

Knox Parish Newsletter

July 2025

From Ron's Desk

Greetings to anyone reading this newsletter – it has been a joy to begin my ministry among the people of Knox Presbyterian Church in Morrinsville. I had never imagined that I would return to the town of my childhood, but God, who is a wonderful WASGII maker, has included it in His plans and purposes for my life.

In a recent sermon I encouraged those present to “Focus on Jesus” – He reveals to us the incredible father heart of God. Jesus said to his disciples, “If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.” May the Spirit of God enable us all to ‘see’ Jesus.

Blessings and prayers, Rev Ron



July Services

- 06 Clive Thomson
- 13 Rev Ron Communion
- 20 Jennifer Bills Testimony
- 27 Rev Ron Mission Luncheon

July Duties

Morning Tea Roster

- 06 Elaine Ralph & Glenys Middlemiss
- 13 Brian & Gwen Weightman
- 20 Joe & Francis Beattie
- 27 Rena Bill & Jackie Cantley - Mission Luncheon

Door Duty

- 06 & 13 John & Bev Reid
- 20 & 27 Mary Discombe

Church Cleaning

- 06 Bev & Rae Seales
- 20 Jackie Cantley

Flower Roster

- 06 & 13 Clare Walters
- 20 & 27 Jackie Cantley

Duty Elder Glenys Middlemiss
027 453 3956

Session meets on the 15th July @3pm in the Meeting room.

Session News

Session at our last meeting set the date for the Church AGM for the 10th August, following the service. Rev Ron will moderate this meeting. Please have your reports to the Office no later than the 20th July. This is so that Helen to assemble the full report by the required two weeks' notice of the AGM.

Session would like to call for nominations for the Board of Managers. We have one person stepping down from this committee and would encourage you to give this serious consideration if joining this committee is a prompting from the Lord. Please speak to an Elder or Rev Ron if you would like to know more about the workings of the Board of Managers.

Session took time to discuss the outcome of the City to City Revision report. You should have received this report last week. We decided that we could action some of the suggestions straight away. So, you would have noticed some of the pews have been removed to encourage closer fellowship during our services.

We have also started another Prayer group so that people can come together for corporate prayer times. We now have two prayer groups meeting weekly in the church, plus a prayer group before our services on Sunday mornings. Please feel welcomed if you are able to join any of these groups.

If you have any ideas on how we can fellowship and get to know each other better, please talk to an elder or the Minister.

Finally, I would like to Thank the MSB members for the service to the Church. It was a long 29 months. Thanks for the time and work you put into this committee. I know the congregation is very pleased with the outcome of your work. Thank You.

Board of Managers meets on the 14th July @7pm in the Meeting Room.

Board of managers News

Administrator – Helen is now in the Church Office Tuesday to Friday 9am – 1.00pm so if you have anything for the Newsletter, let her know

Audio/Visual Upgrade – The Monitors replacing the existing audio visual system have been installed by BB Communications.

Kitchen – Innovant has been to look at the upgrading of the centre island and we are awaiting their quotation.

Manse Fence – The BOM has accepted a quotation from Fortress Construction for repairs to the Manse fence.

Contacts



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Session Clerk

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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/Knox-Morrinsville/>

Website:

<http://www.knoxmorrinsville.org.nz/index.htm?id=50217>

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.

Bible Study Group

Meets at Jennifer's place on Tuesday mornings at 10:15am during the school term, All are welcome
Next meeting is Tuesday 15th July

Mission Group News

Knox Morrinsville has financially supported the work of Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa i.e. the chaplains at Waikato Hospital. Any of our Church family who wish to have a visit from a Chaplain during a stay in hospital may:

1. Ask the nurse looking after them to advise a Chaplain they would like to a visit or
2. Let a member of our Church leadership know so that an email can be sent to the Waikato Hospital administrator who will pass the request on to the Chaplaincy team.

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.

Everybody's Op Shop

As reported last month, Everybody's Op Shop has moved to opposite the Events Centre in Ron Ladd Place (the old IHC Building). The help from Community groups and businesses has been outstanding and the shop looks very smart. The Grand Opening for volunteers was held on 27 June with our group doing their part in manning the kitchen. Thank you to all of you who provided baking and who volunteer so willingly when it is our turn to help in the shop. If anyone feels they can spare a couple of hours every seven weeks to help please let Frances know (Ph 021 0239 2538)

Prayer Chain

We have an email prayer chain outreach for intercessory prayer.


If you would like to have a prayer included, please contact Jackie Cantley, at jacall@xtra.co.nz. Please include Prayer request in the subject line, if the prayer is urgent please indicate. Or ring Jackie on 0272275012. If I am unavailable please leave your contact name and number.

If you would like to be an email intercessor please contact Jackie.

Testimonies

Please contact an Elder if you feel inspired by God to bring a testimony during a service.

This can be in the form of a sermon or a short message.



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Wars Rage

**Light is stronger than darkness,
hope is stronger than despair...**

Let us Pray

Tēnā koutou katoa

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I write to you at a time when the world is experiencing much trauma. We are living in very troubled times, with war raging in so many places around the world. There are armed conflicts with Israel-Iran, Israel-Palestine, Russia-Ukraine, and civil wars in Myanmar and Sudan, and ongoing conflicts in many other places. Although physically distant from us, this terrible suffering and destruction is brought home to us on our television screens, online, and in our newspapers.

Many people are being killed, injured, persecuted, confined, dispossessed of their homes, many have little or nothing to eat or drink. We find it difficult to imagine how terrifying it must be to be on the ground in these places with such horror, bloodshed, fear, grief and worry all around. We feel deeply for those showing great courage in all that they are enduring. Such cruel inhumanity. The world feels broken.

We are living through a time of mounting anxiety and danger, and so in hope through Jesus, who came that all may have life in all of its fullness,

Let us pray

for a de-escalation of war and tension

for successful dialogue and negotiation

for reconciliation between enemies

for provision of food and supplies for those in need

for wise, courageous and compassionate leadership

for healing and hope

for medical staff and hospitals who are caring for the wounded

for agencies providing help and provisions

for comfort and care for those who are suffering

for peace and for justice

We pray as people of resurrection hope – knowing that through Christ's resurrection that the light is stronger than the darkness, and hope is stronger than despair.

Yours in Christ

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