



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

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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 South side of the sanctuary.

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.

**JESUS, WHO LIVED, WHO DIED, WHO LIVES ETERNALLY;
JESUS, CALLING WOMEN AND MEN TO SERVE WITH LOVE;
JESUS, LORD BEYOND THE FALLING TEMPLES AND TOWERS.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Michael

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



1. All our hope on God is founded:
who else can our hope renew?
Still through change and chance God guides us,
only good and only true.

- God unknown, grace alone,
calls our hearts to be God's own.
2. Well does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow!
With delight our souls are nourished;
pleasure leads us where we go.
At God's hand love does stand;
joy awaits each new command.
 3. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray God's trust;
what with care and toil we're building,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is our temple and our tower.
 4. In glad hymns to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the love in Christ made known.
Hear Christ's call, one and all;
you who follow shall not fall.

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930), alt.*

Prayer of Approach

Tower and temple fall to dust.
A tower stood, O God,
a stunning testimony to human endeavour.
Shall we say it stood in Babel,
though actually it stands in many places?
Well, towers fall to dust.
THEY FALL TO DUST.

A temple stood, O God,
made of the most valued materials,
the very best its people could find
and fashion
into an affirmation that they were God's people,
your people.
Well, temples fall to dust and only a wall remains.
ONLY A WALL REMAINS.

It's an acknowledgement of the fragility of things.
What, with care and toil we build,
beautiful for its moment,
eventually falls.

**IN THE LONG ARC OF HISTORY,
WE SEEK ANOTHER TEMPLE AND TOWER.**

In his brief time on earth, only thirty years,
the faith-entranced hymn writer Joachim Neander
floated the idea that you, O God,
are the enduring temple and tower.

YOU NEVER FALL.

With Joachim
and with all faithful people
who have been nourished by believing
that divine love endures,
that the moving of the Spirit persists,
that Christ's calling presence remains,
we offer our worship.

**ALL OUR HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED.
GOD DOES STILL OUR HOPE RENEW.**

Silence

Sometimes, O God,
we fall into the following or fashioning
of cults of personality.
Sometimes we are too focused on surface things,
rather than on deeper things like faith, hope and love.
And so, by our silly distractedness,
those around us suffer and fall.
Hoping to have our priorities calibrated by your Spirit,
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.

The Theme Prayer:

We people of an incarnational faith
give thanks for the living and breathing people
who made the stuff of heaven real for us.
We give thanks for their quirks and mannerisms.

**WE GIVE THANKS ALSO, THOUGH,
FOR THE ON-GOING LIFE OF CHRIST
THAT BUOYED THEM ALONG
AND GAVE CONSISTENT SHAPE TO THEIR WITNESS.**

May we take our place in the succession
of celebration and service
**THAT SPEAKS OF A LOVE
THAT NEVER DIES.**

For we pray this as Jesus taught us,
together 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.

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34: 1-8

Moses served well, then died.
THE PEOPLE WEPT, AND THEN BEGAN AGAIN.

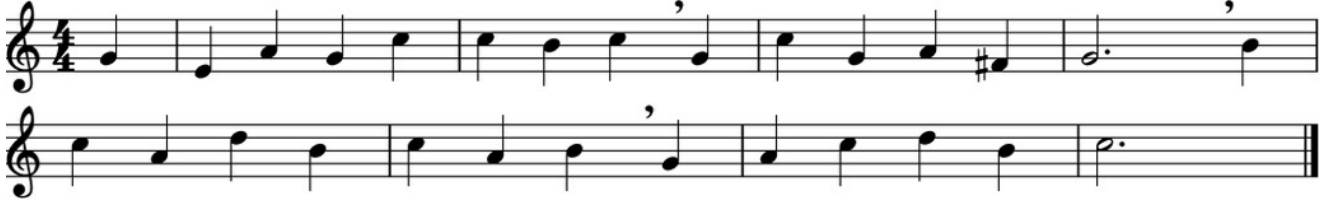
available before and after the service – ask the person at the door. A video of this sermon being practised is available from 10:00am today:

<https://youtu.be/B0RK6fJMCKM>

Hymn:

St Anne

probably William Croft (1678-1727)



1. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:
2. under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure:
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone:
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away:
they fly forgotten as a dream
dies at the opening day.
6. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Lesley Hunt

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

In their time, the high priests made their offering.
Perhaps some of the offerings made glad the heart of God.

