

Monday 17 Mar *Marge and Robin's day off*  
**5.30pm KYB Bible Study group doing Ripple Effect Module 1 (Parish Centre)**

Tuesday 18 Mar **10-11:45am Ripple Effect Course Module 1 (Parish Centre)**

Wednesday 19 Mar  
**8am Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre**  
 10am Dixon House Devotions (Emily)  
**1.30—3.15pm Ripple Effect Course Module 1 in Parish Centre**  
**7.00—8:45pm Ripple Effect Course Module 1 in Church Hall**  
 7:15pm Lavers' Home Group (18C Serpentine Rd)

Thursday 20 Mar

Friday 21 Mar *Emily's half day off from noon*  
**Kids 'n Coffee at church**  
 7pm The SHED (186 Main South Road)

Saturday 22 Mar *Emily's day off*

**Services Next Week 23 Mar 2025**

**GREYMOUTH:**

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


**KUMARA**

**4pm Making Space (Rach & Evan)**


**Prayer Requests to:** Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

**FLOWERS**  
  
 Helen & Raewyn

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
  
 Henry & Jenny

**CHURCH MOWING**  
  
 Henry Hole

Last Weekend: Attendance: 73 Offertory: \$3,847 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)  
 Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



**HOLY TRINITY Church**

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

**Theme:** A Fox in the Henhouse  
**Readings:** Philippians 3:17- 4:1 (p1527); Luke 13:31- 35 (p1338)  
**Prayer for the Day:** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.  
**Preacher:** Marge Tefft

Theme for next weekend: SIN—Results and solution.  
 Readings next weekend: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9  
 Preacher next weekend: Robin Kingston

**ELECTORAL ROLL**

The parish AGM will be on Thursday 10th April at 7.30pm in the church lounge. In order to be able to stand for an office or vote you need to be on the Electoral Roll. Speaking rights can be extended to non-electoral roll attendees with leave of the AGM

The updated roll is on the church noticeboard.

**If your name does not appear, please complete a yellow/buff electoral application form from the foyer.**

The condition to be on the roll is that you have been participating and worshipping in the life of the parish for at least 4 months, are baptised, 16+ years old, and not on the electoral roll of any other parish.

**ELECTION OF VESTRY & WARDEN**

The **People's Warden** position is an elected role each year. The current People's Warden is Wayne Lorimer, who is standing for re-election.

**Vestry Members (up to 10):**

- This is the committee that oversees the life of the parish.
- The spiritual well being of the parish.
- The welfare of the vicar.
- Upkeep of all the property and buildings of the parish
- Finances of the parish
- Health and safety
- Planning for the future.

**Nomination forms for People's Warden and Vestry Members are in the foyer and must be submitted to clergy by April 2nd.**

**Any Motions for the AGM must be submitted in writing by April 2nd.**



**Marge** Yesterday we had the funeral of Norman Wilkins at Holy Trinity. Over 250 attended and at least 45 people have so far watched it on

livestream.

We laughed. We cried. We rejoiced at the legacy of love he left to his family and friends.

We recognized his faithful commitment and participation to this local fellowship ever since he and Dot got married nearly 58 years ago.

We celebrated his faith in Jesus that had grown over the years. We sang the song he chose for the service—*10,000 Reasons*.

I sat down towards the end of the afternoon tea to rest, to take the time to watch the slide show that was looping on the back wall of the hall and to observe the atmosphere among family and friends gathered.

Funerals are hard. I can understand why people are more and more having either no funeral or a private service for just immediate family. However, experiencing

the service yesterday and observing the communal grief and joy that was present solidified my conviction that funerals and especially open funerals are important.

Funerals provide an opportunity for those who loved the deceased to say goodbye which is an important early step in the healing of grief. This includes friends, extended family, people whose lives were impacted in a positive way by the deceased that no one may know about, but they, too, need to process their grief among a community of people who loved the deceased.

Being together with those who knew the deceased gives support, encouragement and catharsis that simply cannot be found sitting alone in an armchair.

When I first came to the parish, some elderly ladies were commenting that they didn't want a funeral. However, they had all been to a friend's funeral that week. So I asked them if they would have liked not being able to celebrate their friend's life with others who also loved her. "Oh no!" they replied. And so I challenged them to not rob their families and friends of the opportunity to say "goodbye" when the time came. A little food for thought.

With love and blessings,  
*Marge*

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## RIPPLE EFFECT WEEK 3 SUMMARY

**Theme: Creation and Identity**

**Key Point:** Knowing our God-given identity. I am created for relationship with God, others, and the world.

**Key Encouragement:** You have immense value and dignity.

**Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31**

**Summary:** Origin stories are powerful in giving us a sense of identity and purpose. Humans are created in God's image for relationship with God, each other, and the world. We were created to enjoy Him and His blessings as we care for each other in the world God made. When we understand how precious and important we are to God, we find a secure dignity, meaning and purpose. The impact of rightly understanding and embracing who God made us to be should ripple out from us and bless the lives of those around us.

**Questions:**

1. How does being created in God's image give me dignity, value and/or purpose (i.e. why do I matter)?
2. How does knowing that all people are created in God's image, with dignity and value, shape the way I relate to them (i.e. why do you matter)?
3. What do I find beautiful about the picture in Genesis 1:26-31? Why?
4. How might the people you're regularly praying for answer the questions—
  - Who am I?
  - Do I matter?
  - What is my purpose?
5. How do you think knowing Jesus might change their answers?

**Note:** We cannot take any new people on the Ripple Effect Course this term. However, Marge will keep publishing summaries of each week for you to ponder.

## LADIES SHARED DESSERT EVENING

Marge will be the guest speaker at the Hokitika Christian Fellowship at 26 Kaniere Rd, Hokitika.

**When:** Friday 21 March at 7pm

**RSVP:** to Rachael 027 514 3531

**Bring:** finger food dessert

## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER DAYS

The remaining dates for the 2025 Contemplative Prayer Days are:—

- Saturday, 26 April
- Saturday, 21 June
- Saturday, 16 Aug
- Saturday, 18 Oct
- Saturday, 6 Dec

These are usually held at the Salvation Army Church facility (77 Shakespeare St., Greymouth) and run from 10am to 2pm. BYO lunch unless otherwise advised. These are led by retired Salvation Army pastor Sharryn McAuliffe and are open to anyone.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10 Apr 7.30pm—Thursday Parish AGM
- 17 Apr 7pm—Maundy Thursday Service
- 18 Apr 10am—Good Friday Service
- 20 Apr—Easter Sunday Services
- 29 Apr—Marge & Robin go on holiday
- 10 May—Emily & Greg running Ultra Marathon for Race for the Roof
- 12 Jun—Marge & Robin return from hols
- 21 Jun—Matariki Event (time TBA)
- 22 Jun—Farewell to Holmes Family
- 8 Nov—Parish Fair
- 3 Dec—Regent Community Carols

## DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our sincere condolences to Dot Wilkins and all her family on the death of her beloved Norm. Please see "Marge Writes" for more details. Please hold Dot and all of Norm's family in your prayers at this time.