



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 11 April 2021

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# AND AFTER EASTER?

the first-generation Post-Easter community  
realises it has a future,  
so divests itself  
for sustainable proclamation, discernment and sharing

## 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, GOD'S RISEN ONE STANDING AMONG THE PEOPLE;  
JESUS, SECURING A FUTURE FOR THE WORLD IN FAITH;  
JESUS, GIVING SHAPE TODAY TO HOPE AND FAITH.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Alive

Alison Carey (b. 1936)



1. We are an Easter people,  
Ours is an Easter faith,  
The yeast is rising in our hearts,  
Our wine has vintage taste.  
*Christ is risen, Christ is risen, risen in our lives.*
2. We are an Easter people,  
Ours is an Easter faith,  
Our tears are freed to flow and heal  
Our shattered hopes and hearts.  
*Christ is risen . . .*
3. We are an Easter people,  
Ours is an Easter faith,  
Our fears have died, we rise to dream,  
To love, to dance, to live.  
*Christ is risen . . .*

*Bill Wallace (b. 1933)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Christ is risen!

**CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

Let us pray:

Seven days now have passed  
since we celebrated Easter morning.  
Seven days, one whole archetypal cycle of creation,  
since eternal life stretched our wondering  
and made us an Easter people.

**EASTER PRAISES TO GOD  
FROM AN EASTER PEOPLE!**

Seven days and many, many more, O God,  
since human history has had to make room  
for faith and love extended -  
a new sharing of joy and life,  
under the momentum of a rolling grave stone.

**EASTER PRAISES TO GOD  
FROM AN EASTER PEOPLE!**

Seven days, and months and years  
and centuries and millennia,  
since Christ became a perennial presence,

a foundation stone,  
an undying song in the symphony of hope.

**EASTER PRAISES TO GOD  
FROM AN EASTER PEOPLE!**

A new light shone upon us,  
a new era began,  
a new Way, Truth and Life  
gave us a future.

**EASTER PRAISES TO GOD  
FROM AN EASTER PEOPLE!**

*Silence*

We wonder, though, "what now"?  
For despite the newness,  
despite the spreading of the light,  
still people are hungry,  
and dislocated and lonely.  
Still there is a spirit abroad  
that "nothing really matters".

For the indifference of the world  
to the people of the world,  
for greed and possessiveness,  
for the plundering of the planet,  
as if there were no responsibility for tomorrow,  
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:**

God of resurrection power,  
in Christ you gave us the gift of life;  
and in time, you called us  
to share that life

openly and lovingly with others.

**ENABLE US TO LET RESURRECTION  
PLAY WITHIN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS,  
UNTIL WE, LIKE CHRIST,  
BECOME A BLESSING TO THE WORLD.**

We pray this in the spirit and name of Jesus,  
praying as he taught us, saying:

**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.*

*Our next Sunday School day is 2 May. Today the young ones, under the loving care of their significant adults, are welcome to enjoy the play area at the back of the church.*

**The First Lesson:** 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

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

**The Second Lesson:** Acts 4: 32-35

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

## Hymn:

Westminster Abbey

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)



1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of our God and precious,  
binding all the church in one,  
holy Zion's help for ever  
and our confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call you,  
come, O God of hosts, today!  
With your constant loving kindness,  
hear your people as they pray.  
Give your fullest benediction:  
grace to follow Christ the Way.
3. Here renew your servants' vision,  
that by faith we may attain  
peace and hope, renewed compassion,  
strength to comfort those in pain,  
tears and grief transformed to gladness  
in your everlasting reign.

*Urbs beata Hierusalem,*

*Latin, c. 7th cent.*

*Tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866),*

*adapted by Thomas H Troeger, 1992*

## Sermon:

Time to sell the boat

A video of this sermon being practised has been uploaded to YouTube and the link will go live at 10:00am today. Go to: <https://youtu.be/Lmj6thn2Tlq> The script is available at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>, and hard copies are available in the church foyer.

