

# Knox Parish Newsletter

# June 2025

## Ephesians 5:1

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Pray that this verse will speak to us  
all so that we all might become  
imitators of God.

## June Services

01	Clive Thomson	
08	Joe Beattie	Communion
15	TBA	
22	TBA	Mission Luncheon
29	Clive Thomson	

## June Duties

## Morning Tea Roster

01 Rena Bill & Fatima Lock  
08 John & Bev Reid  
15 Rae & Bev Seales  
22 Mary Discombe & Sharon Alexander  
Mission Luncheon  
29 Felicity Wilson & Rhonda Grey

## Door Duty

01 David & Dyan Robins  
08 & 15 Fatima Lock  
22 & 29 Rena Bill & Vicki Smith

## Church Cleaning

08 Helen Little  
22 David & Dyan robins

## Flower Roster

01 Clare Walters  
08 Glenys Middlemiss  
22 & 22 Bev Seales  
29 Glenys Middlemiss

**Duty Elder**     Brian weightman  
0274949900

**Session** meets on the 17th June@ 3pm in the Meeting room.

## Session News

Following the Congregational Meeting on the **25th May 2025** the vote for Rev Ron Bennett was 100% of all those present. This represents a 77.1% of our church roll. Thank you everyone for supporting the call to rev. Ron Bennett.

We are now waiting for approval from Kaimai Presbytery and the setting of a date for Ron's ordination. Hopefully we will know more after tomorrows meeting with Presbytery. Ron is looking forward to working along side us as we journey into the future God has waiting for us.

More exciting news is that Helen Little has been employed as our new Office Administrator, she will be starting this role on the 10th June. Please help her to feel welcome and please respect that Sundays are her time of worship for her, so do not burden her with work of the Administrator. Welcome to the Office Helen and may you enjoy your time as our Administrator.

**Board of Managers** meets on the 9th June @ 7pm at Church in the Meeting Room.

## Board of managers News

**Administrator** – The BOM is pleased to welcome Helen Little as our new Administrator. Helen will be working 16 hours per week Tuesday – Friday as from 10 June.

**Gift** – Since we have had no suggestions from the congregation as to spending the gift of \$5000 from the estate of the late Wyn Allison, the BOM is going ahead to source the best prices to upgrade our audio/visual system.

**Kitchen** – The person we had approached to renew the panels around the sink bench is unable to take this on so Innovant Joinery (who installed the new stainless steel benches) has been approached for a quotation.

## Contacts



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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/Knox-Morrinsville/>

Website:

<http://www.knoxmorrinsville.org.nz/index.htm?d=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

Mets at Jennifer's place on Tuesday mornings at 10:15am.

During the school term, All are welcome

## Mission Group News

Now that the winter months are upon us, the Mission Workgroup has resumed the 'Soup and Bun' Fellowship lunch (following the 4th Sunday service of the month). This is a great opportunity for us to enjoy time together, getting to know other members of our Church family. Everyone is welcome. Next lunch date is Sunday 22 June.

## Kafe@Knox

We had our best day ever at our May coffee Morning with 33 coming along for coffee and fellowship. As well as our regulars (one of whom brought a recipe for a dairy free/gluten free loaf which will be on the menu for next month!!) we had quite a number of new faces from outside the church. Kafe@Knox is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 10.00am so, if you haven't been before, come along, bring a friend and join us.

## Everybody's Op Shop – WE ARE ON THE MOVE!!

The Op Shop's new premises are opposite the Events Centre in Ron Ladd Place (the old IHC Building), It is bigger, brighter and warmer. It needs a bit of tidying up but the Lions have volunteered to help. The new shop will open in the first week of July so there is a lot to be done before then. If anyone feels they can spare a couple of hours 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@xtar.co.nz. Please include Prayer request in the subject line, if the prayer is urgent 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.



### ***A reading set down for Pentecost***

Tēnā koutou katoa

*"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."*

[John 14: 25-27]

On Pentecost Sunday we read the Scriptures and reflect on the continuing story of our journey of faith with the Risen Christ and the Holy Spirit. We have the promise from Jesus that the Holy Spirit will teach us, lead us deeper into the truth of God, and remind us of the teachings that Jesus has already given us. We will experience the nudgings and the insights of the Holy Spirit in our living, and know the peace that Jesus offers us – a peace that gives wholeness and freedom from fear. There is much to celebrate!

At the time I was preparing to write this message, I spent three days at a women in ministry gathering at Te Maungarongo Marae – our Church's national marae in Ōhope. During our time together there was a workshop on marae tikanga and it was interesting to learn that every marae has its own mauri (life force, essence), and at Te Maungarongo the mauri is the Holy Spirit.

So many people who come to this marae talk of how special it is, of how they feel close to God in this space, how they feel a home-coming, a welcome, an integration, a deep connection. The Holy Spirit is at work and is known. It is also known there through the people of Te Aka Puahou who give such manaakitanga (hospitality), which builds whanaungatanga (relationship). In step with this we think of the relational nature of the Holy Spirit as guide, teacher, advocate, counsellor, comforter. All things come together to provide a holy space.

It feels like Te Maungarongo is similar to what the Celtic Christians call 'a thin place' where the boundary between the material world and the spiritual or divine is perceived to be particularly thin. Where it is more permeable. A sacred place. What a gift.

In this season of Pentecost, where we reflect more deeply about the work of the Holy Spirit in our individual and corporate life, can we attend to that phrase from the Anglican prayer book which is used after Scripture is read: "Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church". What do we feel the Spirit is saying to us, the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, at this time? Can we be attentive to the nudgings of the Holy Spirit, within and around us?

As we prepare for General Assembly in October, let us adopt a posture of listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us so that we can be all that God desires for us, individually and as a national Church. Discerning. Integrated. Energised. Engaged. Hopeful.

May the warmth and the promptings of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

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