

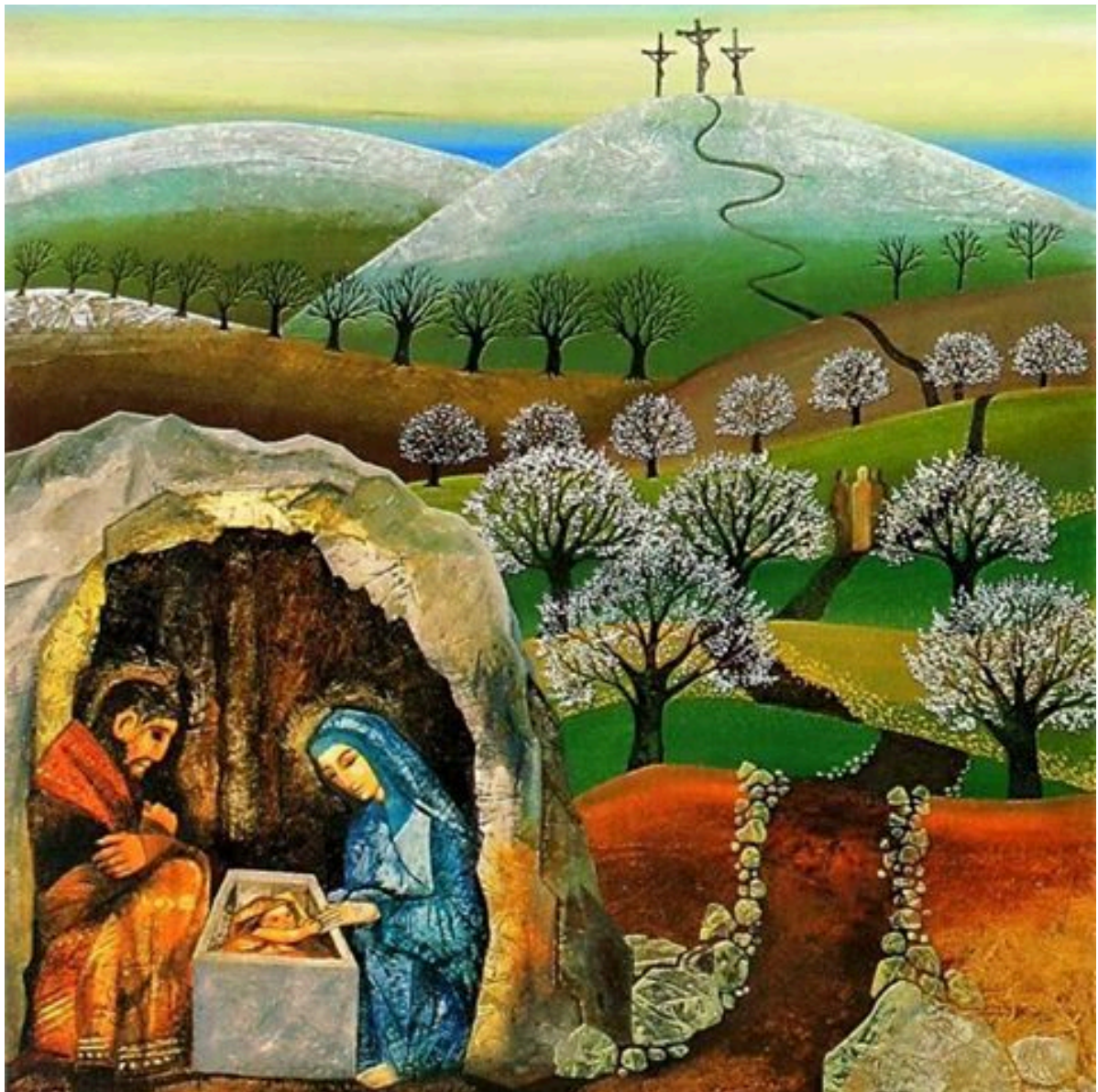


# KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

## Order of Service 9 May 2021

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## THE CRADLE OF LOVE

## **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, TAUGHT LOVE BY THE BEST IN THE UNIVERSE;**

**JESUS, LOVING HIS FRIENDS UNTIL THE VERY END;**

**JESUS, CALLING US TO RE-EMBODY THE ETERNAL LOVE.**

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

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

**Hymn:**  
Hyfrydol

Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave:  
thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be,  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## **Prayer of Approach**

"Hear, O Israel",  
cried the voice,  
**"LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND SOUL,  
WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND STRENGTH".**

This is the greatest commandment.  
**THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD!**

"And another commandment is like it",  
says another voice;  
**"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR  
AS YOUR VERY SELF".**

This is the voice of Jesus.  
**THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD!**

This is our worship, O God:  
to look upon Jesus  
as he loves the world,  
**TO WONDER AT THE STRENGTH  
AND INTEGRITY  
OF HIS CARING.**

This is our worship:  
to witness him growing from mastership to friendship;  
**TO ALLOW OUR WITNESSING TO MAKE US WISH,  
OURSELVES, TO LOVE AS HE LOVES.**

His love is inspiring.  
**THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD!**

## *Silence*

We confess to God, though, and to our neighbours,  
that we feel we have not yet found in ourselves  
whatever it was in Jesus  
that enables inspiring love.  
**WE SHRINK BEFORE THE COMMANDMENTS  
TO LOVE GOD AND NEIGHBOUR.**

It often feels too hard.  
**WE STUMBLE IN THE CHALLENGE.**

Therefore we offer to God  
the undone deeds of love,



the irretrievable deeds of hate,  
saying

Lord have mercy.