**Music for Reflection:** To the Rising Sun  
Trygve Torjussen (1885-1977)

**Hymn:**  
Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)



1. Christ has risen while earth slumbers,  
Christ has risen where hope died,  
as he said and as he promised,  
as we doubted and denied.  
Let the moon embrace the blessing;  
let the sun sustain the cheer;  
let the world confirm the rumour –  
Christ is risen, God is here!
2. Christ has risen for the people  
whom he loved and died to save;  
Christ has risen for the women  
bringing flowers to grace his grave.  
Christ has risen for disciples  
huddled in an upstairs room.  
He whose word inspired creation  
is not silenced by the tomb.
3. Christ has risen, and for ever  
lives to challenge, and to change  
all whose lives are messed or mangled,  
all who find religion strange.  
Christ is risen. Christ is present,  
making us what he has been –  
evidence of transformation  
in which God is known and seen.

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

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*led by Janet Wilson*

### The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

The first generation Christians  
sold all they had  
to affirm the risen Lord's love for the world.

**WE BRING WHAT WE CAN,  
PRAYING IT MAY MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR GOOD  
IN THE WORLD WHERE CHRIST LIVES.**

May it find God's blessing  
**AND DO GOD'S WORK.  
AMEN.**

### Notices

#### Hymn:

Camberwell

Michael Brierley (b. 1932)



1. God gives us a future,  
daring us to go  
into dreams and dangers  
on a path unknown.  
We will face tomorrow  
in the Spirit's power,  
we will let God change us,  
for new life starts now.
2. We must leave behind us  
sins of yesterday,  
for God's new beginning  
is a better way.

Fear and doubt and habit  
must not hold us back:  
God gives hope, and insight,  
and the strength we lack.

3. Holy Spirit teach us,  
how to read the signs,  
how to meet the challenge  
of our troubled times.  
Love us into action,  
stir us into prayer,  
till we choose God's life,  
and find our future here.

*Elizabeth J. Smith (b. 1956)*

**Benediction** and **Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Improvisation  
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Following the service, morning tea and coffee are served in the church

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**NOTICES**

**This Week: 11 April – 17 April 2021**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Next Week: 18 April – 24 April 2021**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
7.00pm Knox Café – **See Below**  
Monday 7.30pm Knox Fireside Group – **See Below**  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Knitted ANZAC Poppies** available this morning.  
Donations would be appreciated and will be forwarded to the RSA.

**Lenten Programme 2021 - Experiencing Jesus** - Based on the writing of N.J. Scholar Marcus Borg (author of 'Meeting Jesus for the first time'). This relaxed small group setting is an opportunity to answer Jesus' questions to the disciples, 'Who do you say I am' in the light of 21st Century experience. **Time:** Sunday mornings **BEFORE** worship 9am – 9.45 am. **Dates:** Past Easter Jesus April 11, 18. Yes, it is different being before church but it's also a nice and fresh way to start Sunday. The season is still warm! Think about it. **Len Pierce**

**NZ Youth Choir at Knox Church** – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. NZ Youth Choir will hold their final concert for their South Island Tour at Knox. Tickets available from [www.nzyouthchoir.com](http://www.nzyouthchoir.com)

**Sunday lunch 18 April** – Join us for a pleasant lunch in good company at the Urban Eatery café, at Oderings Barrington Garden Centre in Stourbridge St. There is ample parking, and a reservation has been made for us for midday. If you would like to come along, then please, add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance. If you forgot to put your name down but would like to join us, you can also email [jannekenuysink@gmail.com](mailto:jannekenuysink@gmail.com) but preferably no later than Tuesday the 13th.

