

School holidays

Monday 5 Oct		<i>Marge & Robin's Day off</i>
Tuesday 6 Oct	7am NO!!	Breakfast Bible Study at Robert Harris Cafe Marge's Home Group @ 35 Karoro Place
Wednesday 7 Oct		<i>Marge & Robin Travel to Nelson in the afternoon</i>
	NO!!	Parish Prayer meeting (Parish Centre)
	10am	Dixon House Devotions (Marge)
	6:30-8pm	Runanga Healing Rooms at Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga
	NO!!	Robin's Home Group
Thursday 8 Oct		<i>Marge & Robin at Clergy Seminar in Nelson</i>
	NO!!	Robin's Home Group at Parish Centre
Friday 9 Oct		<i>Marge, Robin, Kathy, Greville at Synod in Nelson</i>
	NO!!	Kids 'n' Coffee
	NO!!	The Shed Youth Group
Saturday 10 Oct		<i>Marge, Robin, Kathy, Greville at Synod in Nelson</i>
Sunday 11 Oct	2:30-4pm	Runanga Healing Rooms at Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga

Services 11 October

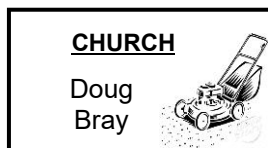
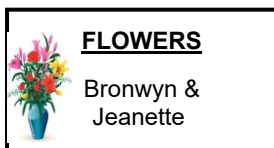
GREYMOUTH:

8am	Holy Communion (with one hymn)
10am	All age service with Holy Communion & Contemporary Music
2pm	Holy Communion

KUMARA:

10am	No Service
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Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989



Last Weekend: Attendance: 54
Offertory: \$ 3,593 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,904)
Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



**Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara
4 October 2026**

***Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing***

Theme: Healing in the Name of Jesus

Sentence: The seventy-two men came back in great joy. "Lord", they said, "even the demons obeyed us when we gave them a command in your name!"

Readings: Philippians 3:10-14 (p 1527);
Luke 10:1-2, 8-9, 17-21 (p 1329)

Prayer for the Day: Father, when we trust You, and long to serve you in the power of Jesus, You ask us to get rid of anything bad that clings to us from the past. Thank you that Jesus breaks the power of hurtful memories, inner vows and sin. Wash us clean so that we may experience the freedom You give. Amen.

Preacher: Robin Kingston

Theme for next weekend: Synod Charge
Readings for next weekend: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; John 17:15-23
Preacher for next weekend: Bishop Steve

FOOD STALL AT FAIR 14 NOV.

There is a sheet in the foyer for you to sign-up on if you are willing to make meals or desserts for the Saturday. We will have containers in case people wish to take some home with them, rather than eat in the hall.

Baking: We are wanting as many people as possible to bring baking, preserves, jams, etc on either the Friday or the Saturday morning for sale. We are NOT putting out lists for that. Just bring them!!

HAVE YOU A WATER BLASTER TO LEND TO ROBIN?

We wish to water blast the wooden ramp at the Parish Centre, as the rain seems to be making it excessively slippery. Robin just needs it for a day. Contact him if you can help.

SYNOD

The Synod of the Diocese of Nelson meets Thurs-Sat in Nelson and your representatives (Marge, Robin, Kathy, and Greville) will be attending. Please pray that the Synod will make wise decisions and that we will be inspired with God's message for us as a parish.



Musings from Marge

It is always exciting watching people grow in their spiritual gifts. Last month we had a 2-part seminar on identifying and using our spiritual gifts.

Some people discovered for the first time a gift or gifts they had been given. However, most participants were delighted to find that something they were already doing was a spiritual gift—an enablement by God.

This is what happened to Rach Hunt from Kumara.

Rach loves to write and is very good at it. What she discovered, however, is that God has enabled her to use the medium of creative writing to express God's truth, beauty and message.

For a few months, now, Rach has been sending a Saturday morning text to the Kumara congregation with a message inspired by something she's observed that morning and connecting it to God's truth. It has certainly blessed me each week.

After doing the spiritual gifts workshop, Rach decided to "publish" more widely and created a blogsite with her ponderings at **rachponders.com**

I really encourage you to check it out.

And may you, too, use your spiritual gifts to bless others.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

"Don't do as I do; do as I say."

I think we all heard that from "grown-ups" when we were kids and probably have used it with children ourselves. But we all know that children are most influenced by our actions rather than our instructions.

I remember when my nephew was asked at pre-school what a red light meant. He replied, "Stop." When asked about the green light he replied, "Go." And when he was asked about the yellow light he answered, "Go faster!"

What we do is important.

Last Sunday we looked at what the Lord said to his people in exile through the prophet Ezekiel. They were saying that they had been taken into captivity because of the sins of their parents, but God made it clear that he was judging them for their own sins and pleaded with them to turn back to Him and live.

We also looked at the parable Jesus told the religious leaders about a father who asked his eldest son to go work in the vineyard. He said, "No!" but then changed his mind and went. The father also asked the younger son to go and work and he said, "Yes" but never went.

Jesus asked the leaders, "Who obeyed the father?" They replied, "The older one." Then Jesus pointed out that they were like the younger son saying they were obeying God but really weren't while the evil people who repented were like the older son. They had turned to God and started doing right.

We say we are Jesus followers, but does our "Walk match our Talk?" May we be sensitive for when it does not, turn to Jesus, receive forgiveness, and obey.

Please let clergy know if you or someone you know would like to be visited in hospital. Policy changes at Te Nikau Hospital no longer allow clergy or church pastoral visitors to request a list of those of their denomination who are in hospital.

SUPPORT BTC

Go to the link below to see the various creative fund-raising projects that are on the go:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/event/bishopdale>

See Sept 6th "Marge Writes" for a fuller explanation. Extra copies of that newsletter are in the brochure rack in the foyer.

ITEMS FOR THE FAIR

*We are **NOT** accepting clothes, shoes, bedding, cushions, electrical items, or major items of furniture.*

However, we are accepting trash and treasure household items, books, and toys. These items can be put into the Parish Centre garage or outside the front door of the Parish Centre.

We will also be selling plants & produce, baking, sweets, desserts, meals, etc. and these can be brought to the Parish Centre or Hall on the Friday or Saturday of the Fair (13/14 November).

We are placing a greater emphasis on anything to do with food this year. See notice on front page.

If you can donate 500gm packs of frozen whitebait, please give them directly to Robin or Marge to put in the freezer.

DATE OF FAIR

**Saturday 14th November
11.30am to about 1.30pm**

**sign-up sheets for various
jobs on the 13th and 14th will
be put out in due course**

FAIR RAFFLE WED & THURS

11th & 12th November

**at New World
sign-up sheets will be put
out in due course.**

SPRING CAMP

It's not too early to begin praying for Spring Camp which is happening at Bridge Valley over Labour Weekend (23-26 October). We are delighted that 15 Shed youth and leaders have signed up already. Please pray for God's message to be made clear and responses made, for safety in travelling and activities, and for good healthy fun to be had.

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