



# KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

## Order of Service

16 February 2025



**A LATE SUMMER SEASON OF CARING - 3**

# **CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

Music printed in this order of service is covered under a music copyright licence agreement: Licensing #604802

## 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 city 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.

**JESUS, LOVING GOD AND NEIGHBOUR;  
JESUS, CALLING US TO FOLLOW HIM;  
JESUS, CREATING A COMMUNITY OF CARE.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Kelvingrove

Scottish Traditional Tune



1. Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?
2. Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?
3. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

*John Bell (b. 1949)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Never to be the same again,  
disciples hear the voice of Jesus,  
and step forward in faith.

**THEY MOVE AND LIVE AND GROW IN HIM,  
AND HE IN THEM.**

They offer worship,  
sensing in that offering  
that something echoes true.

**LOVE IS SHOWN,  
THE NAME IS KNOWN,  
LIFE IS GROWN.**

With them, we offer silent praise.

*Silence*

In our late summer Season of Caring,  
we come to explore how we are called  
to be a community of care,  
We know that sometimes we have failed in this calling.  
And so 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:**

After hearing the Parable of the Good Samaritan,  
asked by Jesus which of the three travellers  
was a neighbour to the fallen one,  
the expert in the law answered "the one who showed him mercy".  
Jesus said to him "You are right;  
now go and do likewise".

**GIVE US POWER, O GOD,  
INDEED TO DO LIKEWISE,  
THAT LOVE MAY BE SHOWN,  
THE NAME MAY BE KNOWN,  
AND LIFE MAY BE GROWN.**

For we ask this in the name of Jesus,  
who taught us to pray, together saying

**E TO MATOU MATUA I TE RANGI,  
KIA TAPU TOU INGOA.  
KIA TAE MAI TOU RANGATIRATANGA.  
KIA MEATIA TAU E PAI AI  
KI RUNGA KI TE WHENUA  
KIA RITE ANO KI TO TE RANGI.  
HOMAI KI A MATOU AIANEI  
HE TARO MA MATOU MO TENEI RA.  
MURUA A MATOU HARA,  
ME MATOU HOKI E MURU NEI  
I O TE HUNGA E HARA ANA KI A MATOU.  
AUA HOKI MATOU E KAWEA KIA WHAKAWAIA;  
ENGARI WHAKAORANGIA MATOU I TE KINO:**

**NOU HOKI TE RANGATIRATANGA,  
TE KAHA, ME TE KORORIA,  
AKE AKE AKE.  
AMINE.**

### **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.*

### **Litany of Ordination and Induction:**

There are many gifts,  
**BUT IT IS THE SAME SPIRIT WHO GIVES THEM.**

There are different ways of serving God,  
**BUT IT IS THE SAME LORD WHO IS SERVED.**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,  
**TO USE FOR THE COMMON GOOD.**

### **Narrative, and Ordination Prologue for Murray**

### **Affirmation and Signing of the Formula**

### **Jo and Paul make their commitment**

### **Declaration and Welcome**

*While Council members welcome the new members, we all stand to sing a*

### **Doxology:**

Thaxted

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)



1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,

at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and act upon your word,  
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

*Michael Perry (1942-1996)*

**The First Lesson:** Luke 10: 25-29

This is the gospel of Christ.

**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**A Reflection:** Reading the law

*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. A video of  
these reflections being practised is available from 10:00am today:  
<https://youtu.be/dgqns4UH2L4>*

**Knox Singers:** Jubilate in B flat  
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

**The Second Lesson:** Luke 10: 30-37

This is the gospel of Christ.

**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**A Reflection:** Living the Spirit

**Hymn:**

Servant Song

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)



1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ light for you  
in the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
'till we've seen this journey through.
5. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

*Richard Gillard (b. 1953)*

### **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

To the minister's words "May love be shown; may the name be known",  
you are invited to respond "**AND MAY LIFE BE GROWN**".

### **A Thanksgiving for the work of Te Whare Roimata**

#### **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Giving particular thanks today, O God,  
for the work of Te Whare Roimata,  
we offer this food  
and these ordinary household articles.  
Along with them, and the money,  
we offer our capacity to read the law  
and to seek to live it with compassion, courage and faith.