**CHRIST HAVE MERCY.**

Lord have mercy.

### **Assurance and Response**

. . . You are forgiven and you are free.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **Prayer of Supplication:**

Jesus told us, O God,  
that his love for us  
was a re-expression of your love for him.  
He told us that we can love  
for first we have been loved.

**MAY THIS KNOWLEDGE, O GOD,  
BE THE CRADLE IN WHICH CAN GROW  
OUR DEEPENING LOVE FOR YOU  
AND FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
and use the words he gave 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 20 June. 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:** Acts 10: 44-48

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

**The Gospel Lesson:** John 15: 9-17

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

**Hymn:**

Suantrai

Irish traditional melody



1. This is my will,  
my one command,  
that love should dwell  
among you all.  
This is my will,  
that you should love  
as I have shown  
that I love you.
2. No greater love  
a man can have  
than that he die  
to save his friends.  
You are my friends  
if you obey  
what I command  
that you should do.
3. I call you now  
no longer slaves;  
no slave knows all  
his master does.

I call you friends,  
for all I hear  
my father say  
you hear from me.

4. You chose not me,  
but I chose you,  
that you should go  
and bear much fruit.  
I chose you out  
that you in me  
should bear much fruit  
that will abide.
5. All that you ask  
my father dear  
for my name's sake  
you shall receive.  
This is my will,  
my one command,  
that love should dwell  
in each, in all.

*James Quinn (1919-2010)*

**Sermon:** A structural analysis of love, commandment & living things - woohoo

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/Us\\_CxixhkOI](https://youtu.be/Us_CxixhkOI) The script is available at:  
<http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>, and hard copies are available in the church foyer.

**Music for Reflection:** Trio in A minor  
Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

**Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

*led by Len Pierce*

## The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

We living creatures  
offer food and money  
in the hope that the world will be blessed.

**WE OFFER ALSO OUR SELVES,  
TO BE A LIVING TEMPLE  
WITHIN WHICH GOOD THINGS  
MAY BE GROWN.**

May we incubate  
the blessed fruits of love,  
**TO THE GLORY OF THE NAME OF JESUS,  
AMEN.**

## Notices

### The Litany for Mothers' Day:

All who are part of this service  
are sons or daughters.

**WE PRAISE GOD FOR THE  
WOMEN WHO GAVE US LIFE.**

For mothers brave, strong,  
compassionate, full of wisdom  
and grace,

**WE GIVE GOD THANKS AND  
PRAISE.**

For mothers vulnerable, worried,  
frustrated, and hurried,  
**WE PRAY FOR PEACE.**

With those who are preparing  
emptier nests,

**WE BOTH CELEBRATE AND  
MOURN,  
HOPING THEIR WINGS ARE  
AS STRONG AS THEIR ROOTS  
ARE DEEP.**

For mothers who have died, who  
live no longer with us,  
but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,



**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN,  
AND GIVE GOD THANKS FOR LIFE ETERNAL.**

For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world,  
for the women who, created in the image of God,  
give not just life, but abundant life,

**WE GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.**

**AMEN.**

*Adapted from Rev. Robb McCoy's Litany, <http://fatpastor.me>*

**Hymn:**

Nun Danket

*Later form of melody by Johann Crüger (1598-1662)*



1. Now thank we all our God,  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom the world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us.  
God, keep us in your grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm  
in this world and the next.



3. All praise and thanks to God  
our Maker now be given,  
to Christ and Spirit too,  
our help in highest heaven:  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be ever more.

*Martin Rinkart (1586-1649),  
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt*

### **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: 9 May – 15 May 2021**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
4.00pm Knox Film Group – **See Below**  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

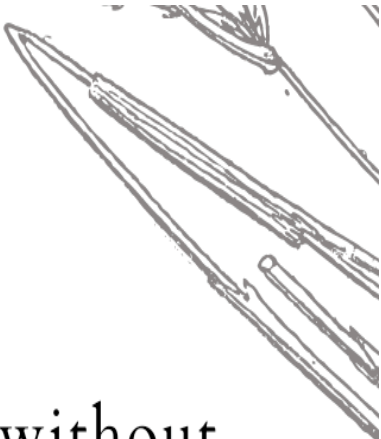

**Next Week: 16 May - 22 May 2021**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
Monday 7.30pm Knox Fireside Group – **See Below**  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Sunday 9 May: 4pm Film: Goodbye Mr. Chips.** This 2002 version of the well-loved book by James Hilton stars Martin Clunes as Latin master Mr. Chipping. Set in the later years of the nineteenth century, the kindly and beloved Mr. Chips is the mainstay of Brookfields boys boarding school. He is considered to be married to the job, but on a walking holiday, he meets and marries the vivacious Kathie. Just before World War One the insensitive new headmaster Ralston tries to edge Chipping out but the boys rally and....

