

# Knox News

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**Website:** [www.knox.org.nz](http://www.knox.org.nz)

Newsletter 31 May 2020

**Dear Knox Family,**

We look forward with excitement to being able to join together physically in worship this Sunday. It will still be a little different as there will be some protocols that we will have to follow (which are explained further via email), but it will be good to meet together physically as we worship our Lord.

It is never the wrong time to worship the Lord for the psalmist reminds us:

***Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever -***  
Psalm 136

But especially at this time, we should give thanks, not just for the progress that has been made in our community and country in the fight against Covid19, but because we can be assured that no matter what happens we can be confident in the character of our God and know that He is to be trusted and relied upon. Even if things had worked out differently over the last two months or we encounter further difficulties in the coming months, we can know that:

***In all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purposes -*** Romans 8:28

This is something for us to celebrate as we join together again in worship.

We do want to say, also, that we realise some of our church family may, because of health concerns, not yet be feeling comfortable in joining in worship with a larger group. If this is you, please do what you think is best for you at this time. Our prayers will be with you. And of course, if you are in any way unwell, please stay at home.

God bless,  
Session

***We are back at Church this Sunday!! Praise the Lord!!***

## Sunday Services

### **Pentecost Sunday**

**31 May 2020**



**Services: 9.00am  
10.45am**

**Text:** Romans 8:18-27

**Theme:** Hope in the  
midst of groaning

*By Marcell Mey*

*Please note that the podcast will be available later on Sunday—hopefully sometime in the afternoon*

[Podcast Link](#)

## Knox Facilities Open Again

The buildings at Knox are open again and all staff are back on site working from their offices. We are operating under tight Covid 19 guidelines which means some changes are necessary when visiting staff or using the buildings at Knox. When visiting please make sure you sign in and sanitise your hands as you enter the facilities.

**If you wish to use the buildings after hours when the office is closed please contact the office ahead of time.** This is so we can ensure your event complies with the guidelines and so we can prepare the space you would like to use.

**The office hours this week are: Tues to Friday 10am—4:30pm.**

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## School Bus Update from Preemptive Love in Iraq

Greetings all,

Some of you may remember the Hutt City Buys a Bus fundraiser that Knox played a massive part in. Many of you may have even contributed- both in donations and prayer.

In 2017, a Christian-rooted town called Telskuf, just outside of Mosul in Iraq, was liberated from ISIS. With so much rebuilding to do, after so much horror, the children needed a place to go to school. There was such a place available, but they needed transport to get there. This is where we came in- through the foundation Preemptive Love, people from around Hutt City raised NZ\$35,000 in the one month timeframe available, to buy a school bus.

We received photos and thank you video messages from Iraq, and were able to see the results of what can happen when we come together to share God's love.

Many have since asked if there are any updates. This can be difficult, as Preemptive Love teams on the ground have since moved to other areas, aiding other needs.

However this week I received this message from Preemptive Love:

*Here's an answer you can pass on to Katherine. They came through with the right help, at the right time (before other orgs came to help).*

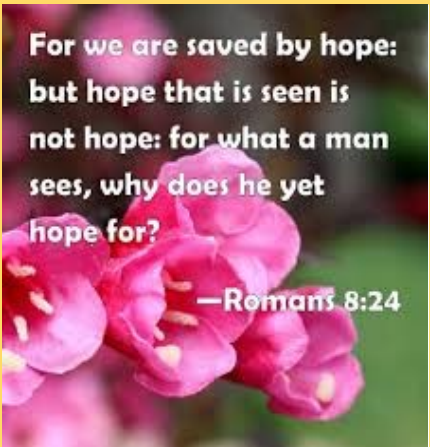
*"Update about Telsqof from Dr. Sarah:*

*The city is doing really well. Much better than Mosul itself. A lot of organizations is working in the city, and the people and the government is very welcoming. The houses that was destroyed all got rebuilt by NGOs, donations, or even the families if there were able. The people I contacted mentioned the same thing which is the Christian cities in Mosul are doing much better. With COVID-19 crisis like in the south the schools are closed and only the administration come a couple or three times a week. There is no curfew only at night, and the entrance of the cities are checked for travellers who need to be quarantined."*

I hope you find this feedback encouraging in a time where it can be hard to look on the bright side.

Blessings to you all

Katherine



For we are saved by hope:  
but hope that is seen is  
not hope: for what a man  
sees, why does he yet  
hope for?

—Romans 8:24

### Help Needed at Knox:

- Help is needed with general cleaning in the church building. Starting this Friday 5th June at 1030 with a morning tea followed by light cleaning work from 11am to 1pm. Please call Annette on 027 9259198
- Working bee in gardens. Helpers needed on Saturday 6th June from 10am to 1pm. Please phone Frank on 027 200 8004 if you can help

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**Prayer Line:**  
569-PRAY(569-7729)

## YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMMES



**SUNDAYS:** no programme this Sunday

ACTS 29 

**WEEKDAYS:** Live updates and devotions

**SUNDAY:** Acts 29—no programme this Sunday

**MONDAY:** Zoom call homegroup with Hannah at 3:00pm

**THURSDAY:** Zoom call homegroup with Caleb at 7:00pm

Here are a few links that you may like:

*(click to select)*

[Presbytery Central Roundup](#)—

Includes links to Presbyterian services including Knox.

