



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 8 October 2023



A Tale of Two Vineyards

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, you are welcome to use the language that is most natural to you.

The Call to Worship:

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

VARIATION

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Here, in this sacred place is the sanctuary of our God.

Here we will pray and listen, that we may hear a new Word for us.

Here we gather with you and each other in the name of Jesus.

Hold us as we meet with you, O Christ.

Hymn:

Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;
sun of delight
succeeds the velvet of night,
warming the earth's exultation.

Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us,
touching our shame
with love that will not lay blame,
reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right,
resisting evil and slight,
offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
in them we see
the new creation to be,
spirit of love made flesh for us.

Words: Kathryn Galloway Tune: Love Den Herren CH4
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Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance and Response

. . . In the name of Christ, I say to you:
You are forgiven and you are free.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Theme Prayer:

....we say together

**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.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 5: 1-7

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

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21: 33-46

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

Hymn:

Teach us, O loving heart of Christ,
what only love can say:
“Father, forgive” and still forgive
the blindness of our way.

Torn is the world you came to save –
it bleeds from hands and side,
slow is your Church to bear the scars
where suffering love has died.

We have not healed our neighbour’s hurt
nor learned our neighbour’s tongue:
across the span of creed and race
your song is not yet sung.

We have not found your way of peace
when lack of peace is death:
we have not fed with word or bread
the hunger of the earth.

Christ in whose hands were thrust the nails
and yet for us could pray –
forgive the things we have not done,
the words we do not say

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Sermon: A Tale of two Vineyards

*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: The Lady Hatton's Galliard - Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Hymn:

Maker of mystery, dreamer of what will be,
well-spring and fertile ground of all our growing;
tending the buried seed, foreseeing every need,
you draw us into life beyond our knowing.

Christ, strong and living vine, spreading through space and time,
deep rooted in the love of God our mother:
dying, you live and share your strength with us, to bear
ripe fruit in season for the life of others.

Wild Spirit, springing green, coiled in the depths unseen,
promise of fruit within the seed maturing:
new life, you grow and swell, burst from the outgrown shell,
hundredfold yield in every age ensuring.

Living and loving God, sing in the pulse of our blood,
help us to know you in your own creation,
love you, the life of all, serve you and hear your call
from our first forming to our full salvation.

words: Marnie Barrell, *Faith Forever Singing* 47 Alternative Tune: Down Ampney

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Jennifer McKinnon

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

Notices

Hymn:

Holy Wisdom, lamp of learning,
bless the light that reason lends.
Teach us judgment as we kindle
sparks of thought your Spirit sends.
Sanctify our search for knowledge
and the truth that sets us free.
Come, illumine mind and spirit
joined in deepest unity.

Vine of truth, in you we flourish;
by your grace we learn and grow.
May the word of Christ among us
shape our life, our search to know.
Joined to Christ in living, dying,
may we help the church convey
witness to the saving gospel,
bearing fruit of faith today.
Holy God, the hope of nations,
tune us toward your righteous will,
as the symphony of ages
claims our best, our finest skill.
Shape our search for peace and justice
through prophetic deed and word.
Christ, conduct us, set our rhythm,
that God's praise be ever heard.

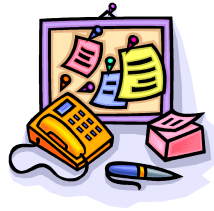
Words Ruth C. Duck; Tune In BabiloneCH4 604

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Alla Marcia - John Ireland (1879 - 1962)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 8 October – 14 October
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 15 October – 21 October
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship – Animal Sunday
12.00pm Lunch at Black & White Cafe
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Blessing of the Animals

We'll be having our annual "Blessing of the Animals" service on Sunday 15 October. One of the regular features of this service is the playing of a slideshow of images of much loved pets who are no longer with us. If you have a photo to be included, please send it to Lynda in the office by Wednesday 11 October, and she will make sure it is included.

The date for the animal service was chosen (and publicised) before we fully realised that it was the day after the general election. Rest assured that we will pray for whatever government is elected on the 14th and focus more fully on that the following Sunday. In the MMP environment, it might take a while anyway before the details of the government are clear.

Sunday lunch 15 Oct – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat at the **Black and White Café, 45 Merrin St, Avonhead**. Meet at around 12pm. Please, make sure you add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance. Or send an email to jannekenyuysink@gmail.com no later than Wednesday the 11th.