**THIS IS OUR PRAYER  
THROUGH JESUS, THE COMPASSIONATE ONE,  
AMEN.**

### **Notices**

## **Hymn:**

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Welsh traditional melody



1. We have heard compassion's story;  
thanks be to God.  
We have sensed the Saviour's glory;  
thanks be to God.  
Now that worship finds its ending,  
with the grace of God descending,  
through the church our service blending,  
thanks be to God.
2. For the love of God and neighbour,  
thanks be to God -  
fine reward of mercy's labour,  
thanks be to God;  
for our ministry of caring,  
and the life that we are sharing,  
others' hopes and sorrows bearing,  
thanks be to God.
3. Christ, dismiss us with your blessing;  
thanks be to God.  
Lord, your name we are confessing,  
thanks be to God.  
For the honour of our calling,  
raising us when we are falling,  
victors over sin appalling,  
thanks be to God.

*Matthew Jack (b. 1963)*

## **Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Bridal March from The Birds of Aristophanes  
Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

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





## NOTICES

**This Week:**           **16 February – 22 February**  
Sunday               10.00am   Morning Worship  
                          12.00pm   Lunch at Black & White Café  
Wednesday       10.00am   Bible Study

**Next Week:**       **23 February – 1 March**  
Sunday               10.00am   Morning Worship  
                          11.30am   Shalom  
Wednesday       10.00am   Bible Study

**Te Whare Roimata** – is finding that they are providing more emergency support of recent times and they have a real need for tinned goods and items to make meals. They are very grateful for Knox's contributions to help them achieve this.

**Knox Life** – it's nearly that time again. If you have anything to contribute please email the office before the end of February, if possible.

**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](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz) ph: 379 2456.

# A Late Summer Season of Caring



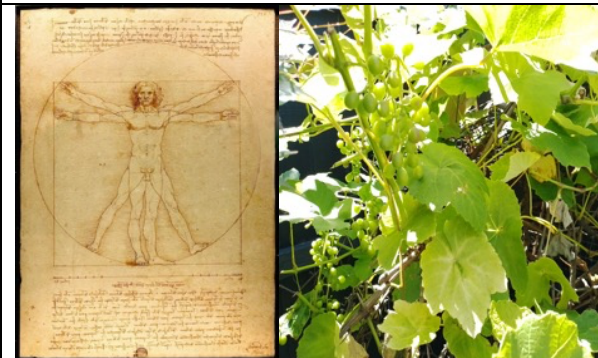
## Sunday 16 February Caring for one another

We attend to the joyful matter of commissioning three new members for our Church Council: Jo Fox, Paul Westropp and Murray Win. On Council they will contribute to managing the life of a community of care.



## Sunday 23 February Caring for the planet - 1 The Living Thing

Acknowledging that creation is a living thing, we explore what living things need to flourish - nourishment, rest, love. After the service, Dr Richard Milne, Independent Health Economist, will conduct an interactive session exploring, among other things, the nine planetary boundaries.

