

Monday
27 October **Labour Day Public Holiday-Parish Office Closed**
NO!! KYB study group (resume Nov 3rd)

Tuesday
28 October *Marge and Robin's Day Off*

Wednesday
29 October 8am Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre
10am Dixon House Devotions (Barry)
11am Kahurangi Devotions (Marge)
1:30-3:15pm Ripple Effect Course (Parish Centre)
7-8:30pm Ripple Effect Course (Parish Centre)
6.30—8pm Runanga Healing Rooms, Community House,
29 Carroll St, Runanga

Thursday
30 October

Friday
31 October 10am-11:30pm Kids 'n' Coffee (church complex)

Saturday
1 November

Sunday
2 November 2.30—4pm Runanga Healing Rooms, Community House,
29 Carroll St, Runanga

services 2 November

GREYMOUTH:

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

KUMARA: EXT HC (Eric & Dianna)

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

Bronwen S
& Paula

CHURCH CLEANING

Ronel & Nico
Maas



CHURCH MOWING

Tony Woollett



Last Weekend: Attendance: 61 Offertory: \$3,890 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
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**HOLY
TRINITY**
Church

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

Theme: **God's Creation**

Sentence: **O Lord, how wonderful are your works. In wisdom you have made all your creation, the stars, the earth, the flora, the fauna the fish and the birds.**

Readings: **Psalm 8:1, 3-9 (p.695); Mark 7:14-20 (p.1285)**

Prayer for the Day: **God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together, and the host of heaven shouted for joy. Open our eyes to the wonders of creation, and teach us to use all things for good, to the honour of your glorious name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Preacher: **Robin Kingston**

Theme for next weekend: Healthy Church

Readings for next weekend: Colossians 3:5-17; Matthew 15:10-20

Preacher for next weekend: Marge Tefft

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. **If you are happy with where your name is, please give a tick by it.**

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 Writes

One of the strengths of our parish over many years prior to COVID were our home groups. At one time 80% of our congregation were involved in a regular gathering of a small group to grow in discipleship and to support and encourage one another.

COVID dramatically interrupted the rhythm of our parish life. When it looked like we might be able to return to holding home groups again, many of our members and leaders had either died or moved to other towns and although a couple of groups were able to re-start, most fell by the wayside.

Vestry and I are keen to see home groups become vital again in the parish in 2026, but I can't do it alone. Robin and I can train people how to lead a home group and provide content ideas, but we need others to host and lead. These don't need to be the same person. Leadership can be shared. The Parish Centre and church complex can be a meeting place as well as individuals homes. The possibilities are many.

Please seek the Lord about what your involvement will be. Talk to me if you have questions.

After the Fair we will begin the work of developing groups for next year.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

The Power of Forgiveness

The story of Tārore and her father, Ngākuku, is one of forgiveness and peace, that changed the lives of so many people across Aotearoa.

Tārore was a 12 year old girl who lived in Waharoa. She would read the Gospel of Luke aloud to her whanau and iwi, which impacted them and changed the way they lived. After she was tragically killed by an enemy tribe, instead of vowing revenge, Ngākuku spoke of forgiveness and trusting in Jesus. One day, the warrior who killed Tārore asked Ngākuku for forgiveness, and so peace was made between their tribes.

Ngākuku would have drawn strength from Jesus to help him forgive the man who killed his daughter. We too, can draw strength from God to help us forgive those who have hurt or wronged us. You may also want to talk to someone about this, which is valuable in bringing healing in this area of forgiveness.

Never underestimate the grace and healing power of the Gospel of Jesus, even in the most tragic and complex of circumstances.

Is there someone you need to forgive?

What are you going to do about it?

WORD FOR TODAY

Copies of this three monthly devotional is available in the foyer. A gold coin donation towards the cost can be put in the offertory basket.

FUTURE OF THE FAIR

Vestry at its meeting on Thursday had an honest and robust discussion about the future of our Parish Fair.

Our annual fair has been going on for over 100 years and is looked forward to by the community and has been a blessing for many. It has also been a good fund raiser for the parish over the years.

However, over the last few years, it has been increasingly difficult to put the Fair on in its current form. The reasons are many and include:—

- significant decrease in number of helpers due to—
 - ◇ shrinking congregation
 - ◇ ageing congregation
 - ◇ other commitments of parishioners on Fair Day
- Several stalls no longer available or potentially unavailable as circumstances of the stall providers change
- clashes with other community events at the same day and time
- Robin's inability to find a replacement for organising the fair. This is the last year he will be able to do it on his own. He is happy to train someone and assist them in the future, but no longer do the job himself. (If you are interested in taking it over, please see Robin ASAP so training can begin with this fair.)

Vestry decided that the parish needs to seriously consider the viability of continuing the Fair in it's current form. This will be on the agenda for our next AGM in 2026.

Parishioners are asked to pray and consider—

- how might the Fair continue in a way that our current congregation can run it?
- what alternative event(s) might be held that could bless the community and raise funds which our current congregation would be able to run?

Please don't wait until the 2026 AGM to let Vestry know your ideas. Write them down and give them to Marge so we can include them as part of our AGM papers.

OTHER VESTRY SNIPPETS

The missionary family we support currently serving in SE Asia will be permanently returning to NZ on Dec 14th. Vestry unanimously agreed to give them \$1,000 to assist them with their relocation.

As we will no longer be assisting this missionary family into the future, Vestry decided to include the Motueka Parish in their place in our "missions giving" budget for 2026 for \$1,000. This is to assist Motueka with their 2026 diocesan levy. Each parish pays a levy to assist with the costs of the Anglican Centre in Nelson. However, the formula for assessing each parish's proportion has, for years, been unfair to Motueka. Synod next year will vote on a new formula which will hopefully result in a more fair sharing out of the cost. At Synod this year, there was a swell of support for other parishes to help out for next year.

Vestry was confident in these decisions due to our encouraging financial position. Thank you to everyone who supports the work of this parish.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8 Nov—Parish Fair

3 Dec—Regent Community Carols