

Knox Parish Newsletter

April 2026

From Ron's Desk

Greetings and welcome to April ... which this year begins with Easter which is the remembrance of the most significant event in the history of humanity. The humble carpenter's son from Nazareth, Jesus, who became a roving, miracle-working preacher, was betrayed, tried and executed unjustly ... and then rose from the grave to prove he had conquered sin, Satan and death.

His resurrection is at the heart of the Gospel we share – in his book entitled 'The Case for Christ' (and the subsequent movie with the same title) author, Lee Strobel, set out to disprove the resurrection of Jesus ... had he achieved his aim, he would have totally discredited the Christian message ... instead, he came to realize it was true and he is now a committed follower of Jesus.

Last Newsletter I shared my intention that ... *on Sunday 15 March our Service will be a little different ... besides worshipping God, I am going to have another attempt at making clear the City-to-City 1414 process which will help us as a congregation to set achievable 90-day goals ...*

This was achieved (with no technology hiccups!) and from the discussions and efforts of all involved we have established some 90-day goals for Quarters 2 and 3 of 2026 ... these will have been shared on Palm Sunday (29 March) but copies will be available via the office.

The key to achieving these goals is for everyone to find their place in the process and how their gifts and talents can contribute to on-going life and ministry of our church ... there is already a buzz in the air as the Hall project Team sets about its work, as others engage in fund-raising activities, still others seek to warmly welcome newcomers, and some are inspired to share the Gospel in the community ... as always, it is a team effort.

Blessings and prayers for you all, Rev Ron



Session meets on Tuesday 21 April @3pm in the Meeting room.

Session's Prayer for the Congregation

Psalm 103: 17- But the loving kindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him. And His righteousness to children's children.

We thank the Lord for all the loving kindness He has showered out on us over the years, through the hard times and the good times. May His loving kindness be poured out on all who need Him wherever they are, in Jesus name Amen.

Hall Project Team

We report that the Campbell Hall Update designs are being costed at the moment and we should hear back very soon. The design of the toilet in the first seminar room is being worked on at present.

Board of Managers meets on Monday 13 April @7pm in the Meeting Room.

Board of Managers News

General Maintenance - The heat pumps have all been serviced and the pavement signs for Kafe@Knox and the Church service have been ordered.

Fundraising – We are still looking for Fundraising ideas so please contact someone on the Board of Managers if you have any thoughts on this.

A thought from Richard Rohr:

"If love is the soul of Christian existence, it must be at the heart of every other Christian virtue. Thus, for example, justice without love is legalism; faith without love is ideology; hope without love is self-centredness; forgiveness without love is self-abasement; fortitude without love is recklessness; generosity without love is extravagance; care without love is mere duty; fidelity without love is servitude. Every virtue is an expression of love. No virtue is really a virtue unless it is permeated, or informed, by love."



April Services

- 05 Rev Ron
- 12 Rev Ron & Communion
- 19 Joe Beattie
- 26 Clive Thomson Mission Luncheon

April Duties

Morning Tea Roster

- 05 Fatima Lock & Mary Discombe
- 12 Rhonda Grey & Viv Laurie
- 19 Sharon Alexander & Felicity Wilson
- 26 Bev & Rae Seales

Door Duty

- 5 Bev & John Reid
- 12 & 19 David & Dyan Robins
- 26 Glenys Middlemiss & Fatima Lock

Church Cleaning

- 12 David & Dyan Robins
- 26 Bev & Rae Seales

Flower Roster

- 5 & 12 Clare Walters
- 19 & 26 Lorraine Candy

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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

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.

Bible Study Group

Meets at Jennifer's place on Wednesday mornings at 10:15am during the school term. The group is studying the gospel of Matthew. All are welcome.

Mission Group News

This Church, Knox Morrinsville, supports the Persecuted Church through Open Doors.

How does Open Doors help persecuted Christians?

In the last year Open Doors trained 5-7 million persecuted Christians across the World. Training includes leadership and discipleship courses, trauma care and persecution survival seminars.

Here are 3 ways to pray for the persecuted Church:

1. Pray for STRENGTH Ephesians 3: 16-19 Suffering believers need strength to endure the pain and pressure of persecution.
2. Pray for PROVISION Philippians 4: 19 Faced with poverty, loneliness and isolation, suffering believers need our prayers for God to provide.
3. Pray for GOSPEL to ADVANCE Philippians 1: 9-11 Pray for believers to be bold and wise in sharing their faith and that despite the challenges, people would come to Christ.

Kafe@Knox

Kafe@Knox is held on the 4th Thursday of the month from 10.00am. Our next get together will be on Thursday 23 April. Come along, bring a friend/neighbour and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Everybody's Op Shop

Thank you to those who helped out at the Op Shop last month. We have to cover a day during the school holidays and this will be on Friday 17 April. Our next full week will be Monday 11 – Saturday 16 May.

Fundraising Events

To replace the annual fair and also with the Campbell Hall update we have planned the following fundraising events. Please save these dates in your calendar and take the opportunity to invite friends and neighbours to support them. Invite pamphlets will be available closer to the event.

- **'Lisa Lorrell Concert'** A musical journey filled with nostalgia, fun and laughter. Wednesday 20 May @10am in the church. \$25 a ticket. Morning tea provided. The money raised from this event will go into our building fund.
- **'Songs of Praise'** Sunday 31 May @2pm in the church. Koha to be given.