

Monday 8 July *Marge & Robin's day off 1st week of School Holidays*
 Emily taking a Day of Annual Leave
 1pm CARE Afternoon Tea in the Church Lounge

Tuesday 9 July 1pm Memorial Service for Alice Noble at Holy Trinity

Wednesday 10 July 8am Half hour prayer meeting in Parish Centre
 10am Dixon House Communion (Marge)
 11am Granger House Communion (Marge)

Thursday 11 July 10am Departure for Leadership Conference at Lake Rotoiti

Friday 12 July Leadership Conference at Lake Rotoiti

Saturday 13 July Leadership Conference at Lake Rotoiti



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

Theme: School of Grace
Sentence: The Lord said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient, for my power is greatest when you are weak."
Readings: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (p 1503); Mark 6:1-13 (p 1282)
Prayer for the Day: Jesus, you send us out to do your work, to face rejection, to travel light, to spread the Gospel, to bring your healing, and to do so fully reliant on you. Help us to respond to rejection as you did with sadness, but no anger. Help us remember that it is in our weakness that you are strong. Amen.

Preacher: Marge Tefft

Theme for next weekend: Confidence in God's presence and compassion, through both good and bad times.

Readings next weekend: Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV); Mark 6:14-29 (NIV)

Preacher next weekend: Doug Bray

Services Next Sunday 14 July 2024 (middle weekend of school holidays)

GREYMOOUTH:

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

KUMARA: 4pm Making Space (Rach & Evan)


Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS

 Paula & Bronwen S

CHURCH CLEANING

 Henry & Jenny Hole

CHURCH MOWING

 Kelvin Ritchie

Last Weekend Attendance: 74 Offertory: \$3,788 (Total needed: \$3,700 **)

**** This figure (set by AGM) is the weekly budget for all our expenses except for the costs of our curate and roof repairs for which the AGM agreed to use savings. Any weekly giving above the budgeted amount helps reduce the drain on savings.**

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

ALICE NOBLE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Alice was a long time member of St Thomas' Anglican Church in Runanga. She was also a faithful member of our 2pm service for a number of years after she moved into Greymouth from Barrytown. Barry Smithson took her private family burial at Barrytown on 11th June. A memorial service to celebrate the life and faith of Alice will be held at Holy Trinity Church this Tuesday at 1pm.

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

CORNER DESKS AVAILABLE

WSP is undertaking an office refit. As such, we have 6 large grey corner desks (2m x2m) and 2 slightly smaller ones

(1.7 x1.7m) which need new homes. They are in perfect condition. If anyone would like one, please contact Sarah Evans as below. They are dismantled for ease of pick up and are very easy to put together. Phone 03 373 2039 or cellphone 021 0867 7464 or Sarah.Evans@wsp.com

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Thursday, Friday and Saturday is the annual Diocesan Leadership Conference taking place at Lake Rotoiti. Emily & Greg (with Elijah and Gabriel), Marge & Robin, and Nicky & Ian Hawes are attending and looking forward to the various discussions, worship and encouraging messages.

It is also a great opportunity to catch up with fellow leaders in the diocese, especially as Greymouth can seem a long way from the rest of the Nelson diocese at times.



Marge
Writes

*The Sacrament of
Letting Go*
by Macrina
Wiederkehr
Slowly

She celebrated the sacrament
of Letting Go...

First she surrendered her Green
Then the Orange, Yellow, and Red...
Finally she let go of the Brown...

Shedding her last leaf
She stood empty and silent, stripped bare
Leaning against the sky she began her vigil
of trust...

Shedding her last leaf
She watched its journey to the ground...
She stood in silence,
Wearing the color of emptiness
her branches wondering:
How do you give shade, with so much gone?

And then the sacrament of Waiting began

The sunrise and sunset watched with
Tenderness, clothing her with silhouettes

They kept her hope alive.

They helped her understand that her
vulnerability, her dependence and need
her emptiness, her readiness to receive
were giving her a new kind of beauty.

Every morning and every evening
she stood in silence and celebrated
the sacrament of Waiting.

*The parish has been in a season of "letting
go." Now, may we wait patiently in hope with
God as He prepares us for a new Spring.*

HOW'S IT GOING?

In Mark 5:21-43 we hear about a synagogue ruler, Jairus, who believes & trusts God enough to risk his reputation, social standing and authority among the people by kneeling and bowing to Jesus to beg him to heal his daughter. We also hear of a woman who has suffered for 12 years at every level with a life of physical pain and social disconnection. She also believes & trusts God enough to risk her life by crawling through the crowds to touch Jesus' cloak.

Both Jairus & the woman call upon the name of the Lord. They believe in their heart, and they confess with their mouth that God has power over death & sickness through Jesus. This trust in God alongside the ability to risk reaching out to God publicly, doesn't happen overnight. There's a lot of heart journey before we get to Mark 5. Both Jairus & the woman show by their actions where their hearts have been. Their hope & faith are the fruit of how they have been journeying with God. Their hearts have set God first and so, in the face of suffering, they reach vulnerably towards God rather than running or hiding or reacting.

God is doing a good work in all of us. He allows us to experience wrestles and sufferings. He uses them to show us what is deep in our heart and so gives us the ability to participate with Him in His healing work in us. When we do these heart journeys with God, we become able to walk alongside others in their journeys and be a healing, life-giving presence for them.

So how's it going?

LOOKING AT TREATY BASICS FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE IN LATE JULY AND EARLY AUGUST

"Conversation about the Treaty is happening all around us. There is an important opportunity right now to dive into our shared story so that we know our place to stand and how we can belong, wherever our ancestors came from.

'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 Karuwahā 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 Sunday the 28th of July at 2pm and the second session on Sunday the 11th of August at 2pm.

It is important to RSVP to greymouthbaptistchurch@gmail.com by Wednesday the 24th of July so that you can be emailed the link to download participant resources."

NOTE: Your clergy highly recommend this course to you.

HELP FOR THOSE STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY

This parish is very aware of the stresses many of you feel with increased costs, and your concerns about how to handle them.

There are three ways in which we can offer assistance.

1. Any of the clergy are willing to spend time with you to look at your budget and ways of helping make it balance to avoid debt.
2. The West Coast Christian Foundation does lend money at no interest to those who need

assistance.

It is a loan not a donation. If you have an urgent need, or have a debt that has high interest payments, then a loan may be a way forward. Chat to Marge or Robin about the process of application for a loan. Part of the requirement will be that you are prepared to work with a budget advisor.

3. Robin has been trained through the Christians Against Poverty Budgeting Course and is willing to run the short course for individuals or a small group interested. The course is FREE.

REPAIR OF TAINUI ST FOOTPATH

We have been concerned about the trip hazards on the footpath around the entranceway to the church from Tainui St. Our grateful thanks to the Grey District Council who has ensured that it is now properly sealed and in very good condition.

BEAUTIFUL TESTIMONY OF HEALING

At the 10am service last Sunday Mary Thomas mentioned how her knee had been very good since her operation. However, recently she went through agony as it felt like razor blades cutting into it.

Bev Young was visiting Mary and said a very brief prayer as she left for her next appointment. She reached out her hand and prayed something like "Be healed, in Jesus' name."

From that moment on the pain was and remains completely gone.

Praise the Lord!

TRIAL EVACUATION SOON

By the end of July we will have a trial evacuation at one of our services. Those in leadership roles in the services are advised to check your roles. Spare copies of the various duties involved are in the foyer. Help yourself to remind you of your responsibilities, especially sidespeople, euch1, service, office and clergy.

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