Welcome to Knox: Minister’s Letter

Knox Church is worth giving to. Not because the building is beautiful and needs maintaining. Not because the music is superb and awakens our emotions. Not because of great contributions to the city since the days of Dr Stuart. Not because our style is especially valuable.

Rather, because in the Knox community, people can experience life at its deepest and best.

People have told me of being awed as the Spirit opened their eyes, deepening their gratitude and shifting their perspective. In being warmly accepted, some have gained greater confidence about who they are and how they might live. Some have found a purpose for their life in service and care of others. Some have gained courage to review their faith and express it more genuinely. Some have felt resourced to better integrate their convictions with their vocation. Some have found spirit to overcome deep disappointment and face profound challenge with hope. I could say much more.

Through the Knox community, people have grown as integrated, compassionate and courageous human beings. That is worth giving money to because the impact spreads through and beyond us into our families and the wider community in countless ways, influencing our city and nation and even our world for justice and love.

Knox is a community of faith where people can be honest and open, heartened and challenged, journeying with Jesus Christ. Every day, thousands of people pass the front doors of Knox Church.

I believe respectful positive encounters with more of those people would help me and Knox grow and develop, as together we experience more of life at its deepest and best. The opportunity is evident.

I invite you to review your giving to Knox Church. I believe in what we are seeking to do. We have no money for ministry and mission other than what you give. Over the next month or so, you will receive more information about this invitation.

It’s not always easy to know how much to give. I have been helped by a rough guide I received decades ago of giving one dollar per week for every thousand dollars of annual income.

It is a privilege to journey with you as part of the Knox community, seeking to embody and communicate love in transforming ways.

— With you,
Kerry Enright
Minister at Knox
Thinking it over

“Wherever and whenever, for whatever the reason, anyone is not welcome to sit at table with you, to eat with you, then you do not have church.” — The Rev Dr Fred Craddock (1928 – March 6, 2015), US preacher, author, teacher

“Until you make peace with who you are, you will never be content with what you have.” — Doris Mortman, author

“The fringes no longer matter once we understand the true meaning of life: love, God, commitment, justice, Jesus.” — Joan Chittister, nun, author and speaker

“Doubt is not the opposite of faith ... sin is the opposite of faith ... doubt is where our faith journey begins.” — Robert K. Pierce

“The logical end of cross-carrying is crucifixion. That will never bring in big numbers.” — Dorothy Sayers (1893-1957), British writer, poet and Christian humanist

“It is unnatural for Christianity to be popular.” — Billy Graham (born 1918), US preacher

“A person who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person.” — Dave Barry, US columnist, author

Knox Church Council news

At this season of the year, when we are doing our best to ward off winter ailments, the Church Council is also considering where we are at, one year into our Strategic Plan.

Here are a few of the details, loosely arranged under the headings of our Strategic Plan.

... depth of our relationships ...
We discuss our progress in greeting and warmly welcoming people, especially visitors as they come into Knox and in visiting people in the parish web, particularly at the time the newsletter goes out. We hear that Piccolo, meeting weekly, is really popular.

... cultural, demographic, theological diversity ...
We are working at building links with the congregations who share our buildings for worship. We are making slow progress here, but we believe it is important to persevere. Kerry has joined them on occasions and the Youth Group have visited the Forward in Faith congregation. The visit of Rev Dr Kang Sil Lee from South Korea was inspiring and challenging and we thank those who assisted with her visit in practical ways.

... worshipping in a variety of styles ...
The morning services tend to be more traditional and the evening services more innovative. The council has given approval for another service on Sunday afternoon aimed at students and young families.

... developing strategic partnerships ...
Our ongoing partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar has been challenged by their severe flooding and the threatened closure of the children’s home. We have the opportunity to donate through the Rice Bowl Fund.

... involvement of and engagement ...

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with students ...
The Students and Young Professionals group meet each week before evening worship. They have also contributed to our rosters, supporting and leading worship.

... positive contribution to the life of the city ...  
The Looking Outwards Goal Group showed the film 2 Degrees, on climate justice with discussion facilitated by Maureen Howard. About 30 people attended, around half from other groups in the city.

