

Monday
24 August

Robin's Day off

Tuesday 1.30pm Afternoon Fellowship in Parish Centre (Helen)
25 August 7pm Marge's Home Group @ 2 Redwood Place

Wednesday Robin & Marge in Christchurch. Back late afternoon
26 August 8am Parish Prayer meeting (Parish Centre)
10am Dixon House communion (Tim)
6:30-8pm Runanga Healing Rooms at Community House,
29 Carroll Street, Runanga
7pm Robin's Home Group at 109c Hanmer Tce

Thursday 1:30-3pm Robin's Home Group at Parish Centre
27 August 7pm Vestry meeting in Parish Centre.

Friday 10-11:30am Kids 'n' Coffee (Church complex)
28 August 7pm The Shed Youth Group (186 Main South Rd)

Saturday 5pm Youth Church at The Shed (186 Main South Rd)
29 August

Sunday 2:30-4pm Runanga Healing Rooms at Community House,
30 August 29 Carroll Street, Runanga

Services 30 August

GREYMOUTH:

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

KUMARA:

10am No Service.

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

Henry & Jenny
Hole



CHURCH MOWING

Lewis Bell



Last Weekend: Attendance: 73

Offertory: \$ 3,798 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,904)

Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



**Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara
23 August 2026**

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

Theme: Bread and Water in the desert

Sentence: Jesus said "The Holy Spirit can't come to help you until I leave. But after I have gone, I will send the Spirit to you."

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7 (p 93); John 16:5-7 (p 1392)

Prayer for the Day: Thank you, Father, for the dramatic way you provided manna and water for the Israelites in the desert. What a dramatic, prophetic illustration of the work of Jesus fourteen centuries later. Help us to truly believe all that you teach us so thoroughly. Amen

Preacher: Robin Kingston

Theme for next weekend: Sacrifice of Isaac and the Serpent on the Pole

Readings for next weekend: Genesis 22:1-13; Luke 23:22-26

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INDIVIDUAL PLANT POTS

A friend of the parish is propagating seedlings for the church fair. However, she has run out of individual pots in which to grow them. She doesn't need those combinations of 6 connected together. Please leave them in the foyer for Marilyn Wood to collect.

FREE HOME SAFETY INITIATIVE

An Occupational Therapist meets the person at their home for free home safety assessment. It can include installation of up to 2 handrails and a non-slip mat. Handrails are installed by a qualified builder for free. **Leaflets in the foyer – help yourself.**

WATER OFF MONDAY

The mains water will be turned off from 9am until 1pm tomorrow for the church, hall and parish centre while the council fixes our toby. The toby is the stopcock. Did you know that the name means "God is good"?

VESTRY MEETING

This Thursday at 7pm. Some topics may include:
Our monthly diocesan contribution
Fair planning
Marge's experiences in England
Visions and Home Groups for 2027
Christian message in hall
Bishopdale Theological College



Robin Writes

I look forward to handing the parish back to Marge so that she can carry that responsibility. There is something very precious in being an assistant rather than being the leader.

However, leaders are key people in any group, organisation or church. There is a sense of responsibility that sits on one's shoulders. Learning how to be responsible, but not being a burden bearer takes some learning and experience.

At the moment Marge and I between us are leading six home groups. Both of us enjoy these roles. We love seeing folk grow in their understanding of the Bible, and putting it into practice in their daily lives.

Many of those who are in our groups at present can become excellent home group leaders in the future. Our prayer is that their growing knowledge and experience will give them the confidence to take up the mantle within the next year or two.

This week I was privileged to be involved in the commemoration of the Vietnam Veterans' Day. It was sobering hearing of the pain of those who had answered the government's call to serve in Vietnam, and then find themselves booed when they returned. Compassion is a special gift, and blessed are those who can show it.

Love and blessings, Robin

What's your score?

Last week we had the opportunity to complete a Spiritual pathways quiz to help us best understand how we individually best relate to God.

So how did you go? What was your highest pathway score?

Are you a **Naturalist** – draw near to God through nature.

Or a **Sensate**- draw near to God through the senses.

Maybe a **Traditionalist**- draw near to God through ritual and symbol.

Or an **Activist**- draw near to God through confronting wrong?

Who's a **Caregiver**- draw near to God through caring for and serving others.

What about an **Ascetic**- draw near to God through solitude and simplicity.

Are you an **Enthusiast**- draw near to God through celebration and mystery.

Maybe a **Contemplative**- draw near to God through personal adoration and heartfelt devotion.

Or lastly an **Intellectual**- draw near to God through the mind.

As you reflect on the many pathways we examined, most of us will naturally find ourselves on two or three of them.

We are not bound to any one path or limited to remaining on any one path.

Part of the beauty of this exercise is learning about different ways to connect with God and then trying some new ones to see if they are good places for us to encounter the Lord.

As you seek Him, may you draw close to Him in whatever way works for you, finding joy and peace in your soul as you do.

Father, thank You for providing so many different ways to connect with You! Help me find the best ways to do so and stretch myself to explore new ways of expanding my relationship with You. Amen.

WORKSHOP ON SPIRITUAL GIFTS

In the foyer there is a list for those wishing to look closely at what are their spiritual gifts and how and where they might be most effectively used. Marge and Robin think it will take two sessions to do this adequately.

There is a form in the foyer for you to tick which times you would be able to attend. There needs to be at least one in the first week and one in the second week. If you are available for more than one, please tick it as well. It will help us to determine which sessions are necessary.

There will be a questionnaire for you to complete before the first meeting. It will be available next Sunday, 30th

If you haven't put your name down before, and would like to be involved, just add it to the list in the foyer.

FOSTERING. IS IT FOR YOU?

On Tues 22nd Sept from 7pm in church lounge. Alannah Gregan will talk about Open Home Foundations Fostering programme, what it means to be a Foster Parent and how you might like to become involved.

PARISH FAIR

To keep the fair functioning well into future years, Robin has decided to split up the jobs that he does into six categories as follows:

- 1. Advertising:** Newspaper, other multimedia, putting up banner, weekly newsletter ads.
- 2. Raffles:** Organise the prizes, put the raffles in place on the two mornings and collect evening. Arrange cash float and book dates. Draw raffle and publish results in newspaper.
- 3. Setting up Friday:** Develop layout plan for hall, lounge and foyer. Direct team to help from 1.30pm onwards.
- 4. Rosters:** Put out sign up sheets and ensure each area has enough helpers. Be the trouble shooter on the Saturday.
- 5. Box donations:** Sort donations in garage before Friday of fair.
- 6. Treasurer:** Arrange cash float, count on day, record and bank it.

Robin will work alongside everyone. Tell him if you could do one or more of these roles.

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