

Monday 20 October	5:30-8:30	<i>Clergy Day Off</i> KYB study group (Parish Centre)
Tuesday 21 October		
Wednesday 22 October	8am 10am 1:30-3:15pm 7-8:30pm 6.30—8pm	Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre Dixon House Holy Communion (Tim) Ripple Effect Course (Parish Centre) Ripple Effect Course (Parish Centre) Runanga Healing Rooms, Community House, 29 Carroll St, Runanga
Thursday 23 October	7pm	VESTRY (Parish Centre)
Friday 24 October	10am-11:30pm	Kids 'n' Coffee (church complex) SPRING CAMP this weekend for SHED Youth
Saturday 25 October		
Sunday 26 October	2.30—4pm	Runanga Healing Rooms, Community House, 29 Carroll St, Runanga

Services 26 Oct 2025 LABOUR WEEKEND

GREYMOUTH:

8am	Traditional Holy Communion (no music)
10am	All age service with Communion & Contemporary Music
2pm	Holy Communion with music

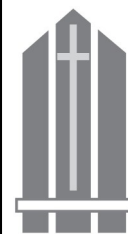
KUMARA: 4pm Making Space

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.

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

 FLOWERS Bronwyn & Jeanette	 CHURCH CLEANING Robyn White & Samantha Ennis	 CHURCH MOWING Lewis Bell
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Last Weekend: Attendance: 68 Offertory: \$3,890 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
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**HOLY
TRINITY**
Church

**Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara**
19 October 2025
***Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing***

Theme:	The Power of Forgiveness
Sentence:	Kia tau iho te rangimārie ki a koutou katoa. Peace be with you all.
Readings:	Luke 6:27-34 (p.1319); Luke 6:35-37 (p.1319)
Prayer for the Day:	Gracious and loving God, we thank you for Tārore, whose death brought not vengeance but reconciliation. Create in us, your whanau, a gospel love and a truth so deep, that we too may live together in love with all your children, in the unity of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.
Preacher:	Samara Ewan
Theme for next weekend:	God's Creation
Readings for next weekend:	Psalm 8:1,3-9; Mark 7:14-20
Preacher for next weekend:	Robin Kingston

ROSTER UNAVAILABILITY DATES

If you serve on the services roster, please send your unavailability dates for 1 Nov—28 Feb. Please specify if you are also not available for Christmas. Send to info@htcgreymouth.co.nz

Marge starts work on the roster in detail on Tuesday!

PARISH FAIR RESPONSIBILITIES

Robin has begun starter sign-up sheets for various fair jobs based on who did what last year. Please check them over and either remove, shift, or add your name accordingly.

Remember the fair is Saturday, November 8th with set-up on Friday the 7th.

HELP WITH RAFFLE PRIZES

If anyone is interested in financially contributing to the Fair Raffle Grocery Basket or Laundry Basket, please place your gift in an envelope labelled "Fair Raffle Prizes" and put in offering basket or give to clergy or bring to Parish Centre.

Any questions, ask Robin

FAIR RAFFLE TABLE

Sign-Up sheets for sitting on the Fair Raffle table at New World on **Wed 5 Nov** and **Thurs 6 Nov** are on the table in the foyer.

Any questions, ask Robin



Marge I was very challenged by the talks given to West Coast Ministers on Thursday and at the Public Meeting last night.

Writes by Chris Marshall

Chris reminded us that the church exponentially grew in its first 200 years within the pagan and persecuting culture of Rome without the use of any of our modern evangelism techniques. The reason people were attracted to Christianity was because of what they saw in Jesus followers: lifestyle, presence of divine power to set free, and ethical conduct. It begs the question, "Do others find Jesus attractive because of how you and I live?" Something to ponder.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bob Stanger and Robin for recovering the stage moveable flats that had become very torn.

SINCERE SYMPATHIES

It is with deep sadness to inform the parish on the unexpected death of Anna Matthews, a beloved member of this parish for many years. She died in her home in Rolleston on Friday night. Please hold her husband, Steve, and adult children, Donna-Marie and James, in your prayers at this time. Funeral details are yet to be finalised.

HOW'S IT GOING?

One of the ways of growing in faith is through regular Holy Communion..

God made careful preparation for it about 1,500 years before Jesus. When He rescued the Israelites from Egypt, He told them to put the blood of a lamb on the doorposts of their houses and then stay within the house. That way the angel of death would see the blood and pass over that house.

The blood represents the blood of Jesus shed on the cross that not only forgives our sin, but protects us from eternal death because we trust what Jesus says and does.

When the Israelites were in the desert, God fed them supernaturally with manna, representing His body, that came very day except for the sabbath. On the day before He sent twice the amount. This happened for 40 years until they entered the Promised Land that represents heaven.

All this was remembered annually at the Passover festival. It was at the Passover festival that Jesus instituted the Holy Communion so that we would remember His death, body, (bread) and His cleansing blood (wine).

As God went to so much trouble to prepare for this sacrament, we treat it with respect and reverence as we partake weekly. Do you do the same?

God in Pursuit – Lessons from the Book of Jonah by Robert M. Solomon

Most of us know the story of Jonah who miraculously survived being in the belly of a whale for three days. In 'God in Pursuit' Robert M. Solomon guides us through a fresh look at this story, and there is much to learn. Jonah was a prophet who was called by God to go and give a prophecy of destruction to the people of Nineveh. Jonah does not want to go so he runs away. Jonah's disobedience gets him, and others into a pickle. We then see God's amazing love, patience and mercy at work. We see how God works all things together for good according to his purposes.

In the end Jonah goes to Nineveh and proclaims the message from God throughout the land. The people humble themselves and repent. They cry out to God who relents. He doesn't destroy them, he saves them. In Luke 15 Jesus tells us, "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." Yet Jonah does not rejoice over an entire nation repenting. Jonah gets angry and sulks. Did Jonah believe those wicked Ninevites didn't deserve God's mercy? Was he concerned for his own reputation?

The conversation between God and Jonah reveals much about the character of Jesus and the character of Jonah. Jonah was prepared to go on mission for God. To begrudgingly be obedient. But was he prepared to love? God was loving, patient and merciful to the wicked people of Nineveh as well as his grumpy servant. God shows us He wants us to go on mission with Him and He wants to go on mission within each of us. Both missions are important. He wants to transform us into Christ's image. The question is, are we willing?

I highly recommend this new addition to the parish library. It may well reveal to you whether you lean more towards the

character of Jonah or the character of Jesus. It's broken up into themes with reflection questions at the end of each section. It would work just as well reading it as an individual or using it as a study guide for a small group.

A poem from the book describes where Jonah was at and is thought provoking for us:

'You Jonah' by Thomas John Carlisle

*And Jonah stalked
To his shaded seat
And waited for God
To come around
To his way of thinking.
And God is still waiting for a host of
Jonahs
In their comfortable houses
To come around
To His way of loving.*

This book is in our library for you to borrow.

VESTRY MEETING THIS THURSDAY Agenda topics include:

- Finances, including a look at the potential result for the end of December, and budgets for 2026 and 2027
- Parish Fair
- Pew Bibles
- Types of Home Groups for 2026
- Children's ministry
- Shed Youth Project
- Drainage issues

PRAYERS FOR SPRING CAMP

Please keep Spring Camp in your prayers this week and through Labour Day. Pray for young people and adult leaders for safety, unity, and a genuine encounter with Jesus Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8 Nov—Parish Fair
- 3 Dec—Regent Community Carols

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