This is only a glimpse of our involvement in being the church on the corner of George and Pitt Streets. The Knox Church annual meeting will be held on September 20. Three members of the council will complete their term at the AGM. We are looking to the congregation to choose people with the skills and qualities needed to take up these positions of leadership. This is my last Council Clerk’s Column. It has been a real privilege over the last five years to work with the members of the council, with several ministers, interim ministers, moderators and interim moderators and, most importantly, the good people of the congregation of Knox Church. May we all go with God.

— John Elder, Council Clerk

Knox reaches out to the community through PSO

Presbyterian Support Otago was set up initially by people from Knox Church as a mechanism for responding to the social needs of the community in their time. The organisation has grown since its inception and now operates throughout NZ. The service began with Knox’s founding minister, Dr Stuart, and one of Knox Church’s early Elders, John Ainslie Torrance. They responded, along with other local churches, to the needs of their community at the time. In 1868, nearly 40 years before PSO Otago was established, Mr Torrance was appointed as a visiting chaplain to three local institutions: the gaol, Dunedin Hospital and what was called then the lunatic asylum. This is the first in what is hoped will be a series of articles in the Knox News bringing to members’ attention what PSO currently do and how you might become involved in an area of interest to you.

— David Richardson *

Presbyterian Support Otago values volunteers

Presbyterian Support Otago (PSO) has long relied on the generous support of volunteers. Every year, the organisation celebrates and acknowledges the contribution of volunteers at Achievement and Service Award ceremonies across the province. Volunteers often talk of how much joy their work brings them. They particularly value the sense of community and the friendships they build in their volunteer roles. PSO has volunteering opportunities right across our services — in our op’ shops, rest homes, buddy programmes and Youth Grow nursery. If you have some time to spare, a special interest to share and a desire to give — please contact PSO. There is a volunteer role that is just right for you.

Contact: www.psotago.org.nz or Su Anderson 477 7115

* Knox member and former Session chair David Richardson, who wrote the introduction, has been on the board of PSO for the past seven years and chairman for the past two years.

For more information about John Ainslie Torrance, see the article online at www.cemeteries.org.nz/stories/torrancejohna190212.pdf
Handy hints on prayer

Here are some handy insights into one of the fundamental practices: prayer.

Time was when everyone had patterns of prayer, passed down from parents and peer groups and a long line of tradition. This has gone. We no longer are sure, so to speak, how to “do it”. It is astonishing for me to look at the guides to prayer I used as a young person. The language is quite alien to me now. We may have memories of “bad prayer groups” in the past. We also have lots of new questions and doubts. What is the point of prayer at all? What do intercessory prayers achieve? An hour on Sunday doesn’t suffice, though. Some daily pattern would be wonderful. (If you’re like me, it’ll go in fits and starts, so we need to be patient with ourselves.) As a young guy, I was a member of the Iona Community and we got support from one another for our faltering attempts at a daily prayer discipline. It helps, for example, as on a marae, to think of our tipuna. We don’t pray on our own. We are in company.

1. Many moons ago, I picked up one piece of very good advice: if possible, set aside a specific place and time. So I do that. (Correction: I try to. I keep missing out on it).

2. I find I am helped by various “props”. Each of us will be different in this respect. But during the week I follow the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. (You can find them on the PCANZ website.) I also use candles. I sometimes make the sign of the cross. I have picked up some useful tips for meditation, the use of silence, posture, breathing.

3. The Bible. For many reasons a difficult book to get into. In the lectionary there are readings for each week from the Hebrew Bible, from the Psalms, from the Gospels, from the Epistles. They feed into one another, are yoked by a common theme. (It makes the Sunday service more meaningful of course if one has been thinking about some of the readings during the week.)

There are many techniques for reading the Bible for one’s personal use. Basically it’s about slowing down, relating the text to oneself. Sometimes I read it out aloud. I get most out of the Psalms. (If possible, it’s good to vary the version one reads from.) For me accessing the Bible is closely related to poetry, feeding the imagination, getting away from self-referential patterns. As many have said: it’s a different sort of reading. Not that you put your critical mind to sleep; but it’s more to do with letting the text speak to you.

Theologically we speak of the living Word, or the Spirit. Psychologically it’s about getting into a particular mood, allowing the images to connect with one’s deeper self… The mystics talk of God finding us in the “abyss” of the self. The secret garden, I call it.

