

Monday
30 March

Marge and Robin's day off

Tuesday
31 March

Wednesday 1 April	8am	Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre
	10am	Dixon House Devotions (Marge)
	6:30-8pm	Runanga Healing Rooms Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga

Thursday 2 April	7pm	Maundy Thursday Service (in church)
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Friday 3 April		<i>Good Friday (Public Holiday)</i>
	10am	Good Friday Family Service (in church)

Saturday 4 April		Daylight Saving ends at 2am Sun—clocks go BACK 1 hour
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Sunday 5 April		<i>Easter Sunday</i>
	2:30-4pm	Runanga Healing Rooms Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga

services 5 April—Easter Sunday

GREYMOUTH:

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

KUMARA:

10am	Holy Communion (Robin)
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ONIONS FOR SALE: Brown onions 1kg=\$2; Red onions 1 kg=\$4; 1 of each—\$5

Please let clergy know if you or someone you know would like to be visited in hospital. Policy changes at Te Nikau Hospital no longer allow clergy or church pastoral visitors to request a list of those of their denomination who are in hospital.

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS



Christina

CHURCH CLEANING

Robyn White & Samantha Ennis



CHURCH MOWING

Tony Woollett



Last Weekend: Attendance: 65 Offertory: \$3,981 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,952)
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HOLY TRINITY Church

**Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara**
29 March 2026
*Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing*

Theme: Palm Sunday

Sentence: And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was in turmoil asking, "Who is this?"

Readings: Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 (p.786),
Matthew 21:1-11 (p.1254)

Prayer for the Day: Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem the people waved palms with shouts of acclamation. Grant that when the shouting dies we may still wal beside you even to a cross. Amen.

Preacher: Marge Tefft

Theme for next weekend:	EASTER
Readings for next weekend:	Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10
Preacher for next weekend:	Marge Tefft

BEWARE OF SCAMS

Robin experienced two efforts to catch him this week. In each case it was by phone, saying that there were two largish payments on his visa account. The person said they were from VISA headquarters and wondered if he meant them to be paid. They were holding them at present because they were suspicious.

When Robin heard this he said that he didn't want them paid. The reply was "push 1 for NO, and they would stop the payments.

It was a scam. BEWARE. Their next question asked his bank details. That was when he put the phone down.

Never, ever, give your bank account details to anyone you do not know.

Later that day there was another call along the same lines. Different person.

Different cell phone number.

Our parishioners have been caught before. We want to ensure you are not caught.

TO HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The following was received in a card that is pinned to the foyer notice board:

I would like to acknowledge my appreciation for your love, support and understanding at the loss of my Norm. Your prayers and blessings are being a "Rock" for me.

Bless you all. Dorothy (Dot).

HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES (see inside for details)

2 Apr:	Maundy Thursday 7pm
3 Apr:	Good Friday 10am
5 Apr:	Easter Sunday 8am, 10am, 2pm And 10am at Kumara



Marge On Thursday I confirmed with +Steve **Writes** a plan for retirement. I announced it at the AGM.

The plan is for the Bishop to begin advertising for a new vicar for this parish in February 2027. I will continue to serve the parish as vicar until an appropriate person is found and signed an appointment agreement at which time I will give 3 months notice.

The process begins with the election of Parish Nominators by Vestry at its meeting on April 23rd. The Parish Nominators work with the Bishop and Diocesan Nominators to find the next vicar. Our current nominators are: Samara Ewan, Jacquie Jones, Jeanette Oliver, and Greville Wood. These four have agreed to let their names go forward again. Others are welcome to be considered. Please let me know any other names by April 21st. The four nominators elected on the 23th will serve until a Vicar is found however long.

The second step is a parish consultation during the last quarter of 2026 with Simon Martin (Bishop's Chaplain) out of which a Parish Profile is produced hopefully before Christmas. This will be available to those expressing interest when advertising begins.

After that it is waiting for applicants to apply and discernment by the Bp and Parish and Diocesan Nominators.

