*

4. Longing for shelter people are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Chorus*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Chorus*

*Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Seeking light and truth,  
seeking understanding,  
seeking lessons for our hearts,  
**WE WORSHIP OUR GOD.**

Seeking a faith that will make things better,  
a creed that will heal,  
a song that will make the world more beautiful,  
**WE WORSHIP OUR GOD.**

Seeking peace for the nations,  
and the clothing of the naked,  
seeking the right kind of fast,  
**WE WORSHIP OUR GOD.**

May God be praised,  
**THROUGH JESUS, THE LORD.**

May God also hear our confession.  
Workers are oppressed,  
**AND SELF-INTEREST IS SERVED.**

There is fighting and quarrelling,  
**FALSEHOOD AND HYPOCRISY.**

There is the pointing of the finger,  
**AND THE SPEAKING OF EVIL.**

We worship God,  
**BUT IGNORE GOD'S PEOPLE.**

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:**

Speaking through the prophet Isaiah, O God,  
you declared your concern  
for the naked and the hungry,



for the accused  
and the oppressed.  
You promised light and life  
to those who cared for them.

**OPEN OUR EARS AND EYES,  
OUR HEARTS AND HANDS,  
THAT WE MIGHT UNDERSTAND  
THE WORD OF THE PROPHET,  
AND DO YOUR WILL.**

We pray this in Jesus' name,  
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**

#### **Young People's Blessing:**

Young ones, go to your worship with our blessing.

**TAKE OUR FAITH AND HOPE;  
MAKE NEW THINGS WITH WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN.  
MAY GOD BLESS AND GROW YOU.  
AMEN.**

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

**The First Lesson:**      Isaiah 58: 1-12

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

**The Second Lesson:**    1 Corinthians 2: 1-16

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

**Hymn:**  
Slane



1. Be now my vision, O God of my heart,  
nothing surpasses the love you impart -  
you my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.
2. Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;  
ever within me, my soul is assured;  
Mother and Father, you are both to me;  
now and forever your child I will be.
3. Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,  
you my inheritance, now and always:  
you and you only are first in my heart,  
great God, my treasure, may we never part.
4. Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*Irish hymn dating from c. 8th cent*  
*Translated: Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)*  
*Versified: Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935), adapt.*

**Sermon:** The Parish Boy's Progress

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:**  
St Leonard's Arthur Cyril Barham Gould (1891-1953)



1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power redeeming  
all I do and say.
2. May the Word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour  
so that all may see I triumph,  
by his love empowered.
3. May the peace of God, Creator,  
guide my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort  
sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me  
as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self denying,  
this is victory.
5. May I run the race before me  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus  
as I onward go.

*Katie Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928), alt.*

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*led by Graham Downie*

### The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

As the naked are clothed,  
and the hungry are fed,  
God's will is done.

**MAY THIS OFFERING OF MONEY AND FOOD,  
OF MIND AND HEART,  
BE PLEASING  
IN THE SIGHT OF GOD.  
AMEN.**

### Notices

"We have received the Spirit that is from God,  
so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us . . ."

### 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)*

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Fantasia in D Major  
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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

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## NOTICES

**This Week: 9 February – 15 February 2020**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	4.00pm	Knox Film Group – <b>See Below</b>
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

**Next Week: 16 February – 22 February 2020**

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Southern Baroque Ensemble concert featuring Tomas Hurnik at The Piano 7.30pm.

**Sunday 9th February** - The first film will be **Goodbye Christopher Robin** on at 4pm in the Lounge. Set at end of the First World War the film gives a rare glimpse into the relationship between A.A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin and Milne's creation of the magical world of Winnie the Pooh. It is a compelling film about fame and its effect on family.

**Sunday lunch – 16th of February** come and join us for lunch at the Kowhai Café, at the Oderings Barrington Garden Centre in Stourbridge St. A table has been booked for us for midday and there is ample parking. You can choose from the menu or pick something from the cabinet. If you'd like to come, then please, add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance. Names are required by Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>. If you didn't put your name down and still would like to come along, you can also email [jannekenuysink@gmail.com](mailto:jannekenuysink@gmail.com) but no later than Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>, please.

