



## Musings from Marge

Several years ago, Vestry was eager to see an outreach to the wider community during Matariki. Matariki is the Māori New Year that coincides with the return of the Matariki constellation (Pleiades) in the eastern sky. This always happens in winter when nature takes a pause: leaves drop, days are short, the harvest is in, and the land rests. In Māori culture, **Matariki is a time for whanau to gather to reflect, remember, give thanks, plan, and rest.**

The “remembering” aspect of Matariki focuses on those who have died. Vestry felt that the church is uniquely equipped to facilitate the “remembering” both to help process the pain of grief and the giving of thanks for ones no longer with us.

Last year Emily and a team from Whare Manaaki and Holy Trinity organised a Service of Remembrance. It was very well received, and many were helped in their grief journey. The

feedback was that something of this nature should be an annual event.

I met with the new coordinator of Whare Manaaki, Pete Walker, a couple of months ago to begin planning this year’s event. We were both so grateful for the excellent work that last year’s team did and saw no need to make radical changes, just a few tweaks.

Matariki follows the lunar calendar which means its date on our Gregorian wall calendars changes from year to year. This year Matariki occurs from July 8-14 with the national public holiday on July 10<sup>th</sup>. **Our remembrance service will be on Thursday, 9 July at 6pm.**

The outline of the service is pretty well settled, but there is a need for volunteers to prepare and serve food for the after-service supper and decorating the church beforehand. **I am looking for a couple of people who would be interested in overseeing these two areas. If you are so inclined, please see me.** In due course, there will be an opportunity for others to sign up to bake, make soup, serve, decorate, tidy up etc.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

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## ZOHAR GONEM - CELEBRATE MESSIAH

On Sat 20th of June at 7.30pm Zohar Gonem of Celebrate Messiah, an outreach ministry to Israeli young adults backpacking through NZ, will be speaking at a public meeting at Cobden Anglican, 40 Richmond St, Cobden on the topic of “Endtimes Prophecy” from a Jewish perspective.

## PARISH HISTORY BOOKS

The 2019 booklet covering the period of 1995 to 2019 is available at half price for \$10. The two previous booklets covering 1866 to 1997 are together available for \$5.

You can view the booklets in the foyer. There is a container for payments or IOU’s.

## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER DAY

Our third prayer day for 2026 will be held on--

**Saturday 27 June from 10am - 2pm.**

Venue: Salvation Army Greymouth  
77 Shakespeare Street

Our plan for this year is to explore some (maybe new) ways of praying, to bring us closer to the heart of God. On this day we will pray body prayer, intercession and dots!

Bring your journal, Bible,  
koha and your lunch.

Please wear or bring something dotty.

To register your attendance at the prayer day contact:

Sharryn McAuliffe  
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Mobile: 027 207 3431

## THE MARRIAGE COURSE

The Baptist Church is hosting the 7-week *Marriage Course* beginning Sunday, July 26th 3:30-5:30pm. It is being facilitated by Lynette and Stu Lennox and it is for all couples whether they attend church or not.

Holy Trinity offered this course twice a few years ago and those who took it found it very encouraging and helpful.

The *Marriage Course* is designed to feel relaxed and safe. Couples sit privately at their own tables. There is no public discussion, and the content is delivered through high-quality video sessions with guided conversations for each couple to have just with each other.

Light refreshments will be provided, and childcare can be arranged if needed.

Numbers are limited so early registration is encouraged.

To find out more or register please email Lynette Lennox at [lynette.lennox@gmail.com](mailto:lynette.lennox@gmail.com).

## HOW’S IT GOING?

Last Sunday we looked at three stories in Matthew’s gospel that showed Jesus’ willingness to go against religious custom in order to bring healing—the calling of Matthew the tax collector and the party that ensued with “unclean” tax collectors and other sinners, the healing of a woman who was ritually “unclean”, the raising of a dead girl to life by touching her dead “unclean” hand. In all these instances Jesus crosses social and religious boundaries to bring salvation/healing much to the disdain of the legalistically religious.

But what about us? Do we refuse to welcome or associate with those who are shunned by others? How comfortable would we be with someone who was pretty rough coming into our services? Would we, like Jesus, see a person in need of healing or, like the Pharisees, see someone to be avoided?

So, how’s it going?

Monday 15 June	1-3pm	<i>Marge &amp; Robin's Day off</i> CARE committee meeting (Church Lounge)
Tuesday 16 June	7pm	<i>Marge in Nelson for meeting</i> <b>Marge's Home Group <u>CANCELLED</u> this week</b>
Wednesday 17 June	8am 10am 6:30-8pm	<i>Marge in Nelson for meeting</i> Parish Prayer Meeting (Parish Centre) Dixon House Devotions (Robin) Runanga Healing Rooms at Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga
	<b>7-8.30pm</b>	<b>Robin's Home Group at <u>109c Hanmer Tce</u></b>
Thursday 18 June	<b>1.30—3pm</b>	<b>Robin's Home Group at Parish Centre</b>
Friday 19 June	10-11:30am 7pm	Kids 'n' Coffee (Church complex) The Shed Youth Group (186 Main S Road)
Saturday 20 June	5pm	Youth Church at the Shed (186 Main s Road)
Sunday 21 June	2:30-4pm	Runanga Healing Rooms at Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga

### Services 21 June

#### **GREYMOUTH:**

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


#### **KUMARA:**


**10am Morning Worship (Samara)**

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**  
  
 Helen & Raewyn

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
 Robin Kingston & Julie Williams  


**CHURCH MOWING**  
 Tony Woollett  


Last Weekend: Attendance: 60 Offertory: \$3,888 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,904)  
 Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



**Anglican Parish  
of Greymouth & Kumara  
14 June 2026  
*Growing Disciples of Jesus  
Blessed to be a Blessing***

**Theme: What to do when you think God got it wrong**

**Readings: Job 30:16-26, 42:1-6 (pp.678, 690)**

**Matthew 5:23-24 (p.1227)**

**Prayer for the Day: Father God, I know in my mind that you are perfect and do not sin. However, there are times when I am bitter about what you have let happen to me and others. I know that the only way to restore fellowship is for me to forgive you. Please help me to come to the stage of trusting your goodness whatever happens to me. Amen.**

**Preacher: Robin Kingston**

Theme for next weekend: God can help us cope in financially tough times

Readings for next weekend: 1 Peter 5:6-7; Matthew 6:19-21

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#### **EMMAUS MAWHERA**

Bishop Steve and his team are coming to each of the regions to connect with those who serve in our parishes. **Emmaus is for ANYONE who serves in our parish in ANY capacity or on ANY roster. Whatever part you play, the bishop will love to see you there on Saturday 4 July.**

**Registration is still open. We have a budget for laity training and so if you want to come, please click "send me an invoice" in the "pay" section of registration form and give Marge your invoice.**

**To register go to: <https://www.nelsonanglican.nz> then click on Events under Korero. Scroll down to EMMAUS: Mawhera and click on Register.**

#### **WHAT GIFTS DO YOU HAVE?**

One or two people have mentioned to us the desire to find out what their gifts really are. We are often unaware of some of our strongest gifts.

Robin remembers about 30 years ago doing such a course here in the parish. He discovered that his strongest gift was something he had never even considered. As a result, he was able to focus on the gift intentionally, and it made a big difference to what he concentrated on. We are looking at both natural and supernatural giftings.

If anyone is interested in looking at this for themselves, please put your name on the list in the foyer. Once we know who is interested, we will find times that suit everyone.