

School Holidays so no Home Groups or Prayer Meeting this week.

Monday 6 July		Marge & Robin's Day off
Tuesday 7 July	7:15am	Bible Study at Robert Harris
Wednesday 8 July	10am 11am 6:30-8pm	Dixon House Holy Communion (Marge) Granger House Holy Communion (Marge) Runanga Healing Rooms at Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga
Thursday 9 July	6:00pm	Matariki Remembrance Service (Church)
Friday 10 July		Matariki Public Holiday
Saturday 11 July		
Sunday 12 July	2:30-4pm	Runanga Healing Rooms at Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga

Services 12 July

GREYMOUTH:

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

KUMARA: 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

Christina

CHURCH CLEANING

Robyn White & Samantha Ennis



CHURCH MOWING

Henry Shaw



Last Weekend: Attendance: 60
Offertory: \$4,057 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,904)
Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



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

Theme: Freedom in Christ
Sentence: Jesus said, "So if the Son sets you free, you are free indeed."
Readings: Galatians 3:23-29 (p.1511); Luke 8:26-39 (p.1324)
Prayer for the Day: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ has broken the chains of sin and death to set us free: Grant that we may stand fast in the liberty with which Christ has made us free, and not be entangled again with a yoke of slavery; but that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may live a life of love, service, and joyful obedience; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."
Preacher: Simon Martin
Theme for next weekend: Introduction to Spiritual Gifts
Readings for next weekend: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Matthew 25:31-40
Preacher for next weekend: Marge Tefft

NEW STEPS FOR PARISH CENTRE

Our grateful thanks to Bob Stanger for removing the old, narrow and dangerous steps from the edge of the Parish Centre to the driveway between it and the hall. He then did all the preparation work, put in the boxing, and arranged the concrete truck from Allied Concrete.

With the help of Henry Hole and Bob Stanger, the work has been completed. The steps are now able to be used by anyone. Eventually there will also be a galvanised handrail erected. The parish has been blessed by help given generously by members of the community.

**MATARIKI REMEMBRANCE
SERVICE – THURS JULY 9th at 6PM**

On the eve of the national public holiday Holy Trinity Greymouth will host a contemplative candlelight service for members of the community to gather and remember those we've lost recently and over the years. A supper will follow.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a flyer.

Please consider who you might invite.

The flyer is something you can give to a friend to encourage them to come WITH YOU to the service.

This is a great opportunity to invite someone to something special, of good quality, safe, and has Jesus mentioned.

See page 3 for other ways to help.



Musings from Marge

What an amazing time we had on Saturday with Emmaus Mawhera. Bishop Steve and his ministry team along with our guest speaker Clint Ussher from The Well in CHCH served us, challenged us, and inspired us. There were so many "take aways" for me, but one that I think all of us can take on board is the Rule of Life that Clint Usher's church has embraced.

A Rule of Life is set of intentional spiritual habits to help us mature in Christ. There are many variations. The Well has chosen the following;

PRAY daily

BLESS someone once a week

NOTICE daily what God is saying to you through your Bible reading, circumstances, prayers etc.

REST by observing a 24-hour Sabbath rest weekly

I think this is something we can all grow into. Shall we give it a go?

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING

A covenant is a long-term agreement that is very important. To signify it had been made, both parties sacrificed animals showing that they were willing to die if they broke the covenant.

When God made a covenant with Abram that the Land of Canaan would belong to Abraham's descendants in about 500 years' time God showed that He walked between the sacrificed animals, but Abram didn't. It was a binding covenant, one sided.

At Mt Sinai God made a covenant with the people of Israel. He gave them the 10 commandments and about 600 rules for them to keep. When they agreed, they sacrificed animals on the altar, sprinkled the blood on the altar and on each of the people. Another binding agreement.

At the Last Supper, Jesus also made a binding agreement with His disciples and all who would become His followers.

No more sacrifices to forgive sin. Jesus has offered forgiveness freely by His death. The Holy Spirit would live within them, not just around them. The laws became key principles rather than exact rules. Jesus was giving them life, life in all its fullness. And they were empowered for ministry. So, are you part of His covenant?

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.

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.

SERVING AT MATARIKI SERVICE

There are many opportunities to serve at this event. Specifically, we will need

- a team to decorate the church before hand
- a team to set-up hall
- people to do baking and prepare soup
- two welcomers to the service
- a team to serve food after the service
- team to clean up the kitchen after supper
- a team to clear and sweep the hall after the supper
- a team to tidy the church on Friday at 10am

Please consider where you might be able to help and put your name on the appropriate sign-up sheet on the table in foyer. You will be contacted in due course about specific responsibilities and timings.

RUNANGA HEALING ROOMS

Runanga Healing Rooms. Runanga Community House 29. Carroll Street Runanga.

Open Sunday 2.30 - 4 pm,

Wednesday 6.30 - 8 pm

No appointment necessary.

The Healing Rooms ministry finds its foundation and mandate in the Word of God. Healing is on God's heart and is found throughout scripture. Jesus is our role model for healing, and He spent a large proportion of His three years of ministry healing the sick and delivering the oppressed. Before His ascension back to the Father, He gave instructions to His disciples to take the good news into all the world and He promised that signs would follow the believers, including the healing of the sick.

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