

Monday
28 Apr *Marge and Robin's Day off*

1pm **CARE Afternoon Tea in Church Lounge**
5:30pm KYB Study Group in Parish Centre-see page 3

Tuesday
29 Apr *Marge and Robin go on holiday*

Wednesday
30 Apr **8am Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre**
10am Dixon House Devotions (Barry)
7:15pm Lavers' Home Group (18C Serpentine Rd)

Thursday
1 May

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

Saturday
3 May

Services 4 May 2025

GREYMOUTH:

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

KUMARA:

10am Extended Holy Communion (Samara)

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS




Jeanette & Bronwyn W

CHURCH CLEANING



Robyn White & Samantha Ennis

CHURCH MOWING



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Last Weekend attendance:

Maundy Thursday: 27; Good Friday: 52; Easter Sunday: 92
Offertory: \$3,886 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



HOLY TRINITY Church

Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
27 April 2025
Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing

Theme: Without Tests there can be no Testimony

Sentence: It is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

Readings: Philippians 2:1-11 (p 1525); Luke 24:35-49 (p 1360)

Prayer: Thank you, Father, for never abandoning us, even when we wilfully ignore you, disobey you or even reject you. Thank you Jesus for leaving heaven and becoming a man; for showing us how to love our Father and obey him no matter what the cost. Thank you Holy Spirit for helping Cleopas and his friend understand Jesus' testimony. Please help us to share our faith in you and please open the hearts and minds of those who hear this good news to believe in you, Lord Jesus. Amen

Preacher: Greville Wood

Theme for next weekend: Breakfast on the Beach
Readings next weekend: Acts 9:1-6; John 21:1-19
Preacher next weekend: Emily Holmes

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 the wider community are also sponsoring. To date \$7,000 has been raised

REV EMILY HOLMES PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

From tomorrow, Monday 27 April Emily will be priest-in-charge as Marge and Robin pack to leave for USA the next day.

We are grateful for all those who are doing volunteer tasks and responsibilities in the parish. It is possible that Emily will co-opt a few more for some of the other routine tasks while the vicar is away.



Marge Writes

Robin and I are off this week on our much needed holiday. We are grateful to Emily and the bishop for extending her curacy to give us the cover. It is also an opportunity for Emily and the family to experience what running a parish for a significant time is like and makes for an important final experience in her training with us. Thank you for your support of her and the family.

The Runanga Healing Rooms are now open (see item on next page). This is a dream that Carolyn Killick had during our first Advent Prayer time a few years ago. She has been part of the Healing Rooms network for many years and she felt led to begin a branch here. Tim Mora is providing the clergy cover for the Rooms. Please pray for the teams. Also, don't hesitate to make use of them. I experienced prayer from one of the teams this week and was significantly blessed.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

Easter always begins in the dark.

That was the experience of Mary Magdelene. John writes that she went to the tomb "while it was still dark".

Yes, it was dark outside, but it was also dark in Mary's soul. The one who had transformed her life, whom she had followed faithfully around Galilee and eventually to the cross, was dead.

Her dreams were shattered.

Her heart was broken.

But her love was undaunted.

Mary had come to the tomb to do a final act of devotion. Jesus had been buried very quickly on Friday and his body had not been prepared properly for burial. Mary came to complete the job.

But the tomb was empty. She ran and told the other disciples. Peter and John rushed to the tomb and Mary followed along behind. Bewildered, Peter and John returned to the others. Mary lingered weeping and searching for the body. Her love was not deterred. And then she met the risen Jesus. Suddenly the darkness was dispelled. Light flooded her soul. Easter had come into the dark. May you, too, experience the risen Lord in your times of darkness.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIS

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Stephen Pillai who died Easter Sunday evening. A private funeral has been held. Stephen and his wife Dorothy faithfully attended the 2pm Sunday service until becoming too frail. His daughter, Laurayne, and son-in-law Jim, are part of our 10am congregation.

Stephen (aka Papa) was a faithful servant of Jesus—gentle, kind, generous, and humble. Through many trials in his life, he never complained, but remained steadfastly faithful to his Lord Jesus.

Please keep Dorothy, Laurayne, Jim and extended family and friends in your prayers at this time.

RIPPLE EFFECT

For those of you planning to continue on with the Module 2 of the Ripple Effect Course, ("Jesus and Conversations"), we will begin May 6/7. The available session times are given below—

- Tuesday 10-11:45am in the Parish Centre
- Wednesday 1:30-3:45pm in the Parish Centre
- Wednesday 7-8:45pm in the Trinity Centre (Hall).

Contact Emily if you have any questions.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE HOME GROUP

We are starting a new study booklet on Monday 28th April and are very open to new people joining our group, (KYB) which gathers every Monday of school term in the Parish Centre.

We start at 5:30 PM with a potluck meal and after that we dive into the study. This term we will be looking at the book Ecclesiastes, with the study title "Wrestling with life".

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Harriet on 0225941783.

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!

The work starts this week!

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.

DAILY BREAD

Copies of this three monthly devotional is available in the foyer or at Kumara. A gold coin donation towards the cost can be put in the offertory basket.

RUNANGA HEALING ROOMS

Open on Wednesdays 6.30pm to 8pm and Sundays 2.30pm to 4pm. In the Runanga Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga.

The team believe that Jesus Christ continues to heal people just like He did when He lived on earth. No appointment is needed. No charge.

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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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