I will have no part in or knowledge of the details of this process beyond chairing Vestry when the Parish Nominators are elected.

Please pray for this process and for the right person to answer the call to lead this precious parish into its next chapter.

It continues to be a joy to serve you.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

Last Sunday was Passion Sunday. The set readings for the day were Lamentations 3:18-33 and Luke 18:18-34. The first reading is so like what Jesus might have felt in preparing for His death in just 2 weeks time: grief, pain, hurt, rejection **and HOPE.**

It was written shortly after the Jews were captured by the Babylonians and forced to walk from Jerusalem to Babylon. They did not know the language, the new culture, whether God was with them, or even how to farm in a strange place with a different climate.

Jesus did not avoid thinking and talking about His upcoming crucifixion. However, He deliberately moved from negative thoughts to looking ahead to His resurrection. It was a decision of His will to focus on the hope.

When we go through grief, whether of death of a loved one, finance, hurt relationships, rejection etc, we need to follow Jesus' example. We need to deliberately turn from negative thoughts and focus on Jesus, His help and comfort and especially look to the positives that lie ahead, especially our eternal life.

With only two weeks before His death, Jesus is still ministering and focussing on the Kingdom of God.

Is that where your focus will be?

HOME GROUPS

We are very much hoping to get these up and running after the school holidays. We are still looking for more hosts and leaders. Please chat to Robin or Marge if interested or if you have questions. We are available to help with resources.

The three groups below have definitely been arranged to begin the week of April 20th. A sheet for folk to register their interest to join a group will be in the foyer from Easter Sunday onwards. This says you are willing to give it a go for at least 3 weeks, after which you can stop if it isn't for you.

Tuesday evening 7pm to 8.30pm meeting weekly during term time at 35 Karoro Place beginning April 21st.

The home group will be led by Marge. It Anyone is welcome to come and give it a go.

Wednesday evening 7pm to 8.30pm meeting weekly during term time at the home of Laurayne Pillai, 109c Hanmer Tce, Gladstone beginning April 22nd.

Laurayne will be the hostess, and Robin will lead the study. Anyone is welcome.

Thursday afternoon 1.30pm to 3pm meeting weekly in the Parish Centre weekly during term beginning April 23rd.

It will be led by Robin. It is suitable for anyone.

GOOD NEWS

We were thrilled to hear that our application for funding from the Anglican Care Committee in Nelson was successful. It was \$5,000 towards the salary of our youth worker., Nicki Mora.

AGM RESULTS

Vicar's Warden: Samara Ewan; People's Warden: Wayne Lorimer; Vestry Members: Doug Bray, Tracey Hall, Evan Hunt, Bob Stanger, Glenda

Torrance, and Pete White; Synod Reps: Kathy Hines and Greville Wood.

The motion to modify the FAIR passed.

FURTHER GOOD NEWS

We were greatly encouraged and thankful to hear from Gail Johnson, treasurer of Cobden-Runanga Anglican Parish, that their vestry had agreed to donate \$2,500 from the Sharing Shed. It is part of their tithe of their income. The purpose of the gift is for it to be used towards Nicki Mora's salary.

GREEN INSERT

We noticed that the budget accounts which were available last weekend had the Youth Shed accounts for 2024 instead of 2025. In case you were interested and wanted the up to date version, we have included it as an insert in today's newsletter.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

If you are reading the Cobden-Runanga newsletter insert, do **NOT** follow the instructions given there.

The **CORRECT** instruction is to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed. In other words, at 10pm turn it back to 9pm.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES DETAILS

Maundy Thursday 7pm—
An Evening of Sorrows: reflections on the night before Jesus' crucifixion with Holy Communion.

Good Friday 10am—
Remembering the Cross: a family service to remember the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross. Morning Tea with hot cross buns will follow the service.

Easter Sunday 8am, 10am, 2pm and 10am at Kumara
Celebrating the Empty Tomb at each of our services. The 10am services at both Greymouth and Kumara will be appropriate for families.

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