

Knox Parish Newsletter

August 2026

From Ron's Desk

As I pen this greeting to you all we are in the midst of a real winter week – one day was cold, bleak and wet, the next provided brilliant sunshine albeit still a tad cold, and the third day resorted to cold, bleak and wet ... it almost feels chaotic.



And as we look at the world, we see lots of chaos – natural disasters, man-made wars, divisions in societies based on race, language and ethnicity, and situations where good is called evil and evil is called good ...

The early followers of Jesus were also thrust into a chaotic world – Richard Rohr writes very thoughtfully about origins of the Christian Church as being “The Way” in a chaotic world. Jesus didn’t come to create a new religion ... rather he came to enable people to discover a “Way” to connect with God and with others in a spirit of love.

Rohr goes on to quote historian, Diana Butler Bass, who writes, *“For all the complexity of primitive Christianity, a startling idea runs through early records of faith – Christianity seems to have succeeded because it transformed the lives of people in a chaotic world.”*

And this is still the message we are proclaiming today – despite all the chaos and unrest around the world, there is a way to discover love, hope, joy and peace ... and His name is Jesus!

Here at Knox in Morrinsville, it is my prayer and aspiration that we help people encounter the life-transforming love of God in the chaotic world in which we live ... whatever their background, whatever difficulties people have experienced, whatever their current perception of God ... may people see in us a glimpse of Jesus and be transformed by His grace.

Blessings, love and prayers, Rev Ron

August Services

02 Rev Ron
09 Rev Ron / Communion, AGM
16 Joe Beattie
23 Clive Thomson / Mission Luncheon
30 Peter Cowie

August Duties

Morning Tea Roster

02 Mary Discombe & Rena Bill
09 John & Bev Reid
16 Viv Laurie & Sharon Alexander
23 Brian & Gwen Weightman
30 Jackie Cantley & Fatima Lock

Door Duty

2 & 9 Brian & Gwen Weightman
16 & 23 John & Bev Reid
30 David & Dyan Robins

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

Session's Prayer for the Congregation

Proverbs 3: 5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Let us be a congregation that trusts the Lord in all things, and always acknowledges Him, giving thanks for what He has done and what He is continuing to do for us.

Session News

Session has been discussing a Men's Group for several months now and it has become clear that a Forum should be organised. So, to that end it was decided to begin with a Men's Forum to start on the 13th August at 10am in the church foyer. Men, please give this group some thought and join Rev Ron on the 13th and see where this project will go.

Hall Project Report

Our Application was accepted and recommended for approval by Graham Robertson (Kaimai Presbytery Property Manager). At the Presbytery meeting on the 29th July it was proposed that the motion “lies on the table until we receive more information as to how this project fits within the direction of Kaimai's strategic plan”. So, we wait for the questions that will come to us from the Executive Officer. Ron and I will answer the questions as quickly as possible and return them promptly.

Board of Managers meets on Monday 10 August @7pm in the Meeting Room.

Board of Managers News

The AGM will be held on Sunday 9 August. To date no nominations for the Board of Managers have been received. A few weeks ago Joe spoke on Commitment and we are sure there are those in our congregation who are able to make that commitment and join the Board. If you feel you could join us on the BOM, please give the office a ring.

Lawns and Grounds – Mary Discombe, along with a few helpers, has been very busy in the gardens and you will agree the rose garden is looking especially tidy. Thank you to Valerie Bell who donated two new Camelias to replace the ones that died in the summer. It was agreed that the Olive Tree will not be moved. Wood chips will be added at the base along with concrete edging to prevent damage.

Morrinsville Community Choir – The Choir's next concert will be held on Sunday 13 September at 2pm in our church and they have generously offered to donate half the entry fee to the Building Fund. More details to follow.

Mini Market – In lieu of the Church Fair this year, we will be holding a Mini Market on Friday 2 October. We will be selling plants, preserves, cakes etc. More details in next month's newsletter.

Church Cleaning

02 Helen Little
16 Clare & David Walters
30 David & Dyan Robins

Flower Roster

2 & 9 Bev Reid
16 & 23 Elizabeth French
30 Clare Walters

Contacts



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(Please leave a message)



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Session Clerk



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Wednesday Home Bible Study Group

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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.

Fundraising Events

To replace the annual fair and also with the Campbell Hall update we are open to ideas for fundraising events. Please speak to a Board of Managers or Session member.

Bible Study Group

- Meets at Jennifer's place on Wednesday mornings at 10:15am during the school term. All are welcome.

Mission Group News

From the **Heart and Soul Update for Churches** July 2026 - Barry Fisk CEO writes:

When people think about hospital chaplaincy, they often picture visits to patients recovering from surgery or facing serious illness. Yet one of the most significant and growing areas of our ministry is within mental health services.

Thank you for standing with us in this ministry. As the need for mental health chaplaincy continues to grow across NZ, your partnership enables us to bring hope, compassion, and the love of Christ to people when they need it most

Here at Knox we continue to financially support Chaplains at Waikato Hospital, Hamilton.

* Please see our Foyer noticeboard for the latest newsletter.

Kafe@Knox

Kafe@Knox is held on the 4th Thursday of the month from 10.00am. Our next get together will be on Thursday 27 August. Come along, bring a friend /neighbour and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Everybody's Op Shop

Our next rostered days at the Op Shop will be from Monday 31 August to Saturday 5 September. Once again, thank you to all those who willingly volunteer.

Change in Office Hours

Helen is on Annual Leave from 21 August to 21 September. During her absence Bronnie will be in the office, but with reduced hours. Bronnie's hours will be 9.30am to 1.30pm Tuesday to Thursday.

