

Knox Parish Newsletter

February 2026

From Ron's Desk

Greetings for February ... yes, we are already into the 2nd month of 2026 ... as usual, January has raced by. However, like January and early February of 2023, it has included some devastating weather-related events. I was with my family at Mount Maunganui as the rain poured down and then the terrible landslides happened ... our love, empathy and prayers go out to all those affected and bereaved, especially the family and friends of Lisa MacLennan. Nevertheless, life rolls on and we have to focus on what we are responsible for in 2026 ... to that end, I have been reading a book recommended by our City to City coach, David Rietveld ... it's called, "Comeback Churches", written by Ed Stetzer and Mike Dodson, and shares the stories and processes of many churches in the USA that were almost dead and buried ... but then revived.

Two key things I have noted from these stories – leadership and evangelism. When Sessions and Board of Managers are providing exciting, faith-filled, inspiring leadership and each member of the church is excited about knowing Jesus and making Him known, then churches re-grow.

May 2026 see Knox Presbyterian Church in Morrinsville experience "comeback church" realities ... may our love, joy, and encouragement of each other be infectious in our community.

Blessings and prayers for you all, Rev Ron



Session meets for the first time in 2026 on the Tuesday 17 February @3pm in the Meeting room.

Session's Prayer for the Congregation

We encourage you to read 1 Corinthians 13: 13

"Session longs for our church to be a place where faith, hope and love abound ... and the greatest of these is love."

Board of Managers meets for the first time in 2026 on Monday 9 February @7pm in the Meeting Room.

Please pray for the Leadership of Knox: Session, Board of Managers, Speakers, that they will seek God's will for Knox and lead us to bring glory to God.

February Services

- 01 Rev Ron
- 08 Joe Beattie Communion
- 15 Rev Ron
- 22 Clive Thomson Mission Luncheon

February Duties

Morning Tea Roster

- 01 Fatima Lock & Felicity Wilson
- 08 Bev & Rae Seales
- 15 Sharon Alexander & Viv Laurie
- 22 Jackie Cantley & Mary Discombe

Door Duty

- 1 & 8 David & Dyan Robins
- 15 & 22 Glenys Middlemiss & Fatima Lock

Church Cleaning

- 01 Bev & John Reid
- 15 Fatima Lock

Flower Roster

- 1 & 8 Elizabeth French
- 15 & 22 Bev Seales

7 Great Blessings from God:

1. God is with you.
2. God has a wonderful plan for you.
3. God will direct your path.
4. God comforts you.
5. God carries your burdens.
6. God will supply all your needs.
7. God gives you hope for the future.

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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: jac-all@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 Tuesday mornings at 10:15am during the school term. This will begin again for 2026 in mid-February.

All are welcome.

Mission Group News

It was lovely to have N & G with us last Sunday. N was the Speaker and G gave an update on their lives in the mission field and their time back in N.Z. for the birth of their third child. They joined with us for the Fellowship lunch.

Their Prayer requests are:

- ◆ Language learning
- ◆ Deeper relationships with locals & hospitality
- ◆ Discipleship
- ◆ Finding a home on our return
- ◆ For our marriage
- ◆ Discernment for the future
- ◆ God's continued provision
- ◆ Nick's online study

Kafe@Knox

Kafe@Knox is held on the 4th Thursday of the month from 10.00am. Our next meeting is Thursday 26 February. Come along, bring a friend and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Everybody's Op Shop

Our next time on Duty at the Op Shop is March 9th—14th. Please contact Frances (0210 239 2538) if you would like to help

Testimonies

Please contact either Rev Ron or an Elder if you feel inspired by God to bring a testimony during a service. Rev Ron likes to call them 'A story to tell' and he believes everyone has one.

