

Knox Parish Newsletter

December 2025

From Ron's Desk

As we race towards Christmas 2025, may you know the love, joy, hope, and peace that Jesus brings ... often amid challenging and difficult circumstances. A key to sensing God's presence is maintaining an 'attitude of gratitude' ... being forever thankful for all that God has done for us in Jesus, the Saviour of the world. Recently, I came across this quote: *"Stop looking for the perfect church. Go worship a perfect God with a congregation of flawed people who need grace as much as you do."* I don't know who said it, but it has a ring of truth ... I certainly need God's grace in all my imperfection.

On Sunday 23 November, we released copies of our proposed plans for redeveloping our church hall. I wrote in the Knox Hot Wire: *We are exploring ways of following David Reitveld, (our City-to-City Coach), who said, "Property should pay for property; offerings pay for ministry."*

If you have any questions over this process, please feel free to contact me or members of Session and/or the Board of Managers. This opportunity is about leaving a legacy for future generations. Where God leads, God provides ... we are seeking to listen carefully for His guidance as we move forward. Blessings to you all, Rev Ron



Session meets on the Tues 16th December @3pm in the Meeting room.

Session News

As many of you will be aware the church now has Concept plans for the upgrade of our Hall from Waikato Construction Management Ltd.

Copies of two important pages of the plans are now available from the office during office hours.

The leadership team have already made some suggestions on changes and we are open to hearing other ideas or questions about the plans if you have any. Please talk to either a Session or Board of Managers member.

The leadership team will be meeting with Trina from WCML in late January 2026, to discuss any changes that might be needed and what the next steps will be.

Please pray about the proposed changes to the Hall, because we need to hear what God's plan for our future is.

Ephesians

Pray that God's wisdom, revelation knowledge, grace, peace, humility, gentleness, patience, holiness, discernment, righteousness, truth, love and the Holy Spirit might be over and in our congregation, that we might truly be people of faith, hope, truth and love.

December Services

- 07 Rev Ron
- 14 Rev Ron Communion
- 21 Joe Beattie
- 25 Clive Thomson at Baptist Church
- 28 No Service

December Duties

Morning Tea Roster

- 07 Rae & Bev Seales
- 14 Sharon Alexander & Vicki Smith
- 21 Rhonda Grey & Mary Discombe

Door Duty

- 07 & 14 David & Dyan Robins
- 21 Glenys Middlemiss & Fatima Lock

Church Cleaning

- 07 Bev & Rae Seales
- 21 Jackie Cantley

Flower Roster

- 07 & 14 Glenys Middlemiss
- 21 Clare Walters

Board of Managers meets on Monday 8th December @7pm in the Meeting Room.

Board of Managers News—

Kitchen – The new sliding doors and the drawers have now been installed in the kitchen.

Lawns & Grounds – Thank you to all who came along to help at the working bee on 14 November. The camellias have now been pruned by Annies Gardens and are looking a lot tidier.

Notice Board -The quote for updating the outside notice board was accepted and the work will go ahead.

Church Roof - Stage 2 Cleaning of Church Roof – this is booked in to complete.

Farmers Market – Cars are parking on the grass by the olive tree and Rena has asked if anyone is passing the church on Market Day and notices this, to take a photo and forward it to her and she will take the matter up with organisers. No stalls will be allowed on our car park.

Contacts



Church Office 889 7997
(Please leave a message)



Office hours Tues—Fri, 9am to 1pm

**The office will be closed from 1pm 24th Dec
until 9am Tues 6th January 2026.**

Email: admin@knoxmorrinsville.org.nz

Session Clerk



Glenys Middlemiss 027 4533 956

Tuesday Home Group

Jennifer Bills 889 4199

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 to:

Account Name:

Morrinsville Presbyterian Church

use this name for all accounts

General Account

01– 0367-0007970 –00

(use this for normal church offerings)

Mission Account

01-0367-0007970-01

(use this for Mission giving)

Building fund Account 01-0367-0007970-050

(for donations towards Building projects)

PARISH FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/KnoxMorrinsville/>

Website:

www.knoxmorrinsville.org.nz/index.htm

Personal and Property Safety

We would like to remind people to keep a close eye on your valuables while in church.

There have been recent thefts from churches during Sunday services.

Unfortunately there are some in society that do not respect others and their property.

Prayer Chain

We have an email Prayer chain outreach for intercessory prayer.

Send requests to Jackie Cantley, email: jac-all@xtra.co.nz with Prayer request in subject line, and message in text. If urgent please indicate or ring Jackie on 0272275012. If unavailable please send text message, including your name and contact number. If you would like to be an email intercessor please contact Jackie.

Bible Study Group

Meets at Jennifer's place on Tuesday mornings at 10:15am during the school term. The last study for 2025 is Tue 2nd December. All are welcome

Mission Group News

A few prayer points for our missions for this festive season

Hospital Chaplaincy

* for availability of a visit from a chaplain, for patients (who request it) that are in hospital over the Christmas season

Mercy Ships

The Knox Mission Group has recently been contacted to resume as a Prayer Partner with Mercy Ships. Please pray and give thanks:

* for the appointment of the new CEO, Dr Michelle White and for the formation and unity of the leadership team.

* for the 17 New Zealand volunteers who are serving at present

Launchpad

With programs for the year ending within schools, 'The reason for the Season' will be being explained to the students. Pray that:

* this message will make an impact in these young lives

* schools will be receptive to the program continuing in 2026

Persecuted Church

Persecution doesn't pause for Christmas. Pray that:

* Christians will be encouraged during this season

Leo & Dulci

They want to praise the Lord that he has been faithful to them throughout 2025 and ask we pray for:

* The guys, for them to experience God's presence, for them to find their identity in Jesus and lives will be changed by the power of Jesus

* That they will share the Good News with love and favour

N & G

This family is unexpectedly returning to NZ (within the next 2 weeks) for the birth of their 3rd child.

* Pray for wisdom in where to stay in NZ (probably until end of April)

* For God's provision for the family during this time

Kafe@Knox

Kafe@Knox is held on the 4th Thursday of the month from 10.00am so, if you haven't been before, come along, bring a friend and enjoy a time of fellowship and a lovely morning tea. The last one for this year was on 27 November where we celebrated the upcoming festive season. The next Kafe@Knox will be on **Thursday 26th February, 2026.**

Everybody's Op Shop

If anyone feels they can spare a couple of hours every seven weeks to help please let Frances know (Ph 021 0239 2538).

We will be giving out more payments before the end of the year so, if anyone knows any local groups that would benefit from a donation, please let Frances know. Our last stint for this year will be on 8 – 13 December. A big thank you to all our volunteers who have so willingly helped during the year when it is Knox's turn. On Thursday 21 November the Op Shop hosted the Volunteer's Morning Tea and it was lovely to see quite a number of our volunteers attend.