

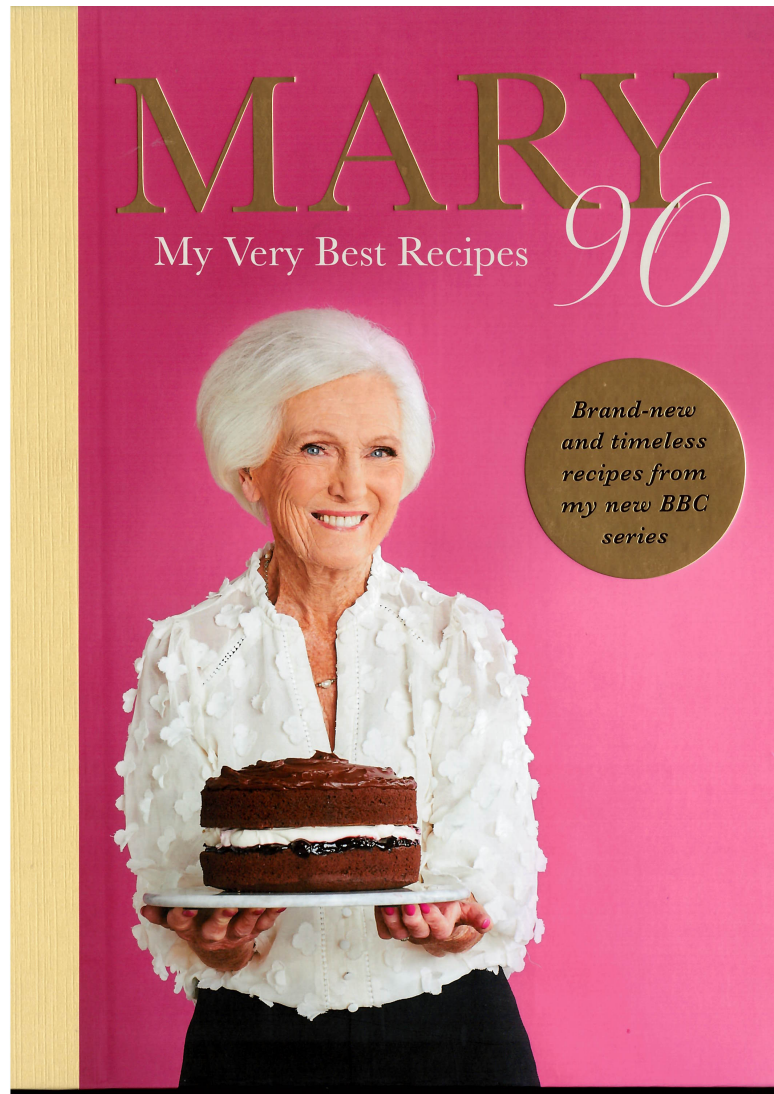


KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service

26 April 2026



WITH GLAD AND GENEROUS HEARTS

a service concluding with ANZAC remembrance

WELCOME TO KNOX

Knox Church is a congregation within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. We aim to create Christian community in which people of all ages, sexual orientations, cultural backgrounds and socio-economic situations are included as equally valued participants in our congregational life. We cherish our diversity, offering a safe place of belonging to any who wish to explore their beliefs in an atmosphere promoting discussion, the development of healthy relationships and spiritual growth. We strive to be open to dialogue and shared experiences with people of other faiths. We enjoy worshipping the God made known in Jesus, endeavouring to do so in ways that are relevant to our daily lives, respect the integrity of creation, and make a positive difference to our wider world.

A loop system for hearing aids operates at Knox - use your aid's "T" setting.

Toilets are available through the door on the city side of the sanctuary.

The sermon and prayers in this service were written by Matthew with no styling assistance by Artificial Intelligence.

We take care to use inclusive language in our services. References to God in traditional prayers and hymns may sometimes be gender-specific. As we pray and sing together, you're invited to adapt the words we've chosen.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, you are welcome to use the language that is most natural to you.

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, a light in the world.

JESUS, WHOSE RESURRECTION BRINGS GLADNESS;

JESUS, WHOSE PRESENCE ENABLES THE OPENING OF OUR HANDS;

JESUS, WHOSE CALL SHAPES OUR SHARING OF LIFE.