4. Candles. For years now I have used candles. It’s helpful for me to go through the little ceremony of lighting them. The candleholders have been given to me by special people, so I remember that. I designate one candle for peace, for example, one for grace, and so on. Even if all we do is light the candle that’s a sort of prayer in itself. Light and darkness is a huge area to explore. (“Better to light a candle than curse the darkness”)

5. Meditative patterns. I’m learning to be aware of my body. To plant my feet firmly on the ground. To be aware of breathing. Lots of guidance available on this. We can get into a rhythm. Good to practise this in groups one feels safe in. Outward silence is easy; inner silence is another story…

6. The proof of the pudding is whether this is helping us to look outwards, be there for the other, firm up one’s resistance to the way things are, politically and culturally. This is not meant as a pattern for anyone else. It’s just my pattern. What is yours? What do you find helpful? Would you be willing to share your own insights and struggles?

— Peter Matheson
Gender justice visit to Fiji

Knox member Carol Grant was part of a gender justice group which visited Fiji:

From June 1 to 5, I was privileged to attend the Council for World Mission consultation for its Pacific member churches on gender justice in Nadi, Fiji. Forty people participated, including local church leaders, women’s community representatives and youth. There were also four observers from the Netherlands, Taiwan, Jamaica and India.

We discussed biblical texts, gender justice issues, culture, women’s ordination and violence against women and girls, recognising that boys and babies also witness and suffer violence. The workshop was contextual to the Pacific region and churches were challenged to say “No” to violence against women in all its forms.

The consultation also explored issues of equality, gender balance and the empowerment of women and girls, both in the local church and society. We acknowledged that if conversations on gender justice are to progress in the region, the issue of theological education at all levels and the formational training of ministers requires review.

We called on churches to understand and to engage in building awareness at all levels on the extent of violence by those with authority, members of families and by strangers. There was also a call for attitudinal change regarding violence against women and children at home, in churches and in society.

Additionally, there was a call for the need to affirm gender equality, equal opportunity for ordained ministry, and women’s rights to their own body, health and their reproductive rights. Finally, it was acknowledged that the movement on the issue of gender justice required networking among Pacific churches and other ecumenical bodies. It was the expressed hope that all CWM member churches in the region would get to the place where the gifts and talents of women are affirmed in and through the office of ordination.

The week was thought-provoking and often challenging. For the full report, please contact Carol Grant, United Nations Convenor, Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa NZ.

Auckland Boys’ Choir in fine voice

Knox members billeted boys from the 29-member Auckland Boys’ Choir and the boys sang at the morning service on August 16. Afterwards, the Friends of Knox Choir group hosted them to a lunch before they continued their SI tour.
Wedding bliss, here we come!

Knox Church will host a bridal fashions show on Friday, 9 October. The team are once again scouring the wardrobes of all at Knox, old and young, for wonderful dresses to grace the catwalk in this night of fun and fashion — different dresses this time around.

Those with a wedding dress which could be worn in the show or just exhibited, as well as those who know someone who could model a dress, please contact Rosemary at rosemary.tarbotton@otago.ac.nz

Meanwhile, here are some of Ian Thomson’s wonderful photos from the 2013 Bridal Fashions Through the Ages show, to whet your appetite!

— See the permission form on P14
What next for the Dalai Lama and Buddhism?

At 80, the Dalai Lama is uncertain about the future of his office and China's role in it, but in the past the office of the Dalai Lama was supported by the Emperor of China, according to Peter Schwieger, head of Tibetan and Mongolian Studies at the University of Bonn, Germany:

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso is the spiritual leader of Tibet. He was born on 6 July 1935, to a farming family, in a small hamlet located in Taktser, Amdo, northeastern Tibet. At the age of two, the child, who was named Lhamo Dhondup at that time, was recognised as the reincarnation of the 13th Dalai Lama, Thubten Gyatso.

The Dalai Lamas are believed to be manifestations of Avalokiteshvara or Chenrezig, the Bodhisattva of Compassion and patron saint of Tibet. Bodhisattvas are enlightened beings who have postponed their own nirvana and chosen to take rebirth in order to serve humanity. Since the Chinese occupation of Tibet in 1959, he has been living in Dharamsala, northern India, the seat of the Tibetan political administration in exile. In 1989, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent struggle for the liberation of Tibet. In 2011 he stepped down as head of state.