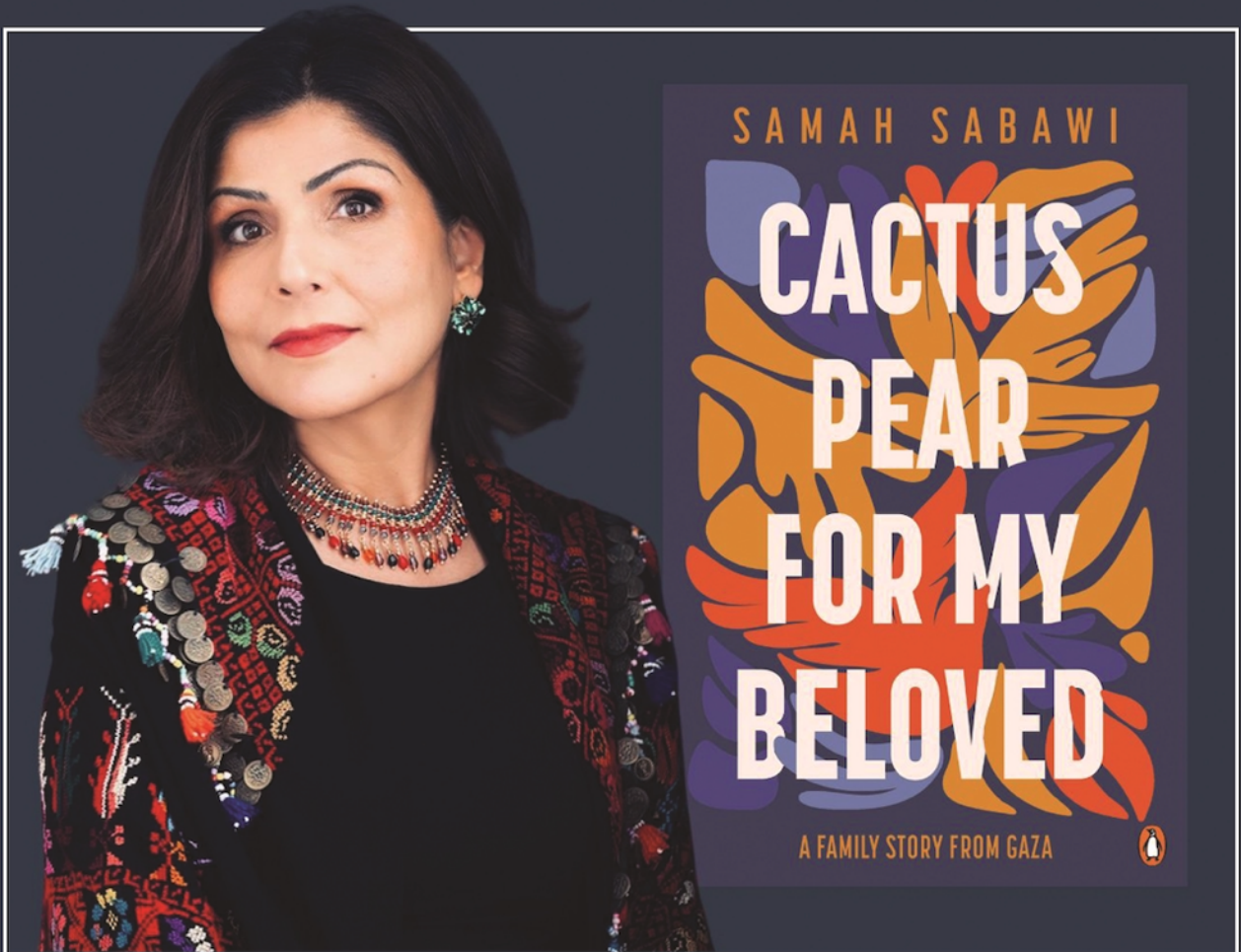


## Sunday 2 March Caring for the planet - 2 The Connected Thing

An understanding of the connectedness of creation moves us to consider our global responsibilities. After the service, we hear more from Richard Milne.

After worship on Sundays 23 February (**NEXT WEEK**) and 2 March, Dr Richard Milne will facilitate discussions on 'Caring for the Earth, in view of the planetary ecological crisis'. Richard was previously an Associate Professor at the University of Auckland. He has been working with church groups for almost 20 years on responding to climate change. All welcome.

# FREE PALESTINE PUBLIC MEETING



## SAMAHA SABAWI

PALESTINIAN AUTHOR, PLAYWRIGHT AND POET  
WILL TALK ABOUT JUSTICE AND PEACE IN PALESTINE  
AND HER LATEST BOOK "CACTUS PEAR FOR MY BELOVED"

---

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY, 7PM

TRANSITIONAL CATHEDRAL  
234 HEREFORD STREET, CHRISTCHURCH

[WWW.PSNA.NZ](http://WWW.PSNA.NZ)





## The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
- Genesis 3: 8-12, 17-19
- Matthew 6: 25-30

## Knox Directory

28 Bealey Ave,  
Ōtautahi Christchurch 8013

Secretary: Lynda Gerken,  
ph. (03) 379 2456,  
[office@knoxchurch.co.nz](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz)

Office hours:  
Monday - Friday, 9.00am-noon

Visit our website

<http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/>



Minister: Rev. Dr Matthew Jack  
[minister@knoxchurch.co.nz](mailto:minister@knoxchurch.co.nz)  
voicemail at home (03) 3570 111

Church Council Clerk: Jean Brouwer  
[jean.brouwer@knoxchurch.co.nz](mailto:jean.brouwer@knoxchurch.co.nz)

Director of Music: Jeremy Woodside  
[jeremy.woodside89@gmail.com](mailto:jeremy.woodside89@gmail.com)

Pastoral Visitors:  
Rev Norman and Linda Wilkins  
[g8m8zinbayst@gmail.com](mailto:g8m8zinbayst@gmail.com)  
+64 272499741 (Linda's mobile)  
+64 220667626 (Norman's mobile)



## Keeping in Touch

Would you like to give our office your contact details so that we can send you our quarterly magazine and other Knox communications?

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email: