

Knox Parish Newsletter

September 2025

From Ron's Desk



Greetings to the readers of our monthly Newsletter. As we enter the springtime of 2025, may we also sense a new spring, a new awakening, a fresh re-vitalisation in our church. The City-to-City initiatives are so helpful in this regard and we are grateful to David Rietveld from Sydney for his insights and training.

Way back in my university days, I experienced rejection in a church, followed two years later by incredible acceptance ... ever since, I have espoused the phrase "The warmth of the welcome" ... and this applies in 2025 as much as ever. May everyone who enters our church complex, for whatever reason, sense the warmth, love and welcome of Jesus as they encounter us, His people. Grace and peace to you all, Rev Ron

September Services

- 07 Rev Ron Father's Day
- 14 Joe Beattie Communion
- 21 Rev Ron
- 28 Clive Thomson Mission Luncheon

September Duties

Morning Tea Roster

- 07 Joe & Frances Beattie
- 14 Rena Bill & Jackie Cantley
- 21 John & Bev Reid
- 28 Fatima Lock & Felicity Wilson Luncheon

Door Duty

- 07 & 14 Rena Bill & Vicki Smith
- 21 & 28 Brian & Gwen Weightman

Church Cleaning

- 14 Fatima Lock
- 28 Lorraine Candy

Flower Roster

- 07 & 14 Elizabeth French
- 21 & 28 Glenys Middlemiss

Duty Elder **Jennifer Bills**
Ph 889 4199

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

Session News

From our discussions with City to city, we have engaged with the Community Choir to bring an afternoon event of music, fun and food on the 11th October.

The Choir will entertain from 2pm followed by a delicious afternoon tea. This will be a wonderful time of getting to know each other and those we are reaching out to, in a comfortable and friendly environment.

Please feel free to bring any other suggestions for events to the elders.

Session would like to Thank Viv Robins for the wonderful role she has done for us in supplying and preparing the elements for Communion for 15 years or more.

You time and effort have been greatly appreciated. Many thanks Viv.

ADVANCED NOTICE

On Friday 3rd October we will be holding our annual church FAIR

On Saturday 4th October will be our GARAGE SALE

We are still receiving contributions and items for on-selling. Please contact Rena Bill for further information or drop goods off at the office during the week prior to.



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

Board of managers News

Kitchen – The repairs to the central island in the kitchen has now been completed along with new sliding doors and shelves in the coffee mug cupboard and doors on the cupboard under the sink.

Lawns & Grounds – The rings for the Olive Tree surround have been supplied by Bowers at no cost to us.

Signage Update – Quotations have been received for new "welcome" signs to cover the Sunday service and Kafe@Knox etc. This is being investigated further.

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/KnoxMorrinsville/>

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

Mission Group News

Launchpad

Launchpad (originally Bible in Schools) is currently in four schools in the Morrinsville area. It is an opt-in, 30 minute programme. (Parents have to give permission for their children to attend. The David St School has allocated an early 'before school' slot to Launchpad which is mainly attended by children from Christian homes).

Stories from the Bible, NZ history and international role models are presented, with the values from these stories emphasized to help students take these values into their lives.

There is a dedicated group of teachers (presenters) who work to share Christian life values in a fun and age-appropriate way.

Prayer Point: Please pray for an increase in the number of children attending these classes.

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

The new Everybody's Shop is doing very well after the move to Ron Ladd Place. We have just made donations to Community Groups as follows – Morrinsville Museum, Morrinsville Lions Club, Ezekial Trust Foodbank, NZ Male Voice Choir (towards their fund raiser for the Community House) and Morrinsville Health Shuttle. 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.

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.