Now aged 80, the charismatic Dalai Lama is uncertain about the future of his office and China’s role in Tibet. China has had a role in Tibet over many hundreds of years, including taking a leading role in settling some of its domestic disputes. The present Dalai Lama represents the Geluk (yellow hat) school of Buddhism, the dominant school of Buddhism under his stewardship. But in the past, the Dalai Lama’s religious and political position in Tibet was aided and strengthened by the Chinese Emperor. This is the basis on which China lays claim to control of Tibet’s government.

German academic Peter Schwieger, from the University of Bonn, wrote in his new book The Dalai Lama and the Chinese Emperor, about the 600-year history of the reincarnated Dalai Lama and Chinese political patronage.

Rachel Kohn, of the Australian ABC radio programme, The Spirit of Things, recently spoke to the German academic (pictured above at Lhasa) who is head of Tibetan and Mongolian Studies at the University of Bonn, and has studied the 600-year relationship with the Chinese government and the institution of the Dalai Lama, which started with the 3rd reincarnation in the 16th century.

Here is some of Rachel Kohn's interview with the Dalai Lama:

RK: You often call yourself a simple monk and I wonder whether that helps people relate to you.

Dalai Lama: I prefer a simple — or as some would say a hermit (laughs loudly) — life. But having closer contact with people is necessary. My daily prayer practice is to dedicate body, mind and speech to the well-being of other people. So then, meeting public people as brothers and sisters gives me the chance to share some of my own experiences with them and to learn about their difficulties and problems. That is the real purpose of life, not just through prayer but through practically meeting and sharing with people and dedicating your life to sharing with them and sharing their problems.

RK: What have you learned from meeting so many notable people, from different religious traditions, during your time?

DL: I am fully convinced that all religious traditions, despite their different philosophy and methods, all carry the same message of love, compassion, forgiveness and tolerance, self-discipline. These are the most important factors to bring inner peace, happiness, satisfaction.

Professor Schwieger said the Dalai Lama had come to accept that Tibet would in future be ruled by China but he is making a strong claim for Tibet to have some autonomy within China.

www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/spiritofthings/the-dalai-lama-past-and-present/6580914
Welcome to Kang Sil and
farewell

We welcomed the Rev Kang Sil Lee to Knox on Sunday, 7 June. The South Korean minister was farewelled on July 26, on both occasions with special morning teas.

A minister of the Presbyterian Church of Korea and a human rights advocate, Kang Sil was a cheerful participant in the life of Knox and enjoyed leading the evening worship on several occasions.

Photos: Ian Thomson
Margaret Feist died suddenly at Dunedin Hospital on August 6, at the age of 82. She was born in London and moved after the war with her parents, Greta and the Rev Luke Jenkins, who was principal of the Baptist College of NZ, Auckland. He joined the Presbyterian Church in 1953 and became the independent warden of Carrington Hall, Dunedin. Margaret studied Arts at Auckland University and married Donald in 1955, moving with his parish responsibilities near Taumarunui, King Country — their first home was an old shearing quarters — to Calvin Church, Gore; Maori Hill, and finally as assistant minister at Knox when Neil Churcher was moderator. They had two children. Margaret was a teacher in Gore and Kaikorai Valley and then became a school inspector. At Knox, she was an Elder, convenor of the Worship Committee and played a key role in Knox News for many years.

— Margaret Feist

Farewell, Margaret Feist

Belonging
The atoms that compose my bones and flesh are ancient as the universe itself. Present through aeons, they have been a part of incandescent gas in burning motion; have cooled and coalesced in space and time, collided, made their elemental journey to a small planet in the solar system of one among a myriad of galaxies. This is their past, as it will be their future. But at this time, and only for a moment, I hold them in my body part of me. Transience and permanence there coexistent For this brief time allowing me to be. 
— Margaret Feist

Coping with death
This poem was read at Margaret Feist’s funeral at Knox on August 6 and, as it speaks to the loss and grief felt by those left behind, we reproduce it here:

Thankful am I that I have lived in this great world, and known its many joys the thrill of mountains and the morning air hills and the lonely heather-covered moors, harvest and the strong sweet scent of hay.

