

Monday
29 July *Marge & Robin's day off*
5.30pm **Know Your Bible (KYB) in Parish Centre**
(including visit from a missionary)

Tuesday
30 July

Wednesday
31 July 8am Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre
10 am Dixon House Devotions (Barry)

Thursday
1 Aug 2pm to 3.15pm **Grief Support Group in Parish Centre**
5.30pm 10am Music Practice in the Church
7pm **Men's Prayer Gathering at Salvation Army.**

Friday
2 Aug *Emily's half day off from noon*
10am Kids 'n Coffee
7pm Youth Group at the SHED, 186 Main South Rd

Saturday
3 Aug *Emily's day off*



**Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara**
28 July 2024
Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing

Theme: What it Means to be a Missionary

Sentence: Proclaim God's glory to the nations, God's marvellous deeds to all the peoples. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised.

Readings: Acts 16:6-10 (p.1431); Matthew 9:35-38 (p.1234)

Prayer for the Day: Everlasting God, you have sent your messengers to carry the good news of Jesus Christ into the world; grant we may know the hope of the gospel in our hearts, and show forth its light in all our ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preacher: Visiting Missionary Speaker

Theme for next weekend: Implications of the Royal Commission Report for us
Readings next weekend: Nehemiah 1:5-9; Psalm 51; Luke 18:9-14
Preacher next weekend: Marge

Services Next Sunday 4 Aug 2024

GREYMOUTH:

8am **Traditional Holy Communion**
10am **Family service with Communion & Music**
After Morning Tea—Prayer Meeting in Chapel
2pm **Holy Communion**


KUMARA: 10am Morning Worship (Samara)

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS

Helen and Raewyn

CHURCH CLEANING
Robin Kingston
Julie Williams 

CHURCH MOWING
Lewis Bell 

Last Weekend Attendance: 64 Offertory: \$3,559 (Total needed: \$3,700)
Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00

PARISH DIRECTORY

With the emphasis on privacy nowadays, we want to ensure that we have each parishioner's permission to have their name, address, phone number and email etc in the directory. To ensure this, a form was included in last week's newsletter. Spare copies of the sheet are in the foyer. Please collect one.

We ask you to complete it and sign it if you wish some or all of your details published.

The same is true regarding the Photographic Prayer Calendar we put out each year. By the end of August we will publish the latest directory including only those who have signed the form.

There will be a separate directory available for clergy and wardens that includes all parishioners, but it is only for essential contact details and is **NOT available for others.**

Please hand your signed form to one of the clergy by 18 August at the latest.

MEN'S PRAYER GATHERING
This Thursday 7pm at the Salvation Army on Buccleugh St. Prayer with all denominations for the Coast.

WORD FOR TODAY
The next three months devotional readings are available in the foyer. Help yourself.



Marge Five weeks ago I gave you a heads up that the **Writes Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in State and Faith-Based Care** was soon to be released. It took four weeks longer than I expected, but was tabled in Parliament this week.

Most, perhaps all of us, have been following the press coverage on TV and also in the newspapers. The report is painful and damning.

Each week in our services we include a time of personal confession we acknowledge our individual sins—

- Sins of thought, word or deed and good not done
- Sins of ignorance, weakness and deliberate fault

But then there are the sins that we participate in - wittingly or unwittingly - that arise out of the “systems” in which we are embedded as a human being (e.g. family, community, church, nation).

In light of this, I enclose a letter from the Archbishops of our church in response to the report and a reprint of what I wrote 5 weeks ago. I will address this more next week. With love and blessings, *Marge*

What steps are you taking?

HOW'S IT GOING?

What is a Christian? The best description in the Bible is “**a follower of Jesus**”. This implies that we will be trying to do whatever Jesus would do. Have the same character as Jesus, same priorities, etc.

None of us are perfect, so we are all trying to follow Jesus better than we have been. It involves taking small steps at some of those tough challenges of Jesus' way of life.

This includes loving others, such as those who do dreadful things to others. We are not asked to like what they do. Jesus didn't! But, He did love them. We need to take steps to do the same.

Peter took a big step in following Jesus out of the boat and starting to walk on water himself. However, taking his eyes off Jesus and seeing the waves, he panicked and began to sink. No problem. Jesus immediately reached out and helped him.

As we take steps of faith, it is wise to take small steps initially. One of the ways Robin found to grow was in the area of finance. Jesus is generous. Tithing was the expected principle. Robin had to take small steps to move to that. Took him about a year.

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WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Every week during term time we have a half hour prayer meeting for the parish in the Parish Centre. Starts at 8am and finishes by 8.30am. It is led by Samara Ewan. We currently have about five people who come regularly.

We would love some more. All it requires is to make the commitment for yourself to come. You don't have to pray out loud. Some people will, even if you don't.

THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2PM

Belonging in this land: Treaty basics from a Christian perspective' is an opportunity for our faith community to explore the story of the Treaty of Waitangi over two 90-minute video sessions. Whether you know a lot, or a little, let's be curious together.

Brought to us by Common Grace Aotearoa in partnership with Karuwā Trust and Te Manu Hononga - the Sir Paul Reeves Centre, we will hear from expert presenters, including Dean of Taranaki Cathedral Jay Ruka and former Anglican Archbishop David Moxon, to help you refresh or expand your knowledge.

Greymouth Baptist Church is hosting this event **on Today the 28th of July at 2pm and the second session on Sunday the 11th of August at 2pm.**

SYNOD BILLETING

Our parish is hosting Synod on 12-14th Sept. The diocese is looking for people who could offer a billet and breakfast for two nights/mornings. If you would like to help, please contact Renata at - renata@nelsonanglican.nz

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

This group has been resurrected and is being led by Emily Holmes and Robin Kingston. It meets on the first and third Thursdays each month during term time, in the Parish Centre, from 2pm to

3.15pm.

Anyone is welcome to attend. A leaflet giving the details is in the pamphlet trolley in the foyer.

GRATEFUL THANKS

Many of you do special projects from time to time as a voluntary contribution to the parish. Some are done on a regular basis, such as Glenda Torrance & Lewis Bell taking green rubbish away; Lewis mowing the Parish Centre lawns, Glenda doing bookkeeping tasks each week, Nico Maas doing electrical work around the buildings, Drummond Young fixing fencing and mowers, Robin Kingston doing administration, and Bronwyn Walters pastoral and hospital visiting and some administration.

Special recent work has been Pete White fixing the droppers in the hall, Ian Hawes inserting trapdoors into the hall ceiling under the internal guttering as well as providing protection around the windows of the north sanctuary of the church, and Nicky Hawes looking after the Web Page and helping Ian.

We haven't even mentioned all the various group activities, preaching, leading services, and rostered tasks as folk involved are numerous!

HELPERS NEEDED FOR FAIR NOW

We need two people.

1. Someone willing to sell a few pieces of furniture on Trade Me.
2. Jewellery enthusiast. We desire someone to clean the jewellery already collected and to prepare to display them for sale at the fair on 9th November.

If you can help, please contact Nicky Hawes or one of the clergy.

FUNDRAISER TO END POLIO

Rotary are holding a film night on Tuesday 6 August. \$25 per person with \$10 going to polio prevention. Details on the noticeboard in the foyer.

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