

Monday 17 June	<i>Marge & Robin's day off</i>	
	1.30pm	CARE AGM in Church Lounge
	5.30pm	Shared Meal and Know Your Bible study in Parish Centre
Tuesday 18 June		
19 June	Wednesday	
	8am	Half hour prayer meeting in Parish Centre
	10am	Dixon House Devotions (Marge)
	1pm	Funeral for Ray (Jonesy) Jones in Holy Trinity
Thursday 20 June	9am	Pastoral Care Meeting in Parish Centre (date change because clergy at Retreat next week)
	12 Noon	Ministers' Association Meeting at Uniting Church
	7.30pm	Holy Spirit Home Group in Parish Centre
Friday 21 June	<i>Emily's Half Day off from 12 Noon</i>	
	10am	Kids 'n Coffee
	7pm	Youth Group at The Shed.
Saturday 22 June	<i>Emily's day off</i>	
	10am—2pm	Contemplative Prayer Day at Salvation Army (see details in this newsletter)


Services Next Sunday 23 June 2024

GREYMOUTH:

- 8am** Traditional Holy Communion
- 10am** Family service with Communion & Music
After Morning Tea—Prayer Meeting in Chapel
- 2pm** Afternoon Worship
- 4.30pm** Youth Service at The Shed, 186 Main South Rd.


KUMARA: 4pm Making Space (Rachel & Evan)

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS

 Rose & Jeanette

CHURCH CLEANING

 Dorothy & Norm Wilkins

CHURCH MOWING

 Henry Shaw

Last Weekend Attendance: 80 Offertory: \$ 3,783 (Total needed: \$3,700)
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Holy Trinity Church

**Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara**

16 June 2024

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

Theme: Real Listening

Readings: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 (p 366) ; Mark 4:1-20 (p 1278)

Prayer for the Day: Heavenly Father may your words of truth take root in our hearts and grow to rich maturity. May we hear your will for us and act upon it; may we take seriously our responsibility to encourage and nurture one another in faith at every age and every stage. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Preacher: Marge Tefft

Theme for next weekend: Stuck in a Rut
 Readings next week: Ruth 1:6-16; Luke 9:23-27
 Preacher next week: Pete White

UNAVAILABILITY DATES

Today is when your availability dates are due in to the Parish Office. You can give them to Robin or Marge on a piece of paper today if you need to.

SINCERE SYMPATHIES

Our deepest condolences to **Mandy Steele** on the death of her brother Michael Edens who died two weeks ago after a battle with cancer. Please hold Mandy and all her family in your prayers at this time.

Our sincere sympathies to **Trevor Morrison** on the recent death of Shon Pettersen, his nephew in Palmerston North. We were pleased to hear that Trevor was able to fly there for the funeral and support the family as they grieve Shon's death after a long battle with cancer.

Our deepest sympathies to **Theresa**

Newcombe on the passing of her mother, Alice Noble 9 days ago. Alice was a long time member of St Thomas' Anglican Church in Runanga. She was also a faithful member of our 2pm service for a number of years after she moved into Greymouth from Barrytown. Barry Smithson took her private family burial at Barrytown last Tuesday. There will be a memorial service at some time in the future.

Please remember all of these who are grieving that they may know comfort and peace.

SYNOD BILLITING

Holy Trinity is hosting Synod this year on 12-14th September. The diocese is looking for people who could offer billet and breakfast for two nights/mornings. If you would like to help, please contact Renata at — renata@nelsonanglican.nz



Robin writes

Most days I pray for some situation in the world where Christians experience intense persecution. This is occurring in at least 40 different countries.

The Barnabas prayer booklet that comes out every two months has specific examples of Christians facing very tough situations, often giving the names of those that have been martyred or are in prison for their faith.

Most Muslim countries have laws that forbid Muslims to leave the faith. If a Muslim converts to Christianity they are frequently expelled from their families. They have embarrassed their family. To keep their honour family members often try and kill the convert or make life as impossible as they can.