**Sunday 23 February** – Canterbury Interfaith Society have extended an invitation from the Aldersgate Centre for a "Behind the Scenes Tour" 1- 4pm, a week before the Opening Celebration weekend. Drop in anytime between 1-4pm for a chance to look over this amazing facility at 309 Durham Street North. Gold coin donation.

**Saturday 29 February – Visit Brian and Helen Coker's Garden at West Melton.** This will be an opportunity to see the development since our last visit when the garden was very new. Afternoon Tea will be provided and there will be a charge of \$10 per person which will be donated to the Charity Hospital. It is intended that we car pool, leaving Knox car park at 2pm.

All are welcome. Forms to fill in are at each door. Numbers by Sunday 23 February.

**Saturday 29 February – Sunday 1 March – Opening Celebration Weekend of the Aldersgate Centre (Durham Street Methodist).** There are several functions which you may attend.

- Opening Celebration – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm
- Celebration Dinner – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm
- Sunday Celebration – Sunday 1 March at 10am
- Festival of Music – Sunday 1 March at 2.30pm

Further details can be found on our noticeboards. To register, please contact [opening@aldersgate.org.nz](mailto:opening@aldersgate.org.nz)

**ROSTERS 2020/21** - We need people to join the Rosters for Door Duty and Morning Tea. If you can help, please speak to Jennifer McKinnon or Janet Wilson.

**PRAYER ROSTER** - Due to retirements we are looking for additional people to join the Prayer Roster . If you are interested please contact either Matthew or Jennifer McKinnon for further information.



**SUNDAY FLOWERS** - This year Barbara and Rochelle Howley have taken responsibility for ensuring we have fresh flowers to enhance our Sunday services - thank you both! (We have been enjoying their delightful arrangements for several weeks already.) Last year a number of people provided flowers for the church on a date of personal significance and we invite similar offers for this year. Barbara and Rochelle are happy to arrange any flowers you provide, if you would like them to. Please put your name in the Flower Calendar for the Sunday on which you will offer your gift of flowers or contact Jane in the church office. With the church being open to passers-by several days during the week now, it is especially nice to have fresh flowers as a welcoming gesture to visitors. Your help will be appreciated by all.

**LENTEN PROGRAMME, 2020** - Five Sunday evenings in March / April this year, to explore a Christ-centred spirituality that is friendly to our endangered planet. The sessions, conducted by Len Pierce, will be based on the Canticle of St Francis of Assisi, and will be held in the activity corner in the church, 5:00pm - 7:00pm, March 1, 15, 22, 29, April 5. It is understood that folk may be unable to attend all of the sessions. People are welcome to come as suits.

**KNOX LIFE** - The next issue of Knox Life is planned for March. Contributions are invited to be submitted by Monday 2 March. Please send them to Jane in the Knox office. All contributions welcome.

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 [janmwil507@gmail.com](mailto:janmwil507@gmail.com) Ph 338 7203.

## House Blessing



While Matthew's long-standing intention had been to retire to Dunedin, friends recently suggested to him, persuasively, that a Cantabrian future might make better sense. So, whatever the future may bring, he sold his Dunedin house, and bought one in Christchurch. While a current tenancy agreement means that he won't move into the new house for a while, he took possession of it on Friday. At 2:00pm today (Sunday 9 February) there will be a house blessing at 58 Wyndham Street, Papanui. Bring your voice and love. We'll see if we can do a cup of tea!



## Message from the Moderator

 Presbyterian Church  
of Aotearoa New Zealand

# Waitangi Day Message

31 January 2020

This Treaty of Waitangi message builds on my corresponding message from last year ([read it here](#)). The facts are all there, drawn from historical accounts of the signing of Te Tiriti of Waitangi, 6 February 1840.

