

Monday
3 Mar *Marge and Robin's day off*

5.30pm **KYB Bible Study group doing Ripple Effect Module 1 (Parish Centre)**

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

Wednesday
5 Mar **ASH WEDNESDAY**

8am **Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre**
10am Dixon House (Emily/Marge)
1.30—3.15pm **Ripple Effect Course in Parish Centre**
7pm **Ash Wednesday Service—half an hour.**
7:15pm Lavers' Home Group (18C Serpentine Rd)
7.30-8:45pm **Ripple Effect Course (Trinity Centre)**

Thursday
6 Mar 9am Clergy hui with diocese via ZOOM.

Friday
7 Mar *Emily's half day off from noon*

10am Kids 'n Coffee (Church complex)
7pm The SHED (186 Main South Road)

Saturday
8 Mar *Emily's day off*

9am-3pm Women's Institute AGM in Hall, kitchen etc.

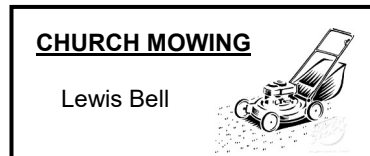
Services Next Week 9 Mar 2025

GREYMOUTH:

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

KUMARA: 4pm Making Space (Rach & Evan)

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989



Last Weekend: Attendance; 72 Offertory: \$3,776 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
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**Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara**
2 March 2025
*Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing*

Theme: The Foundations of Life

Sentence: Jesus said “ Anyone who comes and listens to me and obeys me is like someone who dug down deep and built a house on solid rock.”

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 (p1493); Luke 6:46-49 (p1320)

Prayer for the Day: Lord God, we thank you for teaching us about the need to have solid foundations to our faith. May your Holy Spirit remind us daily of the areas in which we need to be particularly careful. We deeply desire that the changes you make in our lives become natural and part of our everyday lives. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Preacher: Robin Kingston

Theme for next weekend: What Makes Us Feel Acceptable?
Readings next weekend: Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13
Preacher next weekend: Emily Holmes

BAPTISM TODAY AT 8AM

We are thrilled to celebrate the baptism of Kate Simpson who has been preparing for this important sacrament for some time.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This important special day in the parish life is on Wednesday, 5th March. There will be a service in Holy Trinity Church at 7pm that evening, and it will finish by 7.25pm. All are welcome.

Those on the Ripple Effect course will be able to attend, as the course will start half an hour later this Wednesday.

During the service there will be an opportunity for folk to have the imposition of ashes, if they so desire.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The parish AGM will be on Thursday 10th April at 7.30pm in the church lounge.

In order to be able to vote or speak, you need to be on the Electoral Roll.

The updated roll is on the church noticeboard.

If your name does not appear, please complete a yellow/buff electoral application form from the table in the foyer.

The condition to be on the roll is that you have been participating and worshipping in the life of the parish. You are baptised, at least 16 years old, and that you are not on the electoral roll of any other parish.



Marge Writes

The
Ripple
Effect
Course

launched last week and I have had only positive feedback. It is not too late to join in. See back page of this newsletter for the days and times. Please let me know if you are planning to attend.

Last week on the course we focused on Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan Woman. Here's a summary of our study—

In John 4 we meet a Samaritan woman who is, *unusually, drawing water by herself during the day. She has a history of difficult relationships and is interested in theology. Jesus sees her for who she is, and He welcomes her. But He also challenges her with the truth about God, Himself, and her life. Meeting Jesus is both confronting and incredibly positive for the woman. There is something wonderful about being known and loved by Jesus.*

The effect of this encounter ripples out to others because she can't help but tell her neighbours about his Jesus whom she met. Then they come and meet Him too.

You are invited to join in the journey of learning from Jesus how to listen and share.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

We are embarking on a journey together to share our relationship with Jesus with our friends.

Emily has learned that when we meet with God regularly our relationship with Him grows, just as her fitness does when she trains regularly.

Julie-anne Laird has highlighted the importance of regularly meeting with God and praying for our friends whom we love as Christ loves us. She encouraged us to point them toward Jesus.

God is an almighty and awesome creator of this world. A world whose sun rises and sets on those who love him and those who don't.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are a community of mutual love and fellowship who have chosen to love us.

Jesus loved us and became like us. The Those in power at that time were so threatened by him that they conspired to have him killed.

His love was so great for them that he asked the Father to forgive them while he hung dying on the cross.

Then on the third day he was alive again. He had conquered death. He offers this life to all who acknowledge him as God.

He has prepared a place for us in heaven and every Sunday, as we keep the sabbath, he gives us a taste of eternity. This is our hope!

How is it going?

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer Service at Greymouth Uniting at 2pm Friday 7th March. All welcome. This year's service has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands.

THE RIPPLE EFFECT COURSE

This is the follow on course from the workshop by Julia-anne and continues this week. Two times are available as follows:

- Tues 10-11:45am (Parish Centre)
- Wed 7pm-8:45pm (Hall)

Although we started last week, you are still able to join us. You will catch up easily. You are not obligated to attend the full course, but you are encouraged to give Module 1 a go, and then you can decide if you are interested in more.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5 Mar 7pm—Ash Wednesday Service

7 Mar 2pm—World Day of Prayer (Uniting Church)

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

SEMINAR AT ELIM CHURCH

This Saturday, 8th March 9.30am to 2.45pm at Elim Church.

David and Greta Peters from Spirit Life Ministries are speaking on "Encounter the Father", an empowering journey into Freedom. See noticeboard for details.

BISHOP'S CALL TO FAST & PRAY

Why is prayer such a key focus Because without God, we can't do it. It is God who is calling people to Himself, and He invites us to join Him in His mission. We need to pray that He will be working in people's hearts and that we will respond to the opportunities He gives us. Jesus said, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."* (Luke 10:2). He calls us to pray first.

Fasting is often a big part of Lent. What encouragement would you give to those considering how to fast this year?

Historically, fasting has always been part of Lent. Growing up, I knew it was Lent because the food portions on the table significantly reduced! At first, I wasn't sure of the benefits, but fasting is biblical—Jesus expects that we will fast (*Matthew 6:16*).

Fasting is a form of devotion, where we give something up to focus on Jesus. When I talk about fasting, I mean food specifically—not just cutting out gadgets or social media. Fasting removes distractions, helps us refocus, and reminds us that God matters more than our appetites. If you have medical conditions, check with your doctor first, but otherwise, I encourage everyone to consider fasting in some way.

Every Sunday during Lent, there will be a corporate prayer gathering on Zoom.

It will be a one-hour prayer gathering, bringing people together across the Diocese to pray.

If you're ready to commit to this Lenten prayer journey, click here to sign up: <https://forms.gle/C5nXDrKWM4Q7Css37>

- ☐ **Launch:** Tuesday, 4 March, 8 PM
- ☐ **Weekly:** Sundays during Lent, 8 PM

Join here: <https://anglicanchurch-nz.zoom.us/j/94247586363>

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