Blasphemy is a charge carrying a death penalty, although not often carried out, but a long prison sentence given instead. Blasphemy is if you say something against Mohammed, or damage their holy book, the Koran. Christians are often falsely accused.

Militant Muslims target Christian groups such as churches, schools, pastors and known believers. Killing a Christian is honouring God in their eyes.

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HOW'S IT GOING?

Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

There is a wide variety of spiritual gifts exercised by many in this parish. The main difference between a natural gift and a spiritual gift is the fact that the Holy Spirit is involved in the spiritual gifts.

Sometimes this is obvious because of the nature of the gift such as miracles, healings, prophecy etc. However, as Christians exercise a gift, seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance and empowering, it can change a natural to a spiritual gift.

A spiritual gift is exercised in love and humility, seeking to bless the people to whom the gift is ministered. God enables the gift to help others be encouraged, blessed, helped, and healed. It is especially given to draw people to Christ and to build up the Kingdom of God.

Everyone has at least one gift they can use to the glory of God. The key is to pray to see how your gift can be used in a godly, inspired and Spirit led fashion.

Examples of some of the gifts in operation here are hospitality, healings, faith, prophecy, helps, administration, catering, intercession, music, art, lawn mowing, discernment of spirits, deliverance, teaching, compassion, generosity, cleaning, and tongues.

So, how are you using your gifts?

(continued from Robin Writtes)

North, west and east Africa are particularly dangerous. Christians in north and west Nigeria often suffer from attacks that involve shooting to kill, burning down houses and churches, stealing their cattle, and kidnapping.

They kidnap girls aged 11 to 18 yrs in particular. They force them to marry a Muslim. They are then forced to have children and bring them up in the Islamic faith.

The fastest growing Christian converts in the world are those in China. China has about 100 million, many of whom face prison for their faith if they belong to a house church. There is a national Chinese Church, but it has to teach the Chinese propaganda. Spies regularly attend the services to make sure.

It is easy to be a Christian in NZ, but those facing persecution pray for us because our faith is so weak.

May the Lord bless you, Robin

THE SEND

Two years ago a young adult movement called Catalyst travelled around the country. This year they have teamed up with The Send and are coming again to Greymouth on Wednesday, June 19th at 7pm at the Elim Church on Guinness Street. A night of worship, prayer, and activation. Come along and be inspired by some of New Zealand's Christian young adults.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER DAY

Saturday 22 June 10am—2pm

The theme for our contemplative prayer days this year is:

LONG LOOK AT GOD'S LOVE FOR US, based on the book

"The Languages of Love"

Our third prayer day for 2024 will be at The Salvation Army, 77 Shakespeare St, Greymouth

Please bring a **teddy bear or a favourite soft toy**, your journal and pen, Bible and your own lunch.

To register your attendance or for further information, please contact: Sharryn McAuliffe Phone: **027 207 3431**

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EXCERPTS FROM TWO WATOTO LETTERS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Joel Makaye, who has been studying a certificate in tourism, writes —

I am grateful to God who is still covering us with his precious and mighty hand.

We attended prayers during the holiday and we really enjoyed the praise and worship and the preaching of Pastor Samuel. After church we enjoyed meals as a family and all was marvellous. May be I would wish to know about how you spent your Easter season too and how it was,

I am planning to upgrade to a diploma in tourism later this year. I will soon be applying for that. I can't wait to add on to my knowledge and skills in Tourism Management. I really love nature and like animal behaviours.

We are also looking forward to celebrating the big 40 of the Watoto Church in June. Our theme for the year is "Awesome God Do it Again." Allow me to wish your parish a blast and wonderful time.

Ananiya Kameri who is just starting high school writes —

Praise the living God! We are just back from the holidays. During the holidays I had a chance to be part of the worship camp which was held in Suubi village. It was just so amazing because we had a team from the USA. They taught us more about worship leading. I loved it because it inspired me to continue leading worship.

Thank you so much for sponsoring me. God bless you all.

Editor's Note: Suubi village is one of the Watoto villages where a team from our parish built a house in 2010.

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