

Knox Parish Newsletter

July 2026

From Ron's Desk

Welcome to the second half of 2026 and the journey of walking with Jesus through all the ups and downs of life ... may we all sense His presence and guidance as we continue to build living stones and develop the property.



As many of you know, the Bible is very important to me ... this library of 66 books that brings the revelation of God's Word ... and His name is Jesus. However, I read something fascinating recently that I want to share with you:

Rev Tim Powers-Read wrote this: *"People often ask if something is biblical. So are slavery, child brides, harems, and public stonings. 'Biblical' has never been my highest standard. Jesus is. Because whenever Scripture becomes complicated, contradictory or weaponized, I look to the one who taught us that LOVE OF GOD and LOVE OF NEIGHBOUR are what matter most."*

This resonates with me ... sadly, the Bible has been used to justify some terrible actions and philosophies over the centuries. Therefore, we must be careful in how we interpret and use it. Rightly understood, the Bible is a source of so much comfort, encouragement, insights, even rebukes ... but wrongly used, it can become a sledgehammer that destroys people.

Here at Knox in Morrinsville may the Bible be used well to inspire people to live a life of faith, love, and good works ... may our lives reveal Jesus to the community we live in.

On another note, Glenys has now submitted our application to Kaimai Presbytery for approval to pursue the renovation of Campbell Hall ... huge THANKS to all who gave gifts and/or 6-month pledges on our Giving Sunday ... 10% of our target is a great beginning.

While Presbyterian processes and fund-raising can seem a bit slow at times, let's cover this whole project with prayer daring to believe that once again God will prove Himself to be 'Jehovah-Jireh' = the LORD the Provider.

Blessing and gratitude for you all, Rev Ron

July Services

- 05 Rev Ron
- 12 Rev Ron / Communion, Welcome to New Members
- 19 Joe Beattie
- 26 Clive Thomson / Mission Luncheon

July Duties

Morning Tea Roster

- 05 Jackie Cantley & Felicity Wilson
- 12 Brian & Gwen Weightman
- 19 Rena Bill & Viv Laurie
- 26 Frances & Joe Beattie

Door Duty

- 5 & 12 Glenys Middlemiss & Fatima Lock
- 19 & 26 Rena Bill & Viv Laurie

Session meets on Tuesday 28 July @3pm in the Meeting room.

Session's Prayer for the Congregation

Psalm 90 : 17 - Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us. and confirm for us the work of our hands. Yes, confirm the work of our hands.

Pray that the Lord will strengthen and encourage us as we step out in faith to upgrade our hall.

Session News

Session will hold a welcome to new members at our Communion service on the 12 July.

If you would like to be a member of Knox, please see either Rev. Ron or Glenys before this date.

Session would welcome and is open to suggestion of activities that would enhance our church life. All ideas will be considered and discussed by Session and we will report back to you on our discussions.

Hall Project Report

The Application for Approval to Undertake Major Repairs or Alterations has been filled out (all 8 pages) and sent off to The Property person at Kaimai Presbytery along with many supporting documents. Now we wait and pray for God's supporting grace and blessing upon our application.

Board of Managers meets on Monday 13 July @7pm in the Foyer.

Board of Managers News

Fundraising – At the recent Congregational Meeting it was agreed that we proceed with the renovation of Campbell Hall. This is a big commitment but with faith that we are on the right track, it will be a great asset to the community. Once again, if anyone has fundraising ideas, please let a member of the BOM know. A big thank you to the person who sponsored the advert in the Morrinsville News for the Lisa Lorell concert. Their generosity contributed to the success of the day.

For those who attended our June Morning Tea and Church on 28 June would notice our new pavement signs. They look very smart.

The AGM will be held on Sunday 9 August. If you feel you could join us on the BOM we would be pleased to have you.

Lawns and Grounds – Mary Discombe along with John & Bev Reid did some tidying up of the side garden ready for the weed mat.

Church Cleaning

- 05 Fatima Lock
- 19 Lorraine & Ox Candy

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.

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 Groups

- 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

One of the Mission families that Knox Morrinsville supports has shared that they are preparing to return to the mission field in Central Asia during August. N and G and family returned to NZ for a number of reasons. Their third child was born during this time and they have been so grateful for this season of God's Blessing. They ask for the following Praise and Prayer Points.

Praise Points:

- * for His Provision!
- * for a meaningful time in NZ

Prayer Points:

- * God's will regarding a car on their return
- * N with his online study, working towards a degree
- * Baby E as he continues 'sleep training'

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 July. 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 recently. On 16 July we have our day during the school holidays. At the Special General Meeting held on 3 June, the IHC advised that they would no longer be volunteering for Everybody's Op Shop. As a result, the other teams have to fill their spots until the end of the year and we have volunteered to do Monday and Tuesday 3 and 4 August and Monday and Tuesday 23 and 24 November in addition to our rostered days. We will receive an additional \$250 per day.

