

Knox Parish Newsletter

March 2026

From Ron's Desk

Greetings to our readers as we race into March and the autumn season ... may it be a special time for you as the beautiful colours unfold before many trees shed their leaves and we move into winter. To be honest, autumn is my favourite season ... it often includes some spells of calm, settled weather which is so enjoyable.



In a recent 'Knox Hot Wire' I quoted from Shira Schechter who encouraged us to simply be ourselves as we serve God ... don't imitate others, rather let the Holy Spirit shine through you and your personality. She goes on to say, *"God has plenty of angels performing perfect, mechanical service. What He wants from you is something angels cannot provide – your actual personality, your genuine gifts, your real self, consecrated to His purposes."*

As we continue our journey through 2026, may we be people of integrity – true to who we are, who God has made us to be, and yet full of love for God and for others.

Finally, a little advertising – on Sunday 15 March our Service will be a little different ... besides worshipping God, I am going to have another attempt at making clear the City-to-City 1414 process which will help us as a congregation to set achievable 90-day goals ... come along and help us explore possibilities.
Grace and peace, Rev Ron

March Services

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

March Duties

Morning Tea Roster

- 01 Rhonda Grey & Glenys Middlemiss
- 08 Frances & Joe Beattie
- 15 Brian & Gwen Weightman
- 22 Rena Bill & Elaine Ralph
- 29 John & Bev Reid

Door Duty

- 1 & 8 Rena Bill & Viv Laurie
- 15 & 22 Brian & Gwen Weightman
- 29 Bev & John Reid

Session meets on Tuesday 17 March @3pm in the Meeting room.

Session News

Thank you to all who accepted Rev Ron's invitation (15th Feb) to contact anyone you hadn't seen at Church that day. It was heartening to hear about the contacts made and that our family really cares for each other.

As you will be aware the church leadership have decided to form a small Project team to oversee the upgrade of our hall. The updated plans that will go out for the tender process are on display in the foyer, and copies are available to take home to study. Any comments or suggestions on the plans can be directed to Glenys who has volunteered to lead the project team.

Session's Prayer for the Congregation

Proverbs 2: 5-6 Then you will discern the fear of the Lord, and discover the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Pray that as a congregation we will have God's wisdom and knowledge, and that we use His understanding and discernment, as we move forward with the plans He has for us.

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

Board of Managers News

General Maintenance - All the electrical cords have been serviced and the heat pumps are in the process of being serviced.

Lawns and Grounds - The scoria that was removed from the garden has been sold.

Fundraising – As previously reported, Rena Bill has stepped down from organising the Church Fair/Garage Sale. This was a good fundraiser for the Church and the BOM would like to know if anyone has ideas for future fundraising, please contact someone on the Board of Managers.

Church Cleaning

- 15 Clare & David Walters
- 29 Helen Little

Flower Roster

- 1 & 8 Glenys Middlemiss
- 15 & 22 Jackie Cantley
- 29 Bev Reid

Contacts



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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 Group

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

LAUNCHPAD (formerly Bible in Schools) An update from the Waikato Regional Leader

Launchpad has a Waikato office based in Cambridge which allows them to train, promote and grow the work of Launchpad. There are 6 new presenters trained and ready to start in schools. In the Waikato Area there are presenters in 33 schools each week with Tahuna, Tauhei Combined School, Kiwitahi and David St School in Morrinsville.

Please pray for:

- Open doors into more schools
- More volunteers to fill roles where people have retired or left
- Launchpad presenter needed for Te Aroha and Tahuna
- Pray for Motumaoho School - for the start of the program in that school
- Most importantly pray for the Tamariki who Launchpad are in contact with every week to hear, believe and for God to be revealed to them

Kafe@Knox

Kafe@Knox is held on the 4th Thursday of the month from 10.00am. We had a wonderful time on last Thursday. An exciting hum of people chatting with each other, catching up with old friends and meeting new people was heard. Our next get together for the year will be on Thursday 26 March. Come along, bring a friend/neighbour and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Everybody's Op Shop

Our next Op Shop duty will be Monday 9th— Saturday 14th March. Please contact Frances (0210 239 2538) if you are able to help out.

World Day of Prayer

This year the WDP is being held on Friday 6 March and will be hosted by St Joseph's Church. The service starts at 9.30 am and will be followed by morning tea. The theme is "*I will give you rest: Come*" (Matthew 11:28-30). The programme this year has been prepared by the women of Nigeria. There will be an offering (No EFTPOS) which, this year, will go towards supporting Christian World Service, The Bible Society of Nigeria and Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa