

Knox Parish Newsletter

September 2026

From Ron's Desk

Greetings to you all as we begin the journey into Spring ... 8 months of 2026 already done and dusted ... as you reflect on the first two-thirds of the year, what brings a smile to your face and what causes you to offer up thanks?



And as you look out on the remaining one-third, what are your expectations ... your hopes and aspirations ... your wants and desires? As a church, we hope to finally get Kaimai Presbytery approval for our renovations of Campbell Hall followed by the CPT (Church Property Trustees) endorsement ... such processes are frustrating at times but overall provide us with a degree of protection.

Meanwhile, we continue to encourage one another in this journey of life and faith ... most Thursdays, at 10am, we are running a "Men's Forum" ... an opportunity for blokes to grab a tea/coffee and 'chew the fat' over various issues we are confronting in this modern, fast-paced life. Some of the initial discussions have centred around the impact of AI ... for many this is a scary new technology ... but so was electricity, the telephone, motor cars, televisions, computers and the internet ... at one point each of these caused people to be fearful and yet, as we know, are now part of our everyday lives ... AI is simply the latest technology to seem overwhelming, but will be an amazing tool for the purposes of God.

On the 4th Thursday of each month, Kafe @ Knox continues to thrive ... the numbers fluctuate, but the camaraderie and free-flowing conversation along with great food, make this an excellent opportunity to develop relationships and welcome people into the town of Morrinsville. Blessings, Rev Ron

September Services

06 Rev Ron
13 Joe Beattie / Communion
20 Rev Ron
27 Clive Thomson / Mission Luncheon

September Duties

Morning Tea Roster

06 Frances & Joe Beattie
13 Bev & Rae Seales
20 Felicity Wilson & Jackie Cantley
27 Glenys Middlemiss & Rhonda Grey

Door Duty

06 David & Dyan Robins
13 & 20 Glenys Middlemiss & Fatima Lock
27 Rena Bill & Viv Laurie

Session meets on Tuesday 15 September @3pm in the Meeting room.

Session's Prayer for the Congregation

Psalm 32 : 11 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones. And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.

Thank the Lord for all He has done for us, for all He is doing for us and all He will do for us.

Session News

Men's Forum

The Men's Forum has begun in really good style with 6 men attending the first meeting on the 13th and the following week 8 men attended. It has been reported that there have been some very interesting and robust discussions as the men build relationships amongst them all. This group includes church and nonchurch men.

Hall Project Report

Ron and Glenys had a meeting with Vanya Willis (Executive Officer) and Rev. Ian Guy to answer the questions that came out of the Kaimai Presbytery Council meeting.

We are now investigating having a feasibility study, so that we can hopefully put Presbytery's minds at ease.

Christmas Activities

The Morrinsville Christmas Parade is on the 12th Dec – the theme is 'Songs of the Season'. They are hoping to have some floats from the churches.

Is there anyone interested in putting a float together on our behalf.

Board of Managers meets on Monday 14 September @7pm in the Meeting Room.

Board of Managers News

Lawns and Grounds – The garden work is ongoing and Glenys is delivering river stones for the big garden. A Judas Tree is to be purchased and planted in that garden. The rose garden has been completed and looks great.

General Maintenance - It was suggested that hand rails be put in the ladies' toilets, but due to the thin partitioning walls, this is not practical, but if required, there is one in the disability toilet.

Toy Library Storage – The office has been approached about hiring a storage area and the Campbell Hall for day of swapping. Due to the proposed renovations, it was agreed to let them have the storage area at no cost and only pay for the hall for swap day.

Morrinsville Community Choir – The Choir's next concert will be held on Sunday 13 September at 2pm in our church and they have generously offered to donate half the entry fee to the Building Fund. They will be joined by Morrinsville College Choir and admission will be \$10 per adult and \$20 per family. Cash only on the day.

Church Cleaning

13 Bev & Rae Seales
27 Jackie Cantley

Flower Roster

6 & 13 Bev Seales
20 & 27 Glenys Middlemiss

Contacts



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(Please leave a message)



Office hours Tues—Fri, 9am to 1pm

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Session Clerk



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Minister

Rev Ron Bennett 022 6981 303

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/Knox-Morrinsville/>

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 Group

- Meets at Jennifer's place on Wednesday mornings at 10:15am during the school term. All are welcome.

Men's Forum

- Thursday 10am in the Foyer with Rev Ron (the 4th Thursday is Kafe@Knox)

Mission Group News

Hope Project NZ

Hope Project is about keeping stories of Faith and Hope alive in our nation.

'An initiative of the Shining Lights Trust, Hope Project is currently connected with around 1,000 pastors and Churches across NZ seeking to serve them through clear and simple explanations of our shared belief and hope. A wide range of Christian denominations are united in these common beliefs.'

Here at Knox, Hope project NZ is included in the 2026-2027 budget. We donate \$500 at the end of the year with the intention of contributing towards the "Hope for All" booklets that are delivered prior to Easter into letterboxes in the Morrinsville community. You can find out more about Hope Project NZ by searching on their website.

Kafe@Knox

Kafe@Knox is held on the 4th Thursday of the month from 10.00am. Our next get together will be on Thursday 24 September. Come along, bring a friend/neighbour and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Everybody's Op Shop

Our next rostered days at the Op Shop will be from Monday 31 August to Saturday 5 September. Once again, thank you to all those who willingly volunteer

Change in Office Hours

Helen is on Annual Leave until 21 September. During her absence Bronnie will be in the office, but with reduced hours. Bronnie's hours will be 9.30am to 1.30pm Tuesday to Thursday.