A rock strewn river overhung with trees shafts of sunlight in a the valley leading to the sea, the beat of waves on rough and rocky shores and wild white spray flung high in ecstasy.

The song of birds awakening at dawn and flaming sunsets at the close of day with cooling breezes in the secret night-music at night and moonlight on the sea;

The comfort of my home and treasured things love of kin and fellowship of friends, fire light and laughter and children at their play, with all their hopes and dreams their freshness as the future beckons them.

the faithful eyes of dogs, companionship of cats, my garden with its rich reward for toil, and all those things that make life dear and beautiful.

The tapestry of life, both joy and pain, is ours to live but once and not again.
When I look back upon my richly varied years, I crave no more.
Thankful am I that I have lived so shed no tears.

— from Leslie Scrase’s book “Coping with death”.

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Born in 1951, Julie was a lifelong student of the Bible. A very regular attendee at evening services and on the morning and evening tea rosters, Julie was a registered nurse but also studied theology at the Bible College of New Zealand, at EIDTS and at the University of Otago. Kerry Enright said her theological library, when she died on 11 June, contained an enormous range, including books by liberal US religious commentator, author and retired bishop Jack Spong.

Ken Bishop died peacefully at Dunedin Hospital on Sunday, July 12, aged 62, the day after attending the wedding of his loved daughter Joanna to Phil Cherry at Knox, pictured right. Suzanne and Ken are the joint clerks of Knox Church Deacons Court and son Michael was the church’s official piper. A memorial service was held at Kings High School, where Ken taught before his illness. In the picture, right, students of the school perform a haka at the memorial service.

Former Knox Choir member Alan Girvan died on August 11, aged 56. Born in Scotland, he moved to Dunedin with his family to finish his schooling at Otago Boys’ High School in 1975. Alan sang with Knox Choir in the late 1970s, while he was at the University of Otago studying music. He worked in Australia for 15 years but when he returned to Dunedin was involved with many charities. More recently, he has sung in concerts at Knox with City Choir, before retiring due to ill health in the last 12 months.

Vale, Ken Bishop

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Julie Simmonds

Nancye Carrick

Nancye Carrick died peacefully at Summerset on August 15, aged 83.
Nancye and her late husband Les were pillars of the Knox community from the 1960s onwards and Nancye was awarded the Queen’s Service Medal for her service to the church and to the Scouting movement. Nancye was one of the of the group which catered suppers and morning teas from the 1970s, a member of Deacons Court, the welcoming team and the Service and Fellowship Committee for more than 20 years. She was an avid reader, gardener and walker and at her private funeral service at Knox on August 17, her walking stick and tramping shoes were on hand, along with her four surviving sons (one son having pre-deceased her).

In recent years, she had a key role in re-covering the bench seats in Stuart and Herron Halls.
These Lands Are Ours

David Burchell conductor
Matthew Scadden violin
with music from Edinburgh to Aotearoa
Mackenzie, Elgar, Mendelssohn, Lilburn
and a world première by Merlin Callister

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CHILDREN FREE
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**What’s On**

**Choir practice:** Each Wednesday during school terms: 5.15pm (children), 6pm-8pm (adults). All welcome to audition.

**Knox Church Council:** The fourth Wednesday of alternate months, at 7.30pm: 23 September, 25 November

**Deacons Court:** The second Wednesday of each month, at 7pm: 9 September, 14 October, 11 November

**Quarterly Communion:** Sunday 13 September, 10am and 7pm

**School holidays:** Friday 25 September until Monday 12 October.

**Choir, Sunday School and Youth Group do not meet.**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING** starts Sunday September 27. Put your clock forward!

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Bridal show

Here’s a great proven fundraiser for Knox Church — and for all those people who love a good wedding.

Knox Church will host a bridal fashion show on October 9, following the success of the 2013 show. Anyone willing to loan wedding gowns or bridesmaid dresses not previously shown in 2013 — of any age — should contact Carolyn Richardson (467-2555), Patti Matheson (467-2078), or Rosemary Tarbotton (0274 444-145).

BRIDAL FASHION SHOW

A fundraiser for Knox Church, Dunedin, 9 October 2015.
A request for bridal gowns and bridesmaid dresses.