**Sunday lunch 16 May** – 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Knox fireside Group** - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be held on Monday May 17 at 7 30pm in the Knox Lounge. Jonet Ward will speak about her trip to Antarctica. 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.



"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business and, in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy."

- Thomas Merton



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# *In Asia's Half of the World*

*Collaboration, History, Reflection & Study*

**VENUE: Knox Centre, 28 Bealey Ave**

**DATE: 22 May, 2pm**

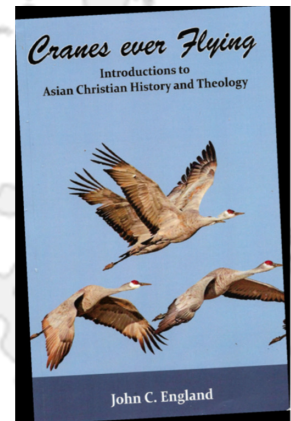
- Our partners in Asia
- Panel discussion and book-launch

Hear our partners in frontline work in Asia as they work to “rescue, restore, organize & heal”, including panel speakers:

- Christian World Service: Pauline McKay
- Caritas: Amanda Gregan

**Book launch for *Cranes Ever Flying*\* (ISPCK, 2020)**

- John England's introduction offers a fresh perspective to Asian Christian History and Theology with panel speakers:
- Dr Kathleen Rushton
- Prof. Michael Grimshaw
- Reverend Brian Turner
- Reverend Dr Matthew Jack



\**Cranes ever Flying* offers an important survey of largely unknown sources covering the history, arts, ecumenism and indigenous theologies of Asian Christianity. This work an ideal introductory text for any study of Asian Christianity and is a unique academic source book. Since the second century, there has been no other volume which introduces the full range of these resources covering more than half the non-Western world.

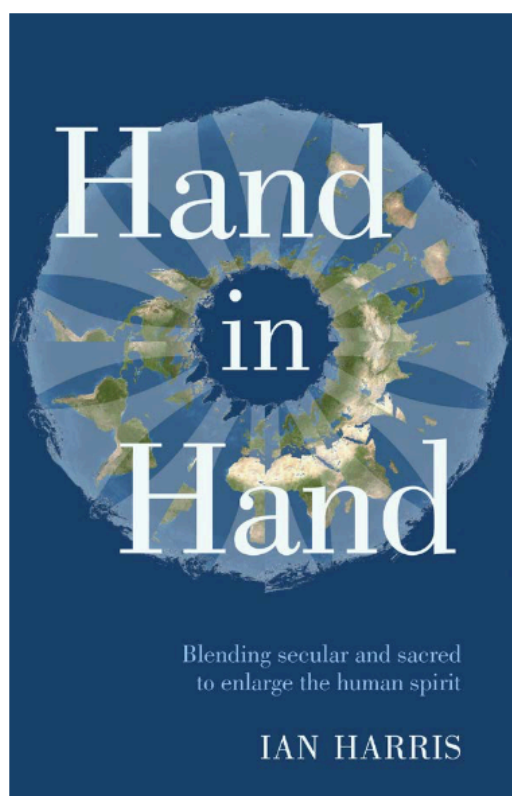
Copies available at this event on May 22 (\$30), or via ISPCK and online book-sellers.



# New book by Ian Harris coming in May

Scrape away the barnacles, re-examine the origins of Christian faith, take full account of modern knowledge and experience, open your mind to new possibilities, rethink what faith can mean in this new millennium – that's the plea Ian Harris makes in this challenge to reset faith within today's secular frame.

Ian Harris's *New World New God* showed how this reset can bring to light new interpretations for God, Jesus, the Bible and the great Christian festivals. *Hand in Hand* goes back a step to show why such a reset is necessary. Harris sees the secular not as hostile to faith, but as the neutral setting for religion in the modern world. He debunks the view that science is its polar opposite, and urges the churches to embrace the new reality as a positive for Christian understanding and for life.



Support *Hand in Hand* by pre-ordering your copy  
for \$30 (plus P & P) at

**[thecubapress.nz/shop/hand-in-hand](http://thecubapress.nz/shop/hand-in-hand)**

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15% discount for orders of five or more copies.

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Donation at the Door \$20

Concert in aid of the Church's Social Housing Building Project



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

- Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26
- John 17: 6-19

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