Kia noho a lhowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Kremser

Eduard Kremser (1838-1914)



1. Sing praise and thanksgiving, let all creatures living
now worship their maker with gladness and song;
all glory and honour we bring to God, singing:
O praise to the Almighty,
sing praise to our God!
2. Our lives of God's making Christ brings to their waking
in darkness we've been held in deep, gracious care,
now into the light we are called from our sleeping:
O praise to the Almighty,
sing praise to our God!
3. God, frame our desiring to do your requiring,
that unto your glory be all that we do;
and here, as we worship, give faith and give healing:
O praise to the Almighty,
sing praise to our God!

*Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676),
tr. Margaret Barclay (b. 1923),
adapted by Colin Gibson, then again by Matthew Jack.*

Prayer of Approach

Called now to worship God with song and gladness,
the people of Jesus gather for hymns
and hearing the Word
and being made one.

SING PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING.

Called now to sit with those
whom without the coming of faith
we never might have known,
but with whom we now profess a unity,
WE SING PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING.

Called now to sell all we have,
and share the money with the needy,
called now to follow the Christ
who gave until there was no more to give,
WE SING PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING.

From his resurrection new life flows,
and the curious "logic of the cross" rumbles.
The world of his new creation is unfolding -
WE SING PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING.

Silence

Today we will hear, O God of resurrection,
of the new community of Christ,
responding in faith
by sharing all they had,
**AND LIVING LIFE
WITH GLAD AND GENEROUS HEARTS.**

It well may be that here we will stumble,
wanting to keep what he have,
preferring a life that is private,
**AND QUELLING THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST
THAT CALLS US TO GENEROSITY.**

It well may be
that we will say "thank you, but not today".

Lord have mercy.
CHRIST HAVE MERCY.
Lord have mercy.

Assurance and Response

. . . In the name of Christ, to say to you:
You are forgiven and you are free.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Theme Prayer:

The life of the risen Lord
flowed through into the life of the early Christians.
It made their hearts glad,
and enabled them to live with generosity and joy.

**MAY THAT SAME LIFE OF CHRIST
FLOOD OUR WORLD,
THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITH EASTER JOY
ETERNAL GLADNESS.**

This is our prayer,
offered in the name of Jesus
who taught us to pray, together saying

**OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME,
YOUR KINGDOM COME,
YOUR WILL BE DONE,
ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD.**

**FORGIVE US OUR SINS
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US.
SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL
AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS
NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.**

The Passing of the Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

**A KI A KOE ANO HOKI;
AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.

The First Lesson: Psalm 23

In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Second Lesson: Acts 2: 42-47

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
TEACH AND GUIDE US, O GOD.

Sermon: Beef cheeks and gladness

Generally, sermons are posted the sermon page of our website shortly after the service. Hard copies of the sermons are available before and after the service – ask the person at the door. A video of this sermon being practised is available from 10:00am today: <https://youtu.be/-R8vA-HJAG8>

Hymn:

Ar Hyd Y Nos

Welsh traditional melody



1. For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for these gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;

for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Andrew Johnston

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

The love of Christ enabled the Christians to share their wealth.
MAY THE SAME BE TRUE TODAY.

The risen life of Christ enabled them to share their lives.
MAY THE SAME BE TRUE TODAY.

In their community, did people need food and toilet paper?
DID THEY NEED TOOTHPASTE AND BAKED BEANS?

We make this offering,
PRAYING GOD'S BLESSING,

in the name of Jesus,
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Hymn for ANZAC Day

Colin Gibson (1933-2022)



1. Honour the dead, our country's fighting brave,
honour our children left in foreign grave,
where poppies blow and sorrow seeds her flowers,
honour the crosses marked forever ours.
2. Weep for the places ravaged with our blood,
weep for the young bones buried in the mud,
weep for the powers of violence and greed,
weep for the deals done in the name of need.
3. Honour the brave whose conscience was their call,
answered no bugle, went against the wall,
suffered in prisons of contempt and shame,
branded as cowards, in our country's name.
4. Weep for the waste of all that might have been,
weep for the cost that war has made obscene,
weep for the homes that ache with human pain,
weep that we ever sanction war again.
5. Honour the dream for which our nation bled,
held now in trust to justify the dead,
honour their vision on this solemn day:
peace known in freedom, peace the only way.