Permission Form
Name:
Address:
Phone number/email address:

I would like to lend to Knox Church the following items to be used in the above show for the purpose of raising funds for the church.

Items loaned:

History of above items: when and where worn, name of bride and groom, bridal party, minister. Fabrics used, sourced, made by, etc. Any stories related to the occasion.
(use back page or attach separate pages).

Photos would be very welcome.

I would / would not be prepared to allow the items on loan to be worn in the fashion show.

Signature:

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Science meets faith

On Sunday, September 20, at the 7pm service, Kerry will welcome Prof Tom McLeish, right, Professor of Physics at Durham University in the UK and author of the recent book Faith and Wisdom in Science (Oxford University Press).

In his review of Prof McLeish’s book, Guardian reviewer Tim Radford wrote: “There [is] a long English tradition of the cleric-experimenters and vicar-naturalists and Einstein invoked God even when he didn’t believe in him. Religion was an inertial force: it was just there, like football and Shakespeare.

“As Tom McLeish points out in this rich, crowded and discursive book, there are a multitude of historical, cultural and anthropological reasons to explore science and theology as part of a single cultural ‘city’.

“He doesn’t buy the argument that religion is about turning untested belief into truth: science, he points out, also makes claims that turn out to be false. ‘Good science is arguably about being false in a constructive way that takes us nearer to truth’.

“In Faith and Wisdom in Science, Prof McLeish delivers a picture of science as a questioning discipline nested within a much older, wider set of questions about the world, as represented by the searches for wisdom and a better understanding of creation in the books of Genesis, in Proverbs, in the letters of St Paul, in Isaiah and Hosea but most of all in that wonderful hymn to earth system science known as the Book of Job.”

Prof McLeish also chairs the Royal Society’s education committee. After a first degree in physics and PhD (1987) in polymer physics at Cambridge University, a lectureship at Sheffield University, in complex fluid physics, led to a chair at Leeds University from 1993. He has since won several awards both in Europe (Weissenberg Medal) and the USA (Bingham Medal) for his work on molecular rheology of polymers, and ran a large collaborative and multidisciplinary research programme in this field from 1999-2009 co-funded by EPSRC and industry. He has been a Reader in the Anglican Church since 1993, in the dioceses of Ripon and York.

From 2008-2014 he served as Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research at Durham University. In 2011 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. In 2012 he was made Vice-President of Science by the Institute of Physics (IoP).

Theology and Science
A long-term project, “Faith in Science”, looks at the theological expression of ancient proto-scientific thinking, and aims to bring long-lived narratives to bear on current issues in science and technology. “Faith and Wisdom in Science” was published last year.

www.theguardian.com/science/2014/sep/19/faith-wisdom-science-tom-mcleish-review

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Knox Church Choir 150th anniversary event

Knox Church will celebrate its choir’s 150th anniversary over the weekend of Friday-Sunday, 11-13 September. Everyone is welcome to attend the weekend celebrations and former choir members will be particularly welcome. Please fill in the registration form below and return it with your payment to the church office by Friday, September 4. It can be emailed to knoxchoir150@gmail.com or posted to Knox Church, 449 George St, Dunedin 9016.

The programme planned for the weekend starts on Friday, September 11 at 10am, with registration packs available from the Knox Community Centre at the rear of the church. At 7pm, an evening soiree will be held at Stuart Hall, with entertainment, finger food, punch, tea and coffee. Come and enjoy meeting current and former choristers.

A choir history book will be launched. Peter Stockwell has written about highlights of the past 150 years of the Knox Choir and its music.

On Saturday, September 12, from 1pm to 3.30pm, organ recitals will be given by past and present organists and friends. There is a chance for others to contribute to this event.

Then, at 6.30pm, a celebration dinner will be held at the Hunter Centre, Great King St (opposite the Dental School). This is the site of the original Knox Halls. Come and enjoy the celebration, with good food, entertainment and just a very few speeches. The cost of the dinner is $65 a head. On the Sunday at 10am, a service of celebration will be led by the Rev Dr Kerry Enright. This will be followed by morning tea and farewells.