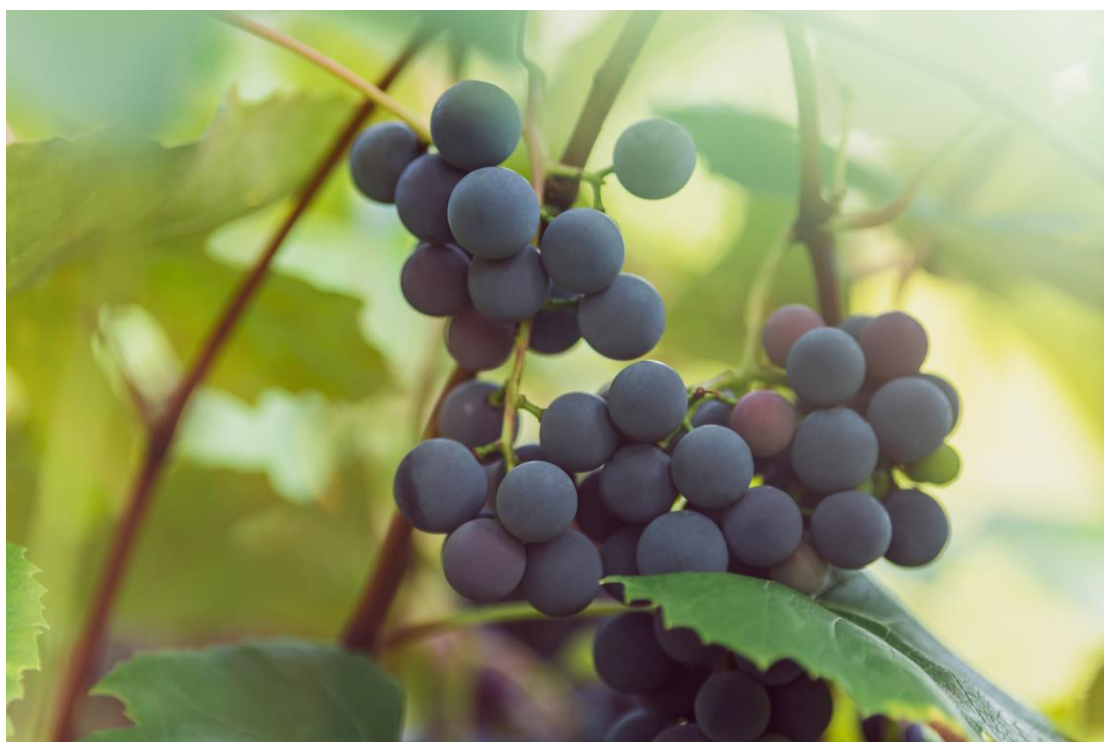
Christmas Baking 2023 - The order sheet and instructions for this year's Christmas baking are in the Order of Service. Spare copies can be found at both entrances of the Church.

Board/Homestays Required

If you are interested in Japanese culture and would like to host a Japanese student from 28 November until 17 December, please refer to the poster in the new foyer.

Jennifer Johnston is looking for board in a Christian home. Her contact details are:- Email; quantumknowledge1111@gmail.com or ph: 021 160 5912.

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. For further information or options contact: office@knoxchurch.co.nz Ph: 379 2456.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Approximately 3,500 women annually, are diagnosed with breast cancer. That means every 7 days, 9-10 women (approximately 1 in every 13) will be diagnosed with some form of breast cancer.

It is the third highest rating cancer in Aotearoa New Zealand and is no respecter of age. Each year, 25 men are diagnosed with breast cancer. The likelihood of having breast cancer for women in their 40s is 1 in 50 women and increases to 1 in 36 for those in their 70s.

Whilst we currently lag behind Australia in offering more free medications, Christchurch is really fortunate to have Canterbury Breastcare to walk women through the diagnostic stages of their journey. The Cancer Society does not receive any government funding and does an amazing job to advocate, educate and support women and their family/whanau/fono.

In the near future, the Cancer Society will be starting a new 'park and ride' service from their Papanui office to Christchurch Hospital and St George's Hospital.




Friday 28 October 2023 and Saturday 29 October 2023 are 'Pink Ribbon Day' during which members of the public have the opportunity to donate to the Cancer Society and receive a pink ribbon. Every few cents helps so please consider if you are to contribute should you see a donation box / person in a supermarket, mall or on a street. Perhaps you could volunteer two hours of time to help with the collection.

General Election 2023

Living Wage commitments



These commitments were made by party representatives at the Living Wage Election Forum, 29 September 2023. Parties that did not front up to our communities have been considered to have answered 'no' to the commitments.

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| Maintain Living Wage for public service workers | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Extend Living Wage across education sector | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Extend Living Wage across health sector | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Prioritise Living Wage in any coalition agreement | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Form a government steering group with Living Wage Movement | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |

www.livingwage.org.nz/election23

Authorised by G Lockyer, 79 Boulcott St, Wellington



The Bible readings for next week will be:

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Keeping in Touch

Please help us get acquainted with you by filling in this form
and putting it in the offering bag.

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