

Monday 6 April *Public Holiday Parish Office Closed*

Tuesday 7 April *Marge & Robin's Day off*

Wednesday 8 April
NO!! Parish Prayer Meeting (restarts 19 April)
10am Dixon House Holy Communion (Marge)
11am Granger House Holy Communion (Marge)
6:30-8pm Runanga Healing Rooms
Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga

Thursday 9 April

Friday 10 April 1pm Funeral for Kathleen Palmer (church complex)

Saturday 11 April

Sunday 12 April 2:30-4pm Runanga Healing Rooms
Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga

Services 12 April

GREYMOUTH:

8am Holy Communion (with one hymn)

10am All age service with Holy Communion & Contemporary Music

2pm Holy Communion with music

KUMARA: NO SERVICE

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



Helen & Raewyn

CHURCH CLEANING

Robyn White & Samantha Ennis



CHURCH MOWING

Henry Hole



Last Weekend: Attendance: 69 Offertory: \$4,116 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,952)
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HOLY TRINITY Church

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

Theme: The Empty Tomb

Sentence: The angel said, "The Lord is not here. He is risen!"

Readings: Acts 10:34-43 (p.1421),
Matthew 28:1-10 (p.1271)

Prayer for the Day: Jesus Christ our Saviour, You have delivered us from death and sin. You have brought with the dawn a new beginning and an empty tomb; grant us strength and humility to enter into new life. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Preacher: Marge Tefft

Theme for next weekend: Doubting Thomas
Readings for next weekend: 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
Preacher for next weekend: Marge Tefft

HOPE BOOKLETS

Our grateful thanks to the 15 people who delivered these booklets to about 4,000 homes between them. It was a great effort. Our prayer is that some people will read them, and maybe a few will want to enquire more about the Christian Faith.

K9MD RESEARCH PROJECT

K9 Medical Detection are searching for research participants on the West Coast to study the use of Medical Detection dogs to identify ovarian cancer in human urine. If successful it will provide an early non-invasive test for ovarian cancer. Soroptimist International are supporting this project. If you are interested, there is a flyer on the table in the foyer that outlines the project and eligibility requirements. To apply, please email Raelene McMullan or Yvonne Simpson

at sianznationalproject@gmail.com to be sent a link for an application form

RAFFLE

At the AGM a couple of weeks ago it was agreed that we would run two raffles per year, instead of just the one before the fair.

If you are willing to donate cash so that we can put together a food basket, please put your money in an envelope labelled "Raffle". This can be handed to one of the clergy or else put it in the offering basket at any service.

RAFFLE ROSTER

Raffles at New World on Wednesday 6 May and Thursday 7 May.

There is a roster sheet in the foyer for you to write your name if you are able to sit on the table at some stage during either of those days.



Marge This time last week I was empty of ideas for Holy Week. The last two months had so much extra in it, there just wasn't space to ponder and explore. And then the email scam hit on Monday and much time was spent on it.

Writes

By the time Tuesday rolled around I knew simplicity was going to be key and prayed that Jesus would show a way to remember the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter that wouldn't require a lot of extra preparation. And ideas began to flow. As I shared thoughts with Robin, he made insightful comments that enhanced the designs sometimes just hours before the service.

I share this because this is what Holy Week teaches us.

We all experience emptiness in one form or another from time to time.

Jesus' first disciples experienced a profound emptiness after Jesus' death. Confused, sad, and afraid they could not understand the hope that the empty tomb brought. It was just another disappointment. That is until they met the risen Jesus. Then all the emptiness was filled with joy and purpose.

May your encounter with the risen Lord this Easter fill you with overflowing joy.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

Have you ever felt disappointed?
Have you ever felt disappointed in God?
Disappointment often happens when reality fails our expectations.
On the first Palm Sunday when Jesus entered Jerusalem the crowds welcomed him as the Messiah, which was true.

However, their expectations of what Messiah was supposed to do (e.g. kick out the Romans and return a Davidic king to the throne in Jerusalem) were not on Jesus' agenda.

Jesus knew that His first coming was to deal with humanity's sin problem which required His death. His second coming would fully consummate God's Kingdom on earth that His first coming initiated.

By the end of the week the praises of "Hosanna" turned into angry shouts of "Crucify him."

So what about us?

How do we respond when our expectations of what we think God is to do in our lives are not met?

Will we, like the Jerusalem crowds, reject Him as Lord?

Or will we like Job, continue to trust Him even when we don't understand?

So, how's it going?

HOME GROUPS

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 Pillai 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.

Sign up sheet on back foyer table. If none of these times work for you, please chat to Marge or Robin.

ONIONS

1kg bags of onions are available for sale in the foyer.

\$2 for bag of brown onions and \$3 for the red variety. If you paid \$4 for the red variety last week, please see Robin for a \$1 refund. Proceeds go to the fair.

Help yourself. There is an ice-cream container there for your contributions.

SCAM ALERT

A very sophisticated email scam hit a number of parishioners at the beginning of last week. The perpetrator pretend to be Marge using a newly created email address that used a combination of her names, not her parish email address.

As soon as Marge realised what was going on she sent out a warning to everyone in our parish directory with an email address.

As sophisticated as the email was,

there were still things that didn't quite ring true.

Please always check the sender's email address to see if it is the normal one for the person. Also, contact by phone or text the person to verify whether the email is legit.

RETIREMENT PLANS

Marge announced at the AGM on March 26th hers and Robin's plan for retirement. For those who did not receive a newsletter last weekend, the plan is outlined below.

Bp Steve will begin advertising for a new vicar in Feb 2027. Marge will continue to serve the parish as vicar until an appropriate person is found and signed an appointment agreement. She will then 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.

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

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

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