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Address: __________________________________________________________________________
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Home phone: _____________________________________________________________
(cellphone: _________________________________)
How many others attending with you? _____________
Name: ________________________________________________________________
Name: ________________________________________________________________
Name: ________________________________________________________________

Costs: (Please indicate numbers)
Registration (per family) 1 @ $5 = $5.00
Friday evening soiree (number please: _____________)
Saturday evening dinner (____) @ $65 = $
Sunday celebration service
Choir history booklet (____) @ $5 = $

Total to pay: = $
Payment can be made by: (Please tick one)
cheque to Knox Church ____
or by internet banking ____
to Bank: Westpac Access
Account: Name Tofia JA Crack PC
Account number: 03-0883-0004848-000
Particulars: Surname First name
Reference: Choir 150th
One of the great things about music at Knox Church is the link to our musical heritage. For example, in early August, Knox archivist Lyndall Hancock showed me a choir director’s notebook from 27th October 1889 (pictured below), showing that the choir had sung Mendelssohn’s “O, for the Wings of a Dove”, which the current choir had sung only the previous day. We see links to our past in our surroundings, the music books and cassocks which others have carried and worn before us.

As we step through the green choir door on a chilly Sunday morning, we do so in the knowledge that many others have passed through that door before us and others will come to do so in future. The enduring, continuous history of church music through hundreds of years makes it, paradoxically, just as relevant to us now, overcoming fashion. We are making the same music that this choir did in 1889 — the same words, the same harmony and, in all likelihood, the same mistakes. And we share that tradition with thousands of other churches and choirs around the world, transcending language and barriers of distance and isolation. So, we are looking forward to meeting former choristers on the weekend of September 11-13, making connections with the past and sharing with them our common passion for church music.

— Scott Blackwell

Pictured left is part of the front page photo from The Outlook, June 15, 1960, showing the women of Knox Choir wearing their scarlet robes for the first time, during the church’s centenary celebration weekend. Thanks to Lyndall Hancock.
Knox before the spire was built

Knox Church is pictured here without a spire (centre). The building of the spire was delayed for some months after the completion of the rest of the building, and the work was approved in October 1875. Behind Knox and the Knox manse, up a little and to the left, can be seen the old St Paul’s in the Octagon.

Detail from a Burton Bros photograph. Ref: Te Papa C.011804. From the Facebook page Upright Dunedin: https://www.facebook.com/UprightDunedin?fref=photo

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Us:

Last night while looking at the sky
I saw a little planet die.
It died and fell without a fuss
I wondered whether it was us —
Or part of us that I had seen
Disintegrate. It could have been.

By Michael Leunig
The Knox Church Youth Group meets on Sunday mornings during Church, with between five and 10 in attendance each week. They are led by Nic Haslam and Erin Tarbotton, with support from Max Westropp and other members of the Student/Young Professional Group.

The children in the youth group are very keen to help out in the community and get to know more members of the Knox community. With help from the Knox community, the Youth Group was able to raise over $150 for the World Vision 40-Hour Famine. To celebrate completing the famine, they had waffles in Stuart Hall before the morning service (below, right). It was great to have people from the congregation join them.

On Sunday, 16 August, they volunteered at the Otago SPCA — pictured, right — where they cleaned the cat rooms and played with the puppies. They hope to organise a talent show later in the year, with all funds raised going to the SPCA.

The bowling night, organised by the Youth Group last winter, was such a success that they are hoping to make it an annual event. Look out for more about this in upcoming notices!

If you would like to help the Youth Group in any way please contact Erin or Nic! They are always looking for support in one way or another.

— Erin and Nic
Thanks to Lee Somervile and the Friends of Knox Choir team for supplying lunch to 40 visiting Auckland Boys’ Choir members and supporters after morning worship on August 16. No-one left for Queenstown hungry. In fact several younger Knox members benefited from leftovers. The same team also supplied a supper for the City Choir concert the previous week.

**Singers of renown**

Knox Choir members were very successful at recent singing competitions, including Jesse Hanan, below. At the Dunedin Performing Arts Competitions Society vocal competitions, Jesse had two 1st place awards, three 2nds, and a 3rd. He also won the Boy’s Best Unbroken Voice (the Shaw Cup) in the individual merit awards. Alex McAdam and Sarah Hubbard also won awards. Simon Mace was awarded 1st place in the ORGANZ National Organ Performance Competition in late May (pictured right with his cup).