

Monday 10 Mar *Marge and Robin's day off*
5.30pm KYB Bible Study group doing Ripple Effect Module 1 (Parish Centre)

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

Wednesday 12 Mar
8am Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre
 10am Dixon House Communion (Marge)
 11am Granger House Communion (Marge)
1.30—3.15pm Ripple Effect Course in Parish Centre
7.00—8:45pm Ripple Effect Course in Church Hall
 7:15pm Lavers' Home Group (18C Serpentine Rd)

Thursday 13 Mar

Friday 14 Mar *Emily's half day off from noon*
NO! Kids 'n Coffee at church (feel free to gather at Dixon Park)
 7pm The SHED (186 Main South Road)

Saturday 15 Mar *Emily's day off*

Services Next Week 16 Mar 2025

GREYMOUTH:

8am Traditional Holy Communion
10am Family service with Communion & Music
2pm Holy Communion

KUMARA: 10am Morning Worship (Emily)


Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS


 Jeanette & Rose

CHURCH CLEANING

 Tony & Margaret

CHURCH MOWING

 Tony Woollett

Last Weekend: Attendance: 78 Offertory: \$3,737 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
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HOLY TRINITY Church

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

Theme: What Makes Me Feel Acceptable?
Sentence: Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"
Readings: Romans 10:8-13 (p 1466); Luke 4:1-13(p 1314)
Prayer for the Day: Loving Father, we are Your children, brought home to You in Jesus. Help us to hold Your hand and trust Your love especially when life feels tough and scary. Thank you for helping us to speak to those around us, with honesty and love, that Jesus is Lord. Amen.
Preacher: Emily Holmes
 Theme for next weekend: Whose Safe when a Fox is in the Henhouse?
 Readings next weekend: Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
 Preacher next weekend: Marge Tefft

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:

- 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 Writes

+Steve kicked off the Lenten Call to Prayer & Fasting in a Zoom meeting last Tuesday. Something was said that stayed

with me and revolutionized my way of looking at our culture.

Rita Nzimbi (wife of Paul who is the new vicar at Victory Church in Nelson) made this comment—

“We are not living in a post-Christian culture; we are living in a pre-revival culture.”

For a number of years I have watched our society become increasingly secular and even anti-Christian. I tried to encourage myself that our culture is no different than the 1st century when Christianity was birthed and, therefore, what God did then He can do now. The above statement from Rita captured that hope with a dynamism that exploded in my heart and mind. May it energize you as well and give you hope to believe that God is indeed at work and that you can be part of His mission.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

Last week we looked at the foundations of the Christian Faith. Jesus told us to be careful to listen to His teaching and to obey them.

Robin listed eight different key aspects of the teaching of Jesus.

1. Rejoice that you have eternal life, that is now and continues after our death.
2. Truly love the Lord your God.
3. Pray. Talk to God and listen to Him by reading the Bible and noticing what thoughts pop into your mind when you are praying.
4. Aim to keep the ten commandments, and know what they are!
5. Love both your neighbours and your enemies.
6. Forgive one another. Especially those people who hurt or abused or caused you trouble in the past.
7. Trust Jesus by having the courage to do what He teaches.
8. Have a heart of generosity.

None of us are good at all eight of these. You can't work on more than one area at a time. Pray and seek the Lord as to which area needs your attention first.

How we live these principles out in our lives becomes our witness to others.

So how are you doing?

RIPPLE EFFECT WEEK 2 SUMMARY

Theme: People and Prayer

Key Point: God provides us with opportunities to speak about Jesus. Ask Him for these.

Key Encouragement: God saves people; you don't.

Scripture: Colossians 4:2-6

Summary: Paul asks the Colossians to devote themselves to prayer. It is God who 'opens doors' and gives opportunities to speak about Jesus. It is God who enables Christians to speak clearly and boldly about Jesus. It is God who opens the door of a person's heart to receive Jesus as Lord.

In anticipation of God answering prayers, Paul encourages the Colossians to live and speak in ways that encourage conversations about who Jesus is, and the difference that knowing Jesus makes. We can be tempted to see prayer as 'just prayer', but because it is prayer to the sovereign God, it creates ripples that end up changing people's lives.

Questions:

- Who do you know who needs Jesus?
- Will you pray for them regularly?
- Will you pray for opportunities (open doors) to share something of Jesus with them?

Comment: It's not too late to join one of the Ripple Effect Course sessions (see back page). Please contact Marge if you are interested.

HOW POPULAR IS RIPPLE EFFECT?

Did you know that we have four groups meeting every week who are following this discussion and training?

There are about 36 people who are attending each week, about 28 of them from our parish, and the others from Cobden-Runanga. That means about one third of all our regular parishioners

are involved. Although all of us are challenged by the course, we are encouraged and keen to put into practice what we are learning.

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

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

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.

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