**WE NOW MAKE THIS OFFERING
OF MONEY AND FOOD,
AND OF HEART, SOUL AND MIND.**

May God bless it,
**THROUGH JESUS,
WHO LIVES ETERNALLY.
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Crucifer

Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)



*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'Till all the world adore his glorious name!*

1. Come Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out . . .
2. Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,
Teach us compassion for each human life . . .
3. Peace was your plea and peace your loving theme
Let peace be our passport, peace a living dream . . .
4. Great is the cost of walking on this road,
To follow and suffer with the Son of God . . .
5. Worlds to be born and children yet to be
Come, take up this song into eternity . . .

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

based on George William Kitchin (1827-1912) alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Allegro non tanto from Violin Concerto in A minor, BWV 1041
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
played by Evelyn Lowe (Year 8)

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



NOTICES

This Week:	27 October – 2 November
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
	11.30am Shalom
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

Next Week:	3 November – 9 November	
Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Film Group in Lounge
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Sunday 3 November 5pm in the Lounge: Film Group. Our November film is a timely reminder that a single person CAN inspire their people to overcome a seemingly intransigent opponent, like David against Goliath. **Erin Brockovich** (2000) stars Julia Roberts in the title role. Based on a true story, this feisty young woman takes on a giant chemical corporation which is polluting the small town where she lives. And with the help of a wily old lawyer they win! Inspiring!

New People at Knox – Newcomers at Knox are warmly invited to meet informally with the church council on Sunday 10 November from 5 – 6.30pm. If you are new at Knox and have not received a personal invitation, we probably don't have your contact details but we'd love you to come. Please phone/email Lynda in the church office to let her know that you would like to join us on 10 November. It's a good opportunity for us to have a cuppa together and get to know each other a bit better.

Te Whare Roimata: Events as follows - (1) Health Day at Te Whare Roimata Inner City East Community Centre, Thursday 31st October 10am to 2pm - Te Whare Roimata, 274 Gloucester Street (on Bus routes N. 5 and N.7, opposite Christchurch East School. FREE health checks, information and more (see poster below). Do feel free to encourage anyone you think will benefit from participating. **(2)** New Linwood Village Market, Saturday 2nd November, corner of Worcester & Stanmore, 10am to 1pm.

The Royal Commission on Abuse in State and Faith-based Care



The PCANZ has prepared its response to the findings of the Royal Commission on Abuse in Care report, and this is attached in English and Te Reo Māori. There is also a link to a New Zealand Sign Language version here <https://vimeo.com/1021910360> Our response includes our acknowledgement that our Church accepts the findings of the Royal Commission, how we intend to respond, our pathway forward, a lament/waiata, inoi/prayer, and a benediction/te inoi whakamutunga.

Council invites congregations to share the Church's response. The relevant documents and sign language video are public on the Church website: <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/about-us/contact-us/historic-abuse>

HAU ORA DAY

Nau Mai Haere Mai Whanau

**THURSDAY
31 OCTOBER
10 am - 2 pm**

**Te Whare Roimata
274 Gloucester St
Opp ChCh East School**

**Come get your yearly
Warrant of Fitness
health checks.**

**Complete 3 or more
checks and get a free
Hangi Lunch.**

ALL AGES WELCOME

Entertainment

**Housing, Welfare
& Health
Information
and advice for your
whanau/family.
Health checks,
massage
and romiromi**



**For more information
Contact Heeni or Jasmine
on (03) 3795134**

Nau Mai Haere Mai



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EcuAction 2024

THE TREATY ALWAYS SPEAKS:

National and Local Conversations



@ Knox Centre

28 Bealey Avenue, Christchurch

Thursday 7 November 2024

6 - 8 pm



Paul Dalziel (Professor of Economics, Lincoln University) and Jane Higgins (Strategic Advisor, Christchurch Methodist Mission) will talk on recent projects they have led where te Tiriti o Waitangi speaks to designing economic policy and telling the land stories of local sites.

- Followed by Q&A/ open plenary
- Includes presentation of the 2024 John England Activism Award

Koha to defray expenses please

All Welcome

Organised by EcuAction, a Canterbury based ecumenical action group

Further info from: ecuactioncanterbury@gmail.com

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The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Hebrews 12: 1-3

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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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