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

Benediction and Sung Amen

We sit.

The Bible is not processed out of the church today.

An ANZAC Day Litany

A Narrative

We stand for

The ANZAC Anthem: For the Fallen
Douglas Guest (1916-1996)

The ANZAC Affirmation:

We will remember them.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

A period of silence

The Last Post:

Vickie van Uden

As the organ postlude begins, we sit

The Postlude: Solemn Melody
Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

***Since the postlude is part of the ANZAC Litany,
we ask for no applause today***

Following the service, morning tea and coffee are served in the church.

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NOTICES

This Week: **26 April – 2 May**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
 11.30am Shalom
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: **3 May – 9 May**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
 4.00pm Film Group in the Lounge
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Film Group - Sunday 3 May at 4.00pm in the Lounge: Captain Phillips (2013). This film portrays a true event. In 2009 a U.S. container ship was hi-jacked by Somali pirates. It shows that dangerous situations can be solved with honour as the Captain, portrayed by Tom Hanks, surrenders himself in order to save his crew.

Meditation - Saturday 2 May at 10am in the Chapel. All welcome.

Knox Life - if you have any material for the next edition of Knox Life please send it to the office now.



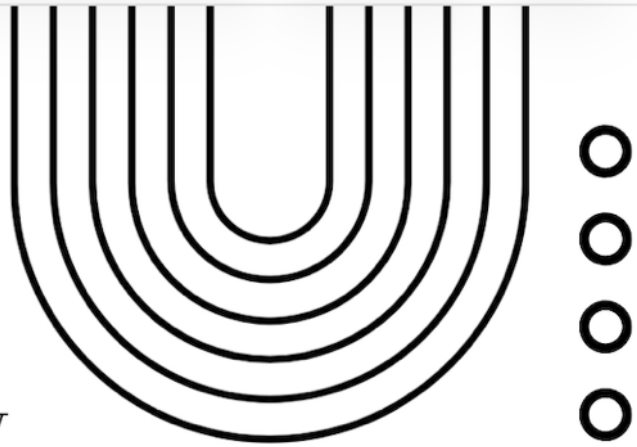
Knitted ANZAC poppies – available this morning. Donations would be appreciated and will be forwarded to the RSA.

Knox Church values the support of all who are involved in our community's life. Knox Church is a charity. All charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Bank account - 03 1705 0029641 00 (Knox Presbyterian Church). Put your name in the reference field and email your contact details to the office. For further information or options contact: office@knoxchurch.co.nz ph: 379 2456.



Many thanks to Barbara and Rochelle for making and setting up these new ANZAC falls for the lectern and pulpit.

PETERBOROUGH
HOUSING COOPERATIVE



Community resilience evening

THURSDAY 7 MAY, 7PM
175 PETERBOROUGH STREET
CHRISTCHURCH, 8013



**What happens if food systems come under pressure?
How would our community cope with reduced fuel?
Do we know who might need support?**

Join other local residents for a collaborative session exploring answers to these questions (and a cuppa too).

Questions? Get in touch with callumstewartward@gmail.com

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MACULAR DEGENERATION NEW ZEALAND

Macular Degeneration

I would like to invite you to attend an Awareness & Education Seminar about macular degeneration in Christchurch. There is no cost to attend, please register today to reserve your place.

As you may already know, macular degeneration is the most common cause of blindness in people over 50 years of age in New Zealand. 1 in 7 people will get this eye disease and 1 in 4 people over 80 years will suffer vision loss.

Understanding more about this age-related eye disease is vital for ensuring independence and a good quality of life in old age. Early detection can save sight.

Ophthalmologist - Dr Ainsley Morris, will share the latest information on research, treatments, disease management and the impact of living with macular degeneration.

Date: Saturday 9 May 2026

Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm

Venue: Hotel Elms, 456 Papanui Road, Christchurch

To register, go to: <http://www.mdnz.org.nz/public-seminar-sign-up>.

You can also register by calling 0800 macula (0800 622 852).

