



Knox Parish Newsletter

January 2026



From Ron's Desk



Greetings from the Minister's desk at Knox Presbyterian Church in Morrinsville ... this message is really for January but may be released early ... if you are reading this before Christmas, then receive Christmas blessings ... if you are reading it in January, then HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Yes, 2026 is upon us ... and like all years it will include 'the good, the bad, and the ugly' ... all manner of circumstances will occur this year, but the key to coping is our attitude ... things like:

- ◆ An attitude of gratitude
- ◆ Recognising that Jesus promised to never leave us nor forsake us
- ◆ Daring to believe that we can be naturally supernatural
- ◆ Reminding ourselves of the promises of God ... *do you have a favourite scripture or 6?*
- ◆ Allowing the negative circumstances of life to cause us to pursue God more closely rather than chase us away from trusting Him.

As we journey through 2026 may the joy of the Lord fill our hearts daily and may we be enabled to love God and love others with the love that Jesus imparts to us.

Blessings to you all, Rev Ron

January Services

- 04 No Service
- 11 Rev Ron Communion
- 18 Clive Thomson
- 25 Joe Beattie

January Duties

Morning Tea Roster

- 11 Rae & Bev Seales
- 18 Sharon Alexander & Vicki Smith
- 25 John & Bev Reid

Door Duty

- 11 Rena Bill & Vicki Smith
- 18 & 25 Brian & Gwen Weightman

Church Cleaning

- 04 Glenys Middlemiss
- 18 Martin & Philo van de Haar

Session meets on the Tues 17 February @3pm in the Meeting room.

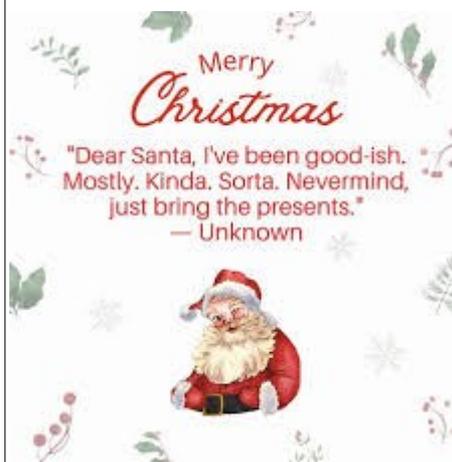
Session News

Session wishes everyone a blessed Christmas and Best wishes for 2026

Matthew 4:4

But He answered and said, 'It is written, Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God'

Pray that we will always be ready to hear and receive God's word in our hearts.



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

Board of Managers News-

Notice Board -This has been updated.

Church Roof - Stage 2 Cleaning of Church Roof is completed.

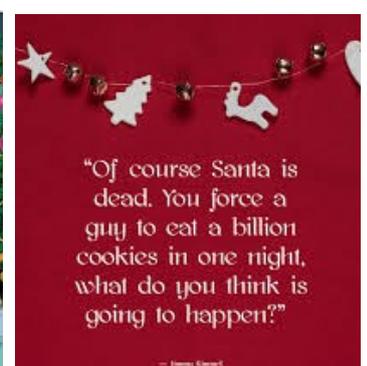
Piano – This has been tuned and repairs carried out.

Farmers Market – One vendor removed the fencing around the olive tree and displayed his outdoor furniture all over the lawn. Photographs were taken and a letter is being sent to the Market Day organiser outlining our policy of No Parking on our grass verges.

Lawns & Grounds – The camellias have been trimmed and fertilised and the roses sprayed as well as the onion weed in the rose garden. A watering system has been installed in the rose garden. There is a buyer for the lime chips.



I LOVE HANGING WITH YOU!



Contacts



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(Please leave a message)



Office hours Tues—Fri, 9am to 1pm

The office will be closed from 1pm 24th Dec until 9am Tues 6th January 2026.

Email: admin@knoxmorrinsville.org.nz

Session Clerk



Glenys Middlemiss 027 4533 956

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:

www.knoxmorrinsville.org.nz/index.htm

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.

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. All are welcome.

Mission Group News

Please remember to pray for our missions over the festive season.

Hospital Chaplaincy

Mercy Ships

Launchpad

Persecuted Church

Leo & Dulci

N & G

Kafe@Knox

Kafe@Knox is held on the 4th Thursday of the month from 10.00am. Our first get together for the year will be on Thursday 22 January. Come along, bring a friend and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Everybody's Op Shop

This calendar year we have received \$14500 from the Op Shop, 50% of which we have given to the following organisations – Kids in Need, Riding for the Disabled, Morrinsville Lions Club, Morrinsville Museum, Ezekiel Trust 24/7 Programme, NZ Male Voice Choir (for their fundraiser for the Community House), Health Shuttle, Foodbank, Tahuna Fire Brigade (towards the purchase of their 1st Response Vehicle), Altrusa Club, Community House Christmas Appeal, Morrinsville Gallery and 3 Morrinsville Primary Schools. Thank you to all the volunteers who willingly offer their help. For 2 hours every 7 weeks you are contributing to both Knox and the Community. We will be on duty 3 days during the school holidays i.e. Friday 9th, Tuesday 20th and Friday 30th January 2026.

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.

