

Knox Parish Newsletter

May 2026

From Ron's Desk

Greetings to all the readers of our Knox Newsletter. As we race into the final month of autumn, 2026, I pray you will know and experience the love of God ... and some of that love is expressed in the amazing colours of autumn. For me, it is a favourite season ... generally not too hot or too cold (*although this year April had some winter-like temperatures*) and so much of creation to enjoy.



On the Christian calendar, May 2026 includes the "Day of Pentecost" – May 24th. This was the day that the church was birthed when the Holy Spirit came upon the followers of Jesus 10-days after he had ascended into heaven. Suddenly, this motely bunch of slightly confused disciples of Jesus, became a powerful voice for the wonder-working power of Jesus ... the Gospel was proclaimed in many languages.

Like the death and resurrection of Jesus, which occurred at the Jewish feast of Passover, so too the Day of Pentecost was linked to a Jewish celebration ... it was the ingathering of the early harvest – the outpouring the Holy Spirit represented the first fruits of Jesus' ministry.

Consequently, a possible interpretation that I personally resonate with, is that Jesus' second coming will be timed according to the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles which celebrates the final harvest ... normally around September/October which is the autumn in the northern hemisphere.

Of course, God alone knows when this will be (*see Acts 1:6-7*) ... we are not called to fixate on possible days and times – we are called to be filled with God's Holy Spirit and share the love of Jesus by word and deed in our communities.

As autumn fades and winter descends upon us, may we find warmth in our relationship with God and with each other ... may the Holy Spirit burn within us all, enabling us to do good deeds in Morrinsville and the surrounding districts. Blessings in Jesus' name, Rev Ron

May Services

- 03 Clive Thompson
- 10 David Rietveld
- 17 Joe Beattie
- 24 Rev Ron / Congregational Meeting / Mission Luncheon
- 31 Rev Ron Giving Sunday

May Duties

Morning Tea Roster

- 03 Jackie Cantley & Elaine Ralph
- 10 Rena Bill & Glenys Middlemiss
- 17 Frances & Joe Beattie
- 24 Brian & Gwen Weightman
- 31 John & Bev Reid

Door Duty

- 3 Glenys Middlemiss & Fatima Lock
- 10 & 17 Rena Bill & Viv Laurie
- 24 & 31 Brian & Gwen Weightman

Session meets on Tuesday 19 May@3pm in the Meeting room.

Session's Prayer for the Congregation

Ephesians 1:17-19 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you (us) a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your (our) heart may be enlightened, so that you (we) will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might. Amen. This is both a prayer and a reading.

Session News

Kaimai Presbytery are hosting The Gathering on May 9th at Tokoroa from 9:30– 3:30. The event is open to all congregational members. If you are interested in attending, please talk to an elder about registration and carpooling.

City to City – our current 90-day plan – 1-4-1-4, is on the noticeboard for your reference. David Rietveld will be visiting us on Sunday 10th and Monday 11th of May. David will be preaching on the 10th and holding a follow up study on Monday about sharing God with others. Starting 9am – 12pm. Morning Tea provided.

Hall Project Team

- We are planning for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday 24 May 2026 after the Service
- Costings from WCML are now with the Project Team and these will be shared with the congregation before the congregational meeting. We also need to get approval of our plans from Kaimai Presbytery and the PCANZ Church Property Trustees following the Congregational Meeting.
- On the 31st May we will be holding a Giving Sunday towards funding for the Hall upgrade. A giving form will be handed out to the congregation before the 31st May and collected on the day.
- Dyan Robins has agreed to join the Hall Project Team.

Board of Managers meets on Monday 11 May @7pm in the Foyer.

Board of Managers News

General Maintenance – The new Vacuum cleaner has arrived. It is not for general cleaning and will be kept in the Office

Fundraising – Don't forget the Lisa Lorrell fundraiser on 20 May. Tell your neighbours and friends as we would like a good number coming along and they will not be disappointed Also the Songs of Praise on 31 May. We are still looking for Fundraising ideas so please contact someone on the Board of Managers if you have any thoughts on this.

Church Cleaning

- 10 Jackie Cantley
- 24 Glenys Middlemiss

Flower Roster

- 3 & 10 Bev Reid
- 17 & 24 Elizabeth French
- 31 Glenys Middlemiss

Contacts



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(Please leave a message)



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Minister

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Wednesday Home Bible Study 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

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.
- 'Bible as a Library' 4 weekly sessions in May starting Wednesday 6 @ 1.30pm.

Mission Group News

Leo and Dulci write

- Our guys are doing well and we are still praying for their salvation. Some are showing more interest and wanting to know more about the Bible and that encouraging. Please keep praying for us and our guys. We would love to see God move with power amongst us.
- We have applied for an extension to our visas. Please pray that it will be granted for us so that we will be able to continue the work here.

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 28 May**. 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. Our next full week is **Monday 11 – Saturday 16 May**.

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.

Invite pamphlets will be available closer to the event.

- **'Lisa Lorrell Concert'** A musical journey filled with nostalgia, fun and laughter. **Wednesday 20 May @10am** in the church. \$25 a ticket cash at the door. Morning tea provided. The money raised from this event will go into our building fund.
- **'Songs of Praise'** Sunday 31 May @2pm in the church. Koha invited towards Campbell Hall renovation.