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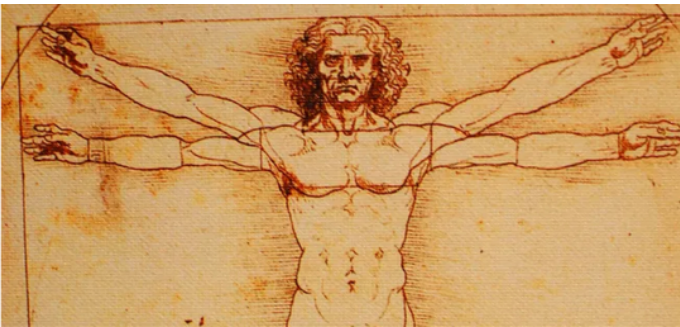
Services in June

- Human Rights Month -

The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)

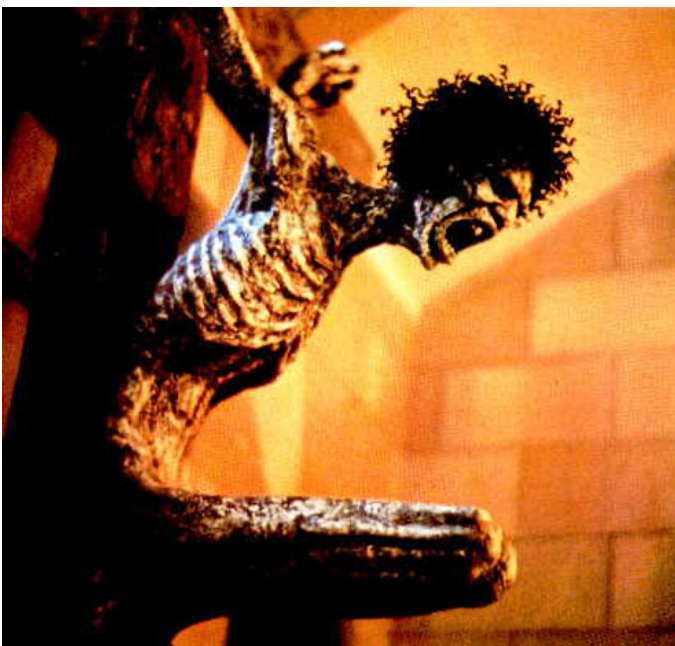
Articles 1 and 2

Human beings are free and equal in dignity and rights - without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.



Articles 3 and 5

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person. No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.



7 June

EQUALITY AND EQUITY

Genesis 2: 4-8

With skill and tenderness, God makes the human being and puts him / her into a beautiful garden. Provision for human welfare is made. In our making of provision, what do we make of the claim that all people are equal? Does it call for equal treatment - or is there something else called "equity"? We celebrate communion.

14 June

DIGNITY AND THE FREEDOM TO EXIST

Exodus 20: 1-6

As God owns a great punishing jealousy, we wonder about our manifesting of God's image. Where does our anger come from, and how is it related to how we punish one another?

Acts 3: 1-15

After an act of healing, something the opposite of an act of punishing, Peter speaks of God raising the One whom the people had crucified. Is this a declaration of God's rejection of punishment?

Article 13

Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state. Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.



Article 16

Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses. The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.



21 June

IMMIGRATION AND SAFETY

Deuteronomy 24: 17-21

Special provision is made for the "alien" in the sharing of the harvest, and a key principle is remembering the experience of having been "alien" oneself.

Philippians 2: 5-11, 3: 20-21

Paul speaks of a new citizenship for which we wait.

We watch a video of Ian McKellen delivering a piece of Shakespeare about turning away the refugee (mountainish inhumanity).

28 June

ALL ABOUT MARRIAGE

Genesis 21: 8-14

Abraham and Sarah work out how to push the boundaries of marriage to fix what they feel is missing - to the pain of Hagar and Ishmael. Who are the victims of the expectations of the institution of family and marriage?

Matthew 22: 23-33

The Pharisees ask Jesus a bizarre question about to whom a multi-married woman would belong in heaven. It gives him opportunity to suggest that marriage is not a good way of framing heaven. Perhaps there is some other "way of being" that is more of the New Creation. What might it be?



The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Acts 7: 55-60

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