

KNOX PARISH

Newsletter April 2024



Session Prayer

Psalm 100 – I lift up a great shout of joy to the Lord. Go ahead and do it everyone, everywhere. As you serve Him, be glad and worship Him. Sing your way into His presence with joy, and realize what this really means, we have the privilege of worshiping the Lord our God. For He is our creator and we belong to Him. We are the people of His pleasure. You can pass through His open gates with the password of praise. Come right into His presence with thanksgiving. Come bring your thank offering to Him and affectionately bless His beautiful name. For the Lord is always good and ready to receive you. He's so loving that it will amaze you, so kind that it will



MODERATOR'S 2024
EASTER
MESSAGE

Resurrection Hope

I have been in ministry for 26 years now, and every Easter, I find myself experiencing the same dynamic. I cannot begin to write my Easter Day sermon until I have led/attended the Good Friday service. I need to first go through the Good Friday experience. It is a process of following the story, and not engaging with the resurrection account until after the crucifixion. Without reflecting on the events of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion, we cannot fully appreciate the joy and significance of the resurrection.

Easter is at the heart of our faith. And the narrative it brings to us – that life is stronger than death, that hope is stronger than despair, that the light is stronger than the darkness - makes us an Easter people. People of the resurrection. That large narrative provides a framework in which we live out our lives.

When we have those times of 'walking through the valley of death', we carry with us a sense of that overarching hope. When we are racked with grief, we have the inherent hope that healing and wholeness will come. And through the cross of Jesus Christ, we have the assurance of coming into deep relationship with God our Creator. There is a reuniting, a reintegration of that which has been torn asunder.

The word salvation comes from the Latin root of *salus* or *salvus*, which can be translated as health. To be whole, to be integrated. Reintegrating, reuniting from what we were estranged from, equipping us for the kind of life our Creator intended us to have.

Resurrection is mystery and promise, reality and hope.

The dimension of hope was fundamental to the thinking of the New Testament writers. The suffering of Christ and the suffering Christians were undergoing were the birth pangs of a new age. In Christ, God had begun to move with power. Christian faith was faith in one who had raised Christ from the

astound you, and He is famous for His faithfulness toward all.

Everyone knows our God can be trusted, for He keeps His promises to every generation.

Pray that the Lord make these words so real to us that we will shout for joy and sing in His presence, that we will enter His gates and into His presences with thanksgiving, that we will see His faithfulness and His promises come to pass.

In Jesus name Amen.

REGULAR FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Worship

10am

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

dead and therefore they could persevere with hope and confidence, joy and expectation.

And that continues to speak to us today. The resurrection event of Easter is not just something we remember as a past event, it is a continuing reality which gives us hope today. We live in a world that is in real need of a sense of hope.

Individuals, communities, countries alike. There are many who are feeling disconnected, isolated, overwhelmed with the pressures around them and the polarization of society. The Easter narrative has something important to offer in this space. A word of hope into situations of despair. A promise of reintegration after brokenness. A sense of 'gathering in' as opposed to separating out. Relationship with the Risen Christ who connects with us on this journey of life and holds out the promise of fullness of life. In Christ all things are made new.

This Easter may we all experience afresh the life-giving joy of being people of the resurrection and may that be something we in turn live out in our communities.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

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April Services

7 Rev. Clive Thomson

14 Rev. Joe Beattie Communion

21

28

'Fill a bun' lunch after the service

April Duties

Morning Tea Roster

07 Jackie Cantley & Vicki Smith

14 Bev & Rae Seales

21 Sharon Alexander & Rhonda Grey

28 Rena Bill & Fatima Lock

Door Duty Roster

07 John & Bev Reid

14 & 21 Rena Bill & Margaret Sherwood

NOTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Session meets on the 16th of April @ 3pm at Jennifer's home.

Board of Managers meets on the 8th of April @7pm. Check with Tom for the location.

Session News

Session encourages members of our congregation to give a short testimony if God has put on your heart. Please see one of the elders to arrange a suitable date and help is offered if required.

Board of Managers News

We need people to join the Sound Desk team. You will be fully trained and much appreciated. Please contact Tom Bougher. Ph 889 0076

The hot water zip in the kitchen has now been replaced. Please be careful when using the Zip.

28 Jennifer Bills & Viv Robins

Church Cleaning

14 Fatima Lock


28 Lorraine & Ox Candy

Flower Roster


07 & 14 Jackie Cantley

21 & 28 Clare Walters

CONTACTS

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Please leave a message.

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Jennifer Bills

FINANCES

Monthly Offering:

March Offering: \$6,407.00

Mission Finances:

March Offering: \$1,116.00

Finances

If you would like to go on the envelope system for offerings, please contact Glenys. She will give you a number and you can use that for online giving, or envelopes for this purpose.

You are welcome to make online payments.

General Account

01-0367-0007970-00 (use this for normal church offerings)

Mission Account

01-0367-0007970-01 (use this for mission giving)

Knox Kafe

This is held each fourth Thursday of the month at 10am in the church foyer. Please think about who of your friends, family or neighbours you would like to invite for a cuppa.

Everybody Shop

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

Work wanted.

Sharon Alexander is looking for cleaning jobs, including windows.
Please phone 027 725 0593

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 our Minister, Jackie.

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