

Knox Parish Newsletter

November 2025

From Ron's Desk

Welcome to the month of November ... and any possible fireworks! During October, we enjoyed our 'Spring Gathering' with the Community Choir singing, some fun exploration of who we are, and a wonderfully lavish afternoon tea – THANKS to all involved.

THANKS also to those who organized and ran the Church Fair and Garage Sale, plus all who participated in the 'Garden Bee' – your efforts have been noted and appreciated.

During October, Bronnie and I flew to Christchurch, and I participated in both the AFFIRM Conference (always an encouraging time) and then GA25 (i.e. General Assembly of the PCANZ which only happens every second year) ... and Thursday night and Friday morning we caught up with precious friends.

The PCANZ Moderator for the next two years is Right Rev Peter Dunn from Southland, and his theme is "We believe" – a clear statement of biblical truths for which I am very grateful.

Blessings for all the readers of our Newsletter, Rev Ron.



November Services

- 02 Rev Ron
- 09 Joe Beattie Communion
- 16 Rev Ron
- 23 Helen Little Mission Luncheon
- 30 Rev Ron

November Duties

Morning Tea Roster

- 02 Brian & Gwen Weightman
- 09 Joe & Frances Beattie
- 16 Rena Bill & Elaine Ralph
- 23 John & Bev Reid Mission Luncheon
- 30 Fatima Lock & Felicity Wilson

Door Duty

- 02 & 09 Rena Bill & Vicki Smith
- 16 & 23 Brian & Gwen Weightman
- 30 David & Clare Walters

Church Cleaning

- 09 Helen Little
- 26 David & Dyan Robins

Flower Roster

- 02 & 09 Jackie Cantley
- 16 & 23 Lorraine Candy
- 30 Elizabeth French

Duty Elder

Joe Beattie

Session meets on the 18 November @3pm in the Meeting room.

Session News

Don't forget our new Bible Study on the structure of the Bible starting on the 5th November at 2pm at the church, at this stage this study group will run for 4 weeks.

Feel free to attend the Bible study and then join the prayer group at 3pm if you would like. We look forward to seeing you there.

City to City activities are continuing to be planned and we are now into our 2nd 90-day plan.

We are looking at sharing a planning session with those interested in taking part, so talk to Rev. Ron or a Session member if you are interested. We are also considering bringing a planning time into one of our services early in the new year ... yes, 2026 is almost here.

Members of the Session and Board of Managers are looking forward to seeing the concept plans for the revitalization of the church Hall (Campbell Hall). We are hoping to be able to share these with the church in the near future.

NB - Christmas Day Service is at the Baptist Church and there are NO services at Knox on December 28 and January 4. Rev Ron, the music team and others will resume on **January 11**.

Board of Managers meets on the 10th November @7pm in the Meeting Room.

Board of Managers News

Kitchen – Innovant's quote was received and accepted for replacing the remaining sliding doors and making a new set of drawers.

Lawns & Grounds – The Garden Working Bee was held on 17 October organised by Mary Discombe. Thank you to all who came along to help including two Lions Club members. Although not finished yet, the gardens are looking so much tidier. Keep collecting your newspapers.

Rena has had a conversation with the Market Day Convenor and after discussion the BOM agreed that no cars are allowed on the grass, our entranceway has to be kept clear, and no stalls allowed in our car park. Stage 2 of the roof cleaning will go ahead.

The Notice board at the front door will be updated.

Church Fair – A big thank you to Rena Bill, and her assistant Rhonda Grey, for once again organising the Fair and the Garage Sale and to all who came along to help. The amount raised was \$6400. Rena has been organising the Fair for the last 20 years at the BOM meeting on 13 October her letter of resignation was received. The Fair was a good fundraiser for the Church and the BOM would welcome input from the congregation for fundraising ideas for the future.

Visit to Te Awamutu – As mentioned in other notices, the Session and BOM travelled to see the new Presbyterian Centre at Te Awamutu. We are eagerly looking forward to receiving the concept plans for the upgrading of Campbell Hall and sharing these with the congregation.

Board of Managers Members – It was agreed that Helen Little be co-opted on to the BOM. This will be ratified at the next AGM. If anyone would like to make a contribution to the running of the church, consider joining the Board of Managers.

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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, WEBSITE, NOTICEBOARD

Facebook:

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

Website:

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

Mission Notice Board:

Have you checked out the Noticeboard for the latest updates / reports posted there.

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. An invitation is extended to any ladies who would like to become part of a home group Bible study. We meet Tuesday 10.15am and are finished by 12pm at 43 George Street. For more information phone Jennifer 8894199.

Mission Group News

In recent news updates from our WEC missionaries we have received the following prayer points:

N & S Easthouse

- Visa renewal. Pray that their applications will proceed smoothly and visas will be granted. Once the application is approved, we need to pay quickly. Please pray for our trust in Him, for his provision and for wisdom in what to do.
- Future. Moving forward N has it on his heart to work towards a bachelor's degree. He has credits towards this from previous study. This will make finding jobs easier etc. There are some options online through NZ. Please pray for His leading and provision.

Leo & Dulci

- House. They have moved into a separate House not far away from the guy's house. Praise God that we got a flat not far away from the house. The other couple are still living downstairs in the guy's house, and we are going to keep leading and helping them for now.
- Guys. There are 17 guys in the house. At this time there are lots of festivals and different celebrations of family gatherings etc. It's difficult to keep some of the guys in the house, as many of them want to go home to family to celebrate, which risks returning to their addictions. Please pray for our guys that they will know the Lord who satisfies completely. Pray that they will stay to finish the 18-month program. Pray for revelation of the Good News to set them free. Pray for wisdom for Leo and Dulci to help each one of the guys.

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 will be on 27 November – all welcome.

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 have had a recent payout of \$3000, 50% of which we have to give back to the Community. If anyone knows any local groups that would benefit from a donation, please let Frances know. Our next and last stint for this year is on 8—13 December. A big thank you to all our volunteers who so willingly help when it is Knox's turn. On Friday 21 November the Op Shop will be hosting the Volunteer's Morning Tea – so put this date in your diaries. Details to follow.

Prayer Chain

We have an email Prayer chain outreach for intercessory prayer. Send requests to Jackie Cantley, email: jacall@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.