Monday Marge and Robin's Day Off

1 September No!! NO KYB study group until October 6th
Tuesday 10-11:45am Ripple Effect Module 3 (Parish Centre)

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Wednesday 8am Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre 3 September 10am Dixon House Devotions (Marge)

1:30-3:15 Ripple Effect Module 3 (Parish Centre) 7-8:45pm Ripple Effect Module 3 (Parish Centre)

6.30—8pm Runanga Healing Rooms, Community House,

29 Carroll St, Runanga

Thursday

4 September 9am Leadership Hui for Clergy (Zoom)

12-2pm Marge at Standing Committee (Zoom)

Friday 10-11:30am Kids 'n' Coffee (church complex) 5 September 7pm The SHED (186 Main S Road)

Saturday 6 September

Sunday 2.30—4pm Runanga Healing Rooms, Community House,

7 September 29 Carroll St, Runanga

### Services 7 Sep 2025

#### **GREYMOUTH:**

8am Traditional Holy Communion (no music)

10am All age service with Communion & Contemporary Music

2pm Holy Communion with music

KUMARA:

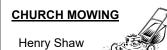
10am Morning Worship (Rach & Evan)

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 to request a list of those of their denomination who are in hospital.

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989







Last Weekend: Attendance: 66 Offertory: \$4,085 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)

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# Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara 31 August 2025

Growing Disciples of Jesus Blessed to be a Blessing

Theme: Spiritual Health Check Part 5:

Are You Committed To God's People?

Sentence: John wrote, "Dear friends, since God so loved us,

we ought also to love one another."

Readings: Romans 12:9-16 (p.1469); John 15:9-15 (p.1391)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, our deepest desire as a parish is to

grow as a community of your love. May we obey your call to remain connected to You, so we can love each other as You love us. May our love for one another

draw others to become your followers. Amen.

Preacher: Marge Tefft

Theme for next weekend: Spiritual Health Check Part 6:

Are You Pursuing Godliness?

Readings for next weekend: 2 Peter 1:1-9; Matthew 5:48

Preacher for next weekend: Marge Tefft

### **CAMP SPONSORSHIP HELP NEEDED**

Spring Camp at Bridge Valley is just around the corner over Labour Weekend. The SHED is looking for help with sponsorships for young people wishing to go to Spring Camp this year.

Things are really tough for many families. They are just managing the everyday stuff and camp fees don't fit into that. Most if not all of our young people wanting to go are probably yet to meet Jesus and have probably never heard the Gospel. Spring Camp (put on by our diocese) is a great way to introduce young people to Jesus and then we can continue that journey at home.

Camp fees this year are \$144.50 per person. Any donation that could go

towards a young person's camp fee would be amazing.

Email <u>nickimora@xtra.co.nz</u> or txt Nicki at 027 487 8560 if you would like to help.

### **VESTRY SNIPPETS**

Vestry agreed to let out a contract to have the Kumara church roof, outside walls, gutters, and walkway cleaned in preparation for maintenance work in the summer.

Vestry is pleased with the increase in offertories especially as we have not been as successful with grant applications for our youth worker costs this year. A combination of the increase in giving, the grants received and our reserves will cover all costs.



Marge It is a delight to see ar Writes increase

children coming to the 10am service.

We had a good discussion at Vestry last

Thursday about what we need now and what we need in order to grow our children's ministry. Topics included age appropriate teaching activities, fun times, and health and safety requirements. The discussion led to a number of ideas and identifying of needs.

Robin and I are very willing to continue taking responsibility for planning each week until such time as someone with a passion for and desire to lead children's ministry emerges. However, we do very much need extra hands to help each week now and into the future.

I want to thank the couple of people who have approached me to offer help as they have perceived the need. Ideally, I would like to have at least 8-10 helpers so we can build a roster and plan together.

Please keep this need in your prayers. If you think you might be interested, or want more details about what is involved, please chat to me.

With love and blessings,

Marge

### **HOW'S IT GOING?**

Are we excited about the new creation that is to come when Jesus returns? Are we giddy with excitement and anticipation like a child at the thought of an upcoming birthday? Are we craning our spiritual necks scanning the horizon for a glimpse of His coming much like a child watches for the first float at the Christmas parade?

The world is currently broken. We know it; everyone knows it. Things are not the way they should be. Paul tells us in Romans 8 that even nature is groaning for the return of Christ when all will be made new (or renewed)—no more sorrow, no more pain, no more death, no more tears. But are we yearning for the new creation?

Carl Laferton writes, "If we are not looking forward to the next life, we will never live well in this one...When we fail to remember where we are heading we grow unexcited about our future home and half-hearted in our present obedience." That is why an excitement for the new creation is a diagnostic for our spiritual health.

Do the decisions we make, the way we speak, the lifestyle we live only make sense because of the new creation ahead?

So, how's it going?

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## THREE UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT COBDEN ANGLICAN CHURCH

Cobden Anglican Church (40 Richmond Street, Cobden) is hosting a number of speakers to which there is an open invitation—

On Mon Sept 8th at 1.30pm Jake and Ali from Bethany Christian Mission Trust will share about their work empowering women and supporting children in India.

Also on Mon Sept 8th at 7.30pm there will be a public meeting to hear from Massad Pastor Hanna who established the Christian Mission to **Gaza.** Not only will we get to hear about the Mission to believers in Gaza but we will get to hear from a first hand perspective more about what the current situation is and the players involved. This will be well worth attending. See poster on fover noticeboard for more about Pastor Hanna Massad and his compassion for all people-Muslims, Jews, and Christians—and his message of forgiveness, faith, courage, and hope amid suffering.

Then on **Sat Oct. 18th at 7.30pm** there will be another public meeting with **Dr. Chris Marshall**, a former Laidlaw lecturer and professor Emeritus of Victoria University who will be speaking about **the future of the church in the NZ context**. Again well worth attending.

### **PARISH FAIR**

Just a reminder that the Parish Fair is coming up on 8 November. We will be needing lots of volunteers so, if possible, please reserve that date in your diaries. A sign-up sheet will come

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

8 Nov—Parish Fair

3 Dec—Regent Community Carols

out in October, but good to ring fence the date now.

Also, remember that used goods to sell in the fair can be dropped off at the Parish Centre garage anytime. We would ask that the items donated be of reasonable and functioning quality. We cannot accept mattresses or televisions (of any type). If you do not know how to access the garage, please chat to Marge for instructions.

Our thanks to Pauline and Robert Mallinson for sorting the goods that come in.

### LIGHT OF THE WORLD FILM COMING TO REGENT SEPT 4TH

A beautiful, 2D-animated story of Jesus is told through the eyes of his beloved young friend, the Apostle John. From the beginning of Jesus' ministry through his crucifixion and resurrection, LIGHT OF THE WORLD powerfully illustrates how Jesus of Nazareth changed the world forever and still changes lives today!

Light & World

### **BARNABAS FUND PRAYERS**

A few Barnabas Fund Prayer booklets are available on table in foyer to help you pray for the persecuted church.

### HUMOUR CORNER

According to my height to weight ratio, I should be 9 feet 4 inches. So my weight is OK, it's my height that's the problem.