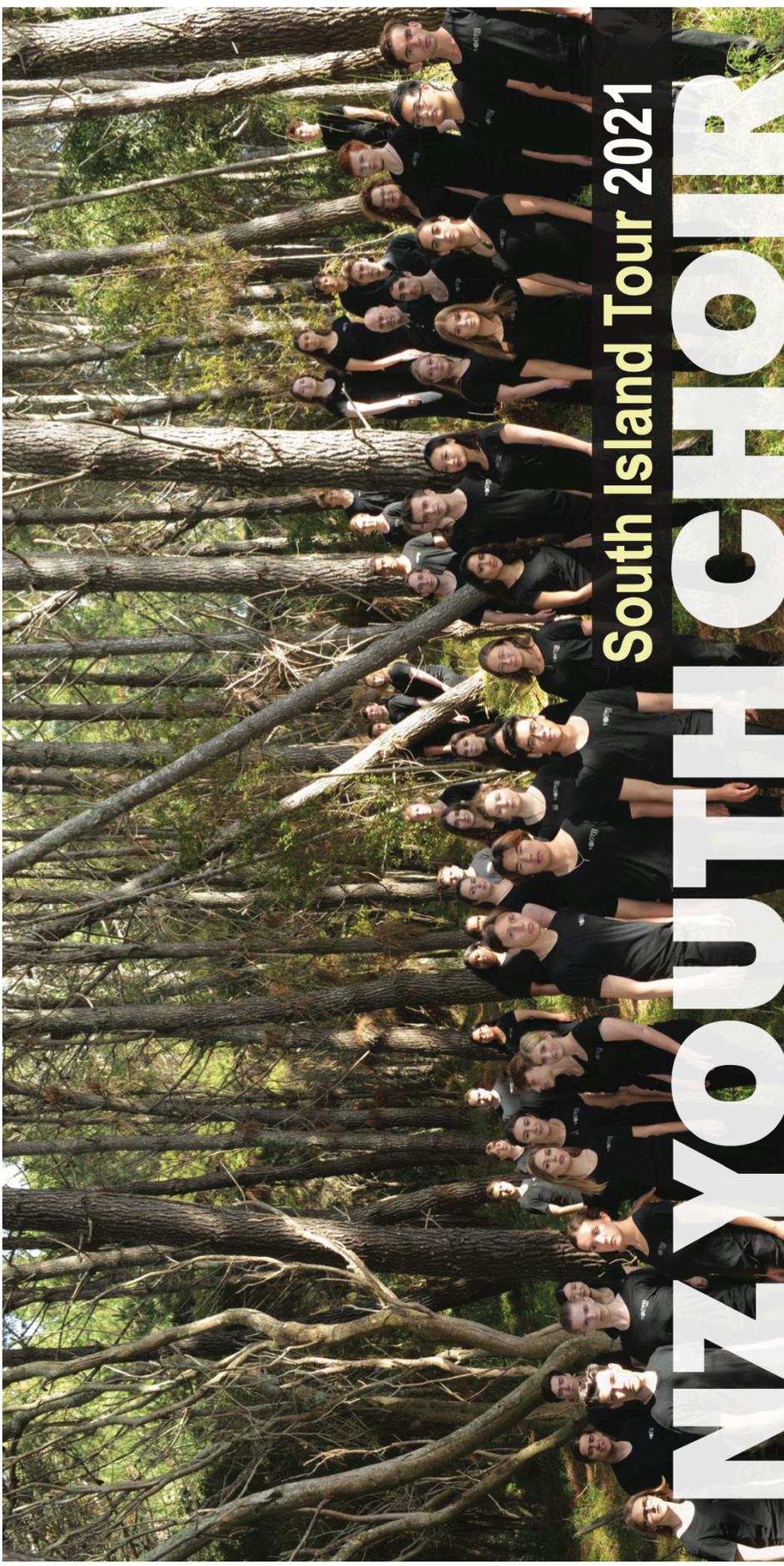
**Knox Café 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Lounge** - At our next Knox Café, Rev Darryn Hickling will speak about his ministry as the coordinator of the **StreetTs ministry**, here in central Christchurch. Darryn describes his ministry like this:

1. As a ministry of the Christchurch Central Methodist Parish, this position exists for the purpose of engaging with the inner-city community of Christchurch in innovative and creative ways.
2. It continues to explore new expressions of ministry and mission in the city.
3. It finds creative ways of engaging with the 'soul' of the city in its myriad forms and expressions.
4. It cultivates an ability to 'lurk' and listen and get alongside people from all walks of life in the city.

All are welcome - BYO Snacks, Beverages Tea, Coffee provided

**Knox Fireside Group** - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Knox Lounge. Lesley Hunt will take us on a journey to Greenland. All 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.**



# South Island Tour 2021

# NZ YOUTH CHOIR

**GREYMOUTH - 14 APRIL**  
7:30PM Holy Trinity Anglican Church,  
193 Tainui Street

**WESTPORT - 15 APRIL**  
7:30PM NBS Theatre,  
105 Palmerston Street

**CHRISTCHURCH - 16 APRIL**  
7:30PM Knox Church,  
28 Bealey Avenue

Tickets available from [nzyouthchoir.com](http://nzyouthchoir.com)

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## The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 4
- Luke 24: 36b-48

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