[Bush Telegraph](#)—Monthly newsletter of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

[Shine TV schedule](#)—for week from 31 May

[Radio Rhema](#)—Listen online, schedules etc

[BBC Radio 4 Daily Service](#)—Christian podcasts

[CBN News](#)—News from a Christian perspective

[My Christianity Daily](#)—for today's news

There is no Knox Kids, Seismic or Acts 29 Programmes this Sunday

Other Links for kids:

[lostsheep.com.au/](http://lostsheep.com.au/)

[loveoutloudoz.com/](http://loveoutloudoz.com/)

[The Story Place](#)

[Sermons4kids](#)

Wee Worship: (2-5 yr olds)  
contact Suz at  
[dscody1996@gmail.com](mailto:dscody1996@gmail.com)

## Vanuatu Cyclone Appeal

Category Five Cyclone Harold hit Vanuatu's northern islands on 6 April and did severe damage. The Presbyterian church nationally has strong links with the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu and a cyclone recovery appeal has been set up. If you would like to contribute, this can be done by donating online to the PCANZ Global Mission account number: 02 0500 0086963 010 with the reference Cyclone Appeal. Alternatively cheques can be mailed to the PCANZ Assembly Office, PO Box 9049, Wellington 6141.

## Acts 29 Daily Devotion

Find this on Acts 29 Instagram page and the Knox Instagram and Facebook stories

## Midweek Devotional with Sian

Don't miss Sian's midweek devotional which is available from 7pm every Wednesday. Just click on the [Podcast link](#).

## CHURCH



[Knox Presbyterian Church](#)



[Knox Instagram](#)

## YOUTH MINISTRY



[Seismic Facebook Page](#)



[Acts 29 Facebook Page](#)



[Acts 29 Instagram](#)



## YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

[Young Adults Facebook](#)

## Knox Weekly Timetable During Lockdown

<b>Day and time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
Sunday	Wee Worship	Resources available	Contact Suz to request resources: <a href="mailto:dscody1996@gmail.com">dscody1996@gmail.com</a>
Sunday, 10:30am	Church service	Knox website	Podcast Link
Sunday, 10:30 am	Kingdom Kids	Knox website	Kingdom Kids Link
Sunday, 11:30 am	Seismic Hangout	Zoom	See link on <a href="#">Seismic Facebook Page</a> or email <a href="mailto:Caleb@knox.org.nz">Caleb@knox.org.nz</a> for a zoom invite
Sunday, 5:00 pm	Acts 29	Zoom	Email <a href="mailto:Caleb@knox.org.nz">Caleb@knox.org.nz</a> for a zoom invite
Sunday, 5:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Zoom	Send your email address to <a href="mailto:tinaandstephenhudson@gmail.com">tinaandstephenhudson@gmail.com</a> for a zoom invite
Monday, 3:00 pm	Teenage girls homegroup	Zoom	Send your email address to <a href="mailto:hannah@knox.org.nz">hannah@knox.org.nz</a> for a zoom invite
Tuesday, 7:00pm	Women's Homegroup	Zoom	Send your email address to <a href="mailto:dscody1996@gmail.com">dscody1996@gmail.com</a> for a zoom invite
Tuesday, 7:30 pm	Session meeting	Zoom	For input, please feel free to contact <a href="mailto:sessionclerk@knoxstc.org.nz">sessionclerk@knoxstc.org.nz</a>
Wednesday, 7:30pm	Men's group	Zoom	Send your email address to <a href="mailto:office@knox.org.nz">office@knox.org.nz</a> for an invite to the zoom meeting
Wednesday, 7:30pm	Women's group	Zoom	Send your email address to <a href="mailto:rubee.yee32@gmail.com">rubee.yee32@gmail.com</a> for an invite to the zoom meeting
Wednesday, 7:00pm	Midweek Devotional with Sian	Knox Website	Podcast Link
Thursday, 7:30pm	Adults mixed group	Zoom	Send your email address to Rob and Joy for an invite to zoom <a href="mailto:irjak.mcintosh@xtra.co.nz">irjak.mcintosh@xtra.co.nz</a>
Thursday, 7:00pm	Mixed Teenagers (Youth)	Zoom	Send your email address to <a href="mailto:Caleb@knox.org.nz">Caleb@knox.org.nz</a> for a zoom invite
Friday, 7:30pm	Young Adults	Zoom	Send your email address to <a href="mailto:fiona.hearn@gmail.com">fiona.hearn@gmail.com</a> for a for an invite to zoom
Daily	Children's Reading Group	Facebook	Michelle Hollard <a href="#">The Story Place</a> New episode updated daily at 1.30pm
Daily 11am	Acts 29	Instagram Facebook	<a href="#">Acts 29 Instagram</a> <a href="#">Knox Presbyterian Church (Lower Hutt)</a>