

Monday 21 Apr **EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED**
Emily on annual leave

Tuesday 22 Apr *Marge and Robin's Day in Lieu & Emily on annual leave*
NO!! Tuesday Friends this Month

Wednesday 23 Apr *Emily on annual leave*
10am Dixon House Extended Communion (Barry)
7:15pm Lavers' Home Group (18C Serpentine Rd)

Thursday 24 Apr *Emily on annual leave*
7pm Vestry Meeting (Parish Centre)

Friday 25 Apr **ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED**
Emily on annual leave
6.45 am ANZAC Service at cenotaph

Saturday 26 Apr *Emily on annual leave*
10am-2pm Contemplative Prayer Day (see notice below)

Services 27 April 2025

GREYMOUTH:

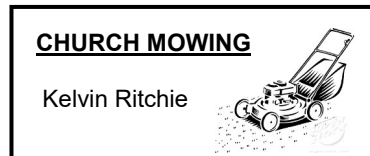
8am Traditional Holy Communion (no music)
10am All age service with Communion & Contemporary Music
2pm Worship Booklet

KUMARA: No service

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER DAY

The next contemplative prayer day will be Saturday, 26 April 10am to 2pm at the Salvation Army Church facility (77 Shakespeare St). BYO lunch. The theme is "Praying the Ordinary" with a focus on Julian of Norwich. This will be led by retired Salvation Army pastor Sharryn McAuliffe and are open to anyone. Bring Bible and Journal.

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989



Last Weekend: Attendance: 65 Offertory: \$3,616 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
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Theme: Easter Always Begins in the Dark
Sentence: Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, LORD, for you are with me.
Readings: Acts 10: 34-43 (p1421); John 20: 1-18 (p1399)
Prayer: Living Christ, you are risen from the dead! You have delivered us from death and sin. You have brought a new beginning and an empty tomb to our darkness, and brought the promise of light, life and hope. Grant us strength and humility to enter into life. Amen.
Preacher: Marge Tefft

Theme for next weekend: Without Tests there can be no Testimony.
Readings next weekend: Philippians 2:1-11; Luke 24:35-49
Preacher next weekend: Greville Wood

RACE FOR ROOF

It is happening 10th May!

Emily and Greg are preparing well. It has been a real challenge for them, wearing out a number of shoes in the process.

It is a fundraising event to raise funds for the repairs of the roofing above the hall, kitchen and lounge to eliminate present and future leaks.

You can either pay direct into our Westpac account (details back of this newsletter). Reference "race 4 roof." Alternatively you can give the money in an envelope with your name and "Race 4 Roof" on it in the offertory basket in the church or give to one of the clergy. These donations are eligible for tax rebate. Many in wider community are also sponsoring.

VESTRY MEETING

Vestry meets this Thursday, 7pm, in Parish Centre
Agenda to include—

- Signing Declaration of Adherence forms
- Election of Parish Nominators
- Financial Update
- Letting contract for lower roof replacement at 186 Main S Rd
- Parish arrangements while vicar on annual leave

NO TUESDAY FRIENDS

Please note that there will be no Tuesday Friends this month. See you on the fourth Tuesday in May



Marge Writes

We have walked the journey this week from the thrill of Palm Sunday to depths of agony on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Today we celebrate the victory of Jesus' resurrection.

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way with our Holy Week services. Many have commented that they found the services meaningful. So, again, thank you to everyone who helped make them so.

May the hope that the Lord's resurrection brings fill you with joy, even when you walk difficult paths.

Wishing you a most blessed Easter.

With love and blessings,

Marge

HOW'S IT GOING?

Creation is ready to testify...are you?

In Luke 19 Jesus didn't enter Jerusalem proudly in a chariot pulled by horses who's wills had been broken to serve a leader's ambition or ego. He chose to show that His creation, even before it was bent to the will of man, recognizes it's Creator & is willing to serve Him. The donkey testifies. Having worked with horses & donkeys in my youth, I can tell you that an unbroken donkey colt is not easily untied & led anywhere! And to think it might allow someone to sit & ride upon its back is ludicrous! This is not normal behaviour. The donkey in our story testifies to who Jesus is.

We would love to say that we would certainly be like the donkey or the crowd of disciples shouting loud praises to Jesus, welcoming Him into Jerusalem as Messiah. Frequently we find that when we get comfortable in religious practice without personal relationship with Jesus, or when we allow fear or sin to rule our hearts & minds, we fall silent. Jesus invites us this Holy Week to meet with Him personally each day, talking & listening to him, inviting Him by His Spirit into all the normal tasks and parts of our day. He invites us to tremble afresh at His Word & let our hearts be inspired to awe & worship by His goodness & activity in our lives. Jesus has taken our sins at the cross & He invites us afresh to know His forgiveness, healing & freedom. May our lives & lips overflow with praises to our Saviour who has come & rescued us!

RIPPLE EFFECT WEEK 8 SUMMARY

Theme: Living My Story

Key Point:: Evangelism is a natural outworking of who we are in Christ.

Key Encouragement:: Be authentic as you share your life with others.

Scripture: Matt 9:35-35 & Rom 10:1-4
John 4:28-30 & Pet 2:9-10
Phil 2:5-11 & Rev 7:9-12
2 Cor 5:14-21
2Pet 3:4-9 & 1Thess 1:8-10

Summary: The Bible gives us many reasons to evangelise and they all matter. In different ways, they are all natural out workings of what we believe and who we are in Christ.

From the passages above we saw that we can be motivated to share the Good News because

- We have compassion for lost people
- We are convinced that knowing Jesus makes life better now, not just in the future
- We are filled with love, gratitude and joy for what Jesus has done for us and we want to share it with others
- We love God and want others to worship Him to
- God's love invites us to join in his plans to bring people to a New Creation..
- People's eternity rests on their response to Jesus

CLEANING HALL, TOILETS & KITCHEN WHILE ROBIN AWAY

A very big thank you to everyone who has volunteered to cover Robin's cleaning role while he and Marge are on annual leave. Every slot has been filled!

SALLIES RED SHIELD APPEAL

They are looking for volunteers to help with their annual collection. There are just 4 sites this year, Warehouse, Mitre 10, New World & Woolworths.

The dates are Monday 5 May to Sat 10 May inclusive.

If you are willing to do a session, please let one of the clergy know who will give you more information.

ONIONS—BROWN

1 kg bags available for \$2 and Proceeds go towards this year's fair.

HELPERS FOR ART IN THE PARK

We are in need of helpers for Art in the Park, which is on ANZAC weekend. There is some lifting to do and other tasks that are lighter. We have so appreciated help in previous years and the money raised goes toward transport for our Shed kids to Spring Camp. We would appreciate any helpers we can get for this fundraiser.

We set up: Fri 25th April and the Grey High Gym from 12pm
Pack down: Sun 27th April from 3.15 at the same venue.

Many thanks, Nicki Mora.

GIVING RECEIPTS

Hard copies are in envelopes in the foyer. We will also email pdf copies where possible. If the name(s) on the receipt need to be changed to make it easier to claim your tax deduction, see Robin or Glenda Torrance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 29 Apr—Marge & Robin go on holiday
- 10 May—Emily & Greg running Ultra Marathon for Race for the Roof
- 5 June—The Flood Tour at Holy Trinity
- 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.

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