I acknowledge the deep grief and loss of the tangata whenua (Maori) that will never be healed or restored again. I feel, also, the hearts and attitudes of the Crown, the generations that are regarded as Te Tiriti partner. And, I know the position of others, like me, who arrived to the shores of Aotearoa as immigrants (manuhiri, visitors), and our part in the nation's journey. It appears complicated, and that it will never be a perfect settlement. There are many and deep injustices and corruption. There is too much pain and suffering, which has left a scar on the land and on the people. But, what is the way forward?

The Waitangi Tribunal is one means of redressing the wrong. And, there must be other ways of moving forward as a united nation. The answer is always in the people, the people, the people.

We cannot turn back the clock. We can only go forward and move on in a deliberate path as a united nation. We must all contribute and be involved as citizens who love and care for each other, and for the land.

I believe that we have made progress in 180 years since the Treaty was signed. It is said that New Zealand is the envy of many nations around the world in regard to the status and recognition Te Tiriti offers Maori.

My perspective is very Christian: "love your neighbour as yourself". My answers are steeped in my faith in Jesus Christ and so, in my view, everyone is my brothers and sisters. It may seem idealistic and simplistic. But, I believe that the answer lies in the attitude and perspective that we can live and coexist as family, as neighbours, as whanau, as tangata tahi - as one people.

We will journey together, bear one another's grief, stand together, live side-by-side, and understand one another. This is my utopian answer to our journey in this God-given land of Aotearoa, New Zealand. We are the people, the people, the people. The generations of today can build an even better future than what is before us now.

Ke ora tatou i te aroha o Ihu Karaiti. May we live in the love of Jesus Christ. Be sacrificial for each other. Be unconditional in love for each other.

Blessings

Right Reverend Fakaofu Kaio

Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

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## **Rev David Brown,**



REVEREND DAVID BROWN

a Presbyterian minister from Noe Valley parish, San Francisco, is taking some study leave in Aotearoa New Zealand in mid-February, to look at some of the things being done in progressive congregations here, including here at Knox. He hopes to be able to hear something of our story and of the values that have driven our mission discernment. He's also happy to run a couple of evening (5:30pm - 7:00pm) workshops for us. On Thursday 20th, he'll speak about dismantling structural racism, and on Thursday 27th, he'll describe how the Presbyterian Church USA came to an inclusive stance on same sex marriage and rainbow leadership. He'll be preaching on Sunday 23rd. The Noe Valley parish website can be found here: <http://www.noevalleyministry.org/>

As mentioned above, David would love not just to speak to us, but also to hear from us. After morning tea on Sunday 23 February, we'll gather in the children's area to talk with him - to tell him our recovery story, and maybe to give him a glimpse into our mission discernment process.



# fast from feast on

Fast from judging others  
Fast from emphasis on differences  
    Fast from despair  
Fast from thoughts of illness  
Fast from words that destroy and pollute  
    Fast from discontent  
        Fast from anger  
Fast from being negative  
    Fast from pessimism  
        Fast from worry  
Fast from complaining  
    Fast from hostility  
    Fast from bitterness  
Fast from constant activity  
    Fast from disrespect  
Fast from lethargy and boredom

Feast on seeing the best in people  
Feast on the unity of life  
Feast on hope  
Feast on the healing power of God  
Feast on words that build and encourage  
Feast on gratitude  
Feast on patience  
Feast on being positive  
Feast on optimism  
Feast on trust  
Feast on appreciation  
Feast on peacemaking and non-violence  
Feast on forgiveness  
Feast on slowing down  
Feast on recognizing the sacred in all life  
Feast on enthusiasm

# Hymn for the House Blessing

## Hymn:

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

Melody from Genevan Psalter 1551



1. All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing out your faith with cheerful voice:  
delight in God whose praise you tell;  
whose presence calls you to rejoice.
2. Know that there is one God, indeed,  
who fashions us without our aid,  
who claims us, gives all we need,  
whose tender care will never fade.
3. Enter the sacred gates with praise,  
with joy approach the temple walls;  
extol and bless our God always,  
as people whom the Spirit calls.
4. Proclaim again that God is good;  
whose mercy is for ever sure;  
whose truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

*William Kethe (d.1594) alt.*



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

- Deuteronomy 30: 15-20
- Matthew 5: 21-37

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