

Knox Parish Newsletter

June 2026

From Ron's Desk

The month of May has flown by with a glorious month of autumn weather – I trust you were able to enjoy lots of the wonderful sunshine and glorious colours of this season.

Church life included many milestones – Rev David Rietveld, our City-to-City Coach, preached an insightful sermon on Mothers' Day followed by a very helpful seminar on the Monday – in both events he helped us to identify ways to engage with people, meet them where they are at, with positive interaction.

On Friday 15 we had a wedding at Knox ... the first for several years, I was told, as Sam Clarke and Tracey White made their vows before family and friends (some of whom had travelled from Ireland). Currently they live and work near Waiuku, but I am praying a sharemilking opportunity opens up for them in the Waikato next June ... if that happens, we might see a lot more of them and their little son, Harry.

On Wednesday 20 May about 140 people gathered for a lovely morning tea and the Lisa Lorrell Concert – she has a wonderful singing voice and a wide repertoire ... hopefully she can come again! Huge thanks and congratulations to Frances and her team ... they raised over \$3000 towards our building fund.

On Pentecost Sunday, 24 May, we had an encouraging worship service, followed by a Congregational meeting where we affirmed the leadership decision to engage the services of Trina White of WCML (= Waikato Construction Management Ltd) to renovate Campbell Hall. It's a big project and our funding target is \$750,000 ... but it will produce a much needed asset that will serve the community of Morrinsville, generate income for Knox, and leave a legacy for future generations.

Meanwhile, God is blessing us with some additional worshippers ... we hope to recognise and formally welcome them to Knox at our July Communion Service ... if you want to be included in this group, please let Glenys or me know during June.

Finally, may the Lord bless and encourage you today, Rev Ron



Session meets on Tuesday 16 June @3pm in the Meeting room.

Session's Prayer for the Congregation

Joel 2: 28 It will come about after this, that I will pour out my Spirit on all mankind. And your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

Pray that the Lord would keep his promise and pour out his Spirit over us all, and that we would hear and respond to the prophecies, dreams and visions He will give us.

Session News & Hall Project Team Report

Thank you to all who attended David Rietveld's seminar on the 11th May. David was very inspiring both on Sunday morning preaching and at the seminar. It is also encouraging that we have quite a number of parishioners who are interested in working on our City to city project.

Rev Ron and Session would like to hold a "Welcome Service" on the 12 July 2026. We would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who is new to attending Knox over the past year or two. Please contact Rev. Ron or Glenys as soon as possible.

The Hall Project team are pleased to report that the Congregation has voted to proceed with the Hall project and we will now send the plans and relevant documentation to Kaimai Presbytery and then onto the Church Property Trustees at PCANZ for approval from both groups.

We will also be investigating the different organisations to which we will be able to apply for help with our fundraising and developing a brochure that can be used to share the opportunity with family, friends and people who have a link to and interest in Morrinsville.

Board of Managers meets on Monday 8 June @7pm in the Foyer.

Board of Managers News

General Maintenance – New smoke alarms to be placed throughout the church complex.

Fundraising – Thank you to everyone who supported the Lisa Lorrell concert. It was a huge success with 141 people attending and we raised \$3005 towards the building fund. Once again the morning tea was certainly lavish, so thank you to everyone who contributed. More fundraisers are being planned for later in the year. If you have any ideas with regard to future fundraising, please let the BOM know.

Lawns and Grounds – Mary Discombe has reported that further weeding will be completed as weather allows.

Church Cleaning

07 Martin & Philo van de Haar

21 Bev & John Reid

Flower Roster

7 & 14 Bev Seales

21 & 28 Jackie Cantley

June Services

07 Clive Thompson

14 Rev Ron

21 Rev Ron

28 Joe Beattie/ Mission Luncheon

June Duties

Morning Tea Roster

07 Fatima Lock & Glenys Middlemiss

14 Bev & Rae Seales

21 Rhonda Grey

28 Sharon Alexander & Mary Discombe

Door Duty

7 & 14 Bev & John Reid

21 & 28 David & Dyan Robins

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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 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

Since 2018 Knox Morrinsville has supported **Mercy Ships**, initially as a Prayer partner and then financially (for approximately 3 years) when Jeremy and Ruth Pollard and family served on both the Africa Mercy and the then new Global Mercy. Since their return home to New Zealand we have maintained contact with Mercy Ships who appreciate our continuing Prayer support. Last year - 2025 - 6,860 surgical procedures were performed on Mercy Ships, both changing the lives and giving hope to some of the poorest people in Africa.

At present the Goodall family from NZ are serving with Mercy Ships in West Africa. Brian has previously served as a surgeon on MS in Sierra Leone and has returned with his wife Alicia and four young daughters. Brian is now a Pre-Op Clinical Supervisor responsible for co-ordinating admission and preparing patients for surgery.

Please pray:

- That the family will settle well into life on board a Mercy Ship
- For Unity, Joy and Growth across all areas of Service - all volunteers on board, national crew, national offices and the Africa Service Centre

Kafe@Knox

Kafe@Knox is held on the 4th Thursday of the month from 10.00am. Numbers were down last month which was a bit disappointing although a few of our regulars were away. However, those attending did enjoy themselves. Our next get together will be on Thursday 25 June. 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. The BOM approved payments of \$500 each to Ultimate Frisbee and the RSA Poppy Appeal. We have received a further payment of \$3000 which has yet to be distributed. Our next duty week is 29 & 30 June and 1 – 4 July and our day during the next school holidays is 16 July. There will be a special General Meeting on Wednesday 3 June at 4.30pm at the Baptist Church. If anyone would like to come along please let Frances know.

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.

- **'Songs of Praise'** Sunday 31 May @2pm in the church. Koha invited towards Campbell Hall renovation.