

— KNOX PARISH —

Newsletter April 2023

He is risen!



The angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was nailed to a cross. He isn’t here! God has raised him to Life, just as Jesus said he would. Come, see the place where his body was lying. Now hurry! Tell his disciples he has been raised to life...”

Matthew 28: 5-6

Reminder:

Day Light Savings finish Sunday 2nd April
Clocks go back an hour



MODERATOR'S 2023
SEASON OF
**LENT
MESSAGE**

Sorely Tested

Jesus was sorely tested through 40 days of mounting pressure brought on by hunger, thirst, and demonic taunting. We too, in these last few years, have experienced the cumulative impact of one test after another. Add up the global financial crisis, Christchurch earthquakes, mosque attack, COVID pandemic, housing crisis, war in Ukraine, impending recession, flooding and now Cyclone Gabrielle, and feel the toll it has taken on us.

How are you feeling this Lenten season?

All that has happened in recent years, and is happening now, leaves me feeling weary and wondering what will be next. It makes me feel sorely tested, in a nation that has been sorely tested. It causes me to wonder about where we put our trust and what will sustain us in this time of repeated trial.

Jesus was sustained by the leading and comforting presence of the Holy Spirit in his time of testing.

Jesus put his trust in scripture to anchor him at a time when it was easy to lose perspective. And then, when the rush of testing began to subside, there were angels who helped pick up the pieces! And haven't we seen our share of angels personified in the aftermath of the latest crisis, Cyclone Gabrielle.

I witnessed this phenomenon in Christchurch after the earthquakes and mosque attack. Lovely acts of 'random' kindness from complete strangers. And we see it again and again in the aftermath of this latest storm, these angels in disguise.

REGULAR FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Worship

10am

Tuesday Morning Homegroup
Meets each Tuesday 10.15 am at
Jennifer's house during the school
term.

Café @ Knox
Held in the church Foyer on the
fourth Thursday of each month at
10am

We find ourselves as churches incarnated in our communities, bearers of the Spirit, guided by the scriptures and with our fair share of angelic readiness for action. In this way we can take a leaf out of the Lenten story of Jesus in a nation hungering for hope!

Right Rev Hamish Galloway
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Good Friday procession

The **Way of the Cross** will be held on the 7th April 2023.

It will commence at the **Baptist Church at 10am** then move to Knox Church, then to the Anglican, then to the Catholic and finish at the Methodist Church.

APRIL SERVICES

2 Rev. Clive Thomson
9 Rev. Joe Beattie - Easter Sunday
Communion
16 Rev. Ai Meng Soon
23 Joseph Bateson
30 Rev. Clive Thomson -short
Congregational meeting after
church

NOTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES


Board of Managers meets on Monday 10th of April @7.00 pm.

Session meets on Tuesday 18th April @ 4.30 pm.

Session News

We need at least four people, who are a cross section of the congregation, to serve on the Ministry Settlement Board. This board will be responsible for preparing the church to call a new minister. On the 2nd of April nominations will open and nomination slips will be available in the church. The nomination period will be open until the 23rd of April. On the 30th of April there will be a short congregational meeting, after church, to elect the Ministry Settlement Board. If you are interested in serving on this board please see Glenys for a copy of the role description.

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Board of Managers News

The Board of Managers have become aware that the roof of the hall has reached a point of needing replacement. There are rotting barge boards and broken flashings which are leaking, fortunately not as yet inside the building. The existing roof will be replaced with long run coloursteel.

The managers will be getting a quote for this work in the near future. It is expected to be over \$60 000.

Healing Rooms

Every Wednesday 10 – 12 pm at the Methodist Church.

No appointment needed. No charge. Ph 021 183 7806

Everybody Shop

If you would like to be added to this roster, please phone Frances 07 888 7177

Prayer Chain

We have an e-mail prayer chain outreach for intercessory prayer. If you would like to have a prayer included, please contact Jackie Cantley, via email jacall@xtra.co.nz, or 07 889 7501 (voice message available). Please include "prayer request" in the subject line. If the prayer is urgent please indicate "Urgent prayer request".

You may also like to become an e-mail intercessor, if so, please contact Jackie.
