

Monday 24 June	<i>Marge & Robin's day off</i>	
	1.00pm	CARE AFTERNOON TEA in Church Lounge
	5.30pm	Shared Meal and Know Your Bible study in Parish Centre
Tuesday 25 June	10am	<i>Marge, Robin & Emily leave for Clergy Retreat</i>
	1.30pm	Ladies Fellowship in Parish Centre
Wednesday 26 June	<i>Marge, Robin & Emily at Clergy Retreat</i>	
	8am	Half hour prayer meeting in Parish Centre
	10am	Dixon House Extended Communion (Barry)
Thursday 27 June	5.30pm	<i>Marge, Robin & Emily return from Clergy Retreat</i>
	7pm	Vestry Meeting Parish Lounge
Friday	MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY — Parish Office Closed .	
Saturday 29 June	<i>Emily's day off</i> Hall in use all day for a birthday party, and then a Filipino Community event.	

Services Next Sunday 30 June 2024

GREYMOUTH:

- 8am Traditional Holy Communion
- 10am Family service with Communion & Music
After Morning Tea—Prayer Meeting in Chapel
- 2pm Afternoon Worship
- 4.30pm Youth Service at The Shed, 186 Main South Rd.

KUMARA: No Service


Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS

 Helen & Raewyn

CHURCH CLEANING

 Tony & Margaret Woollett

CHURCH MOWING

 Trevor Morrison

Last Weekend Attendance: 64 Offertory: \$ 3,830 (Total needed: \$3,700)
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Holy Trinity Church

**Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara**

23 June 2024

*Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing*

Theme: Stuck in a Rut

Sentence: God, today is yours. Come take it and do with it what you will. Won't you come and steal my show?

Readings: Ruth 1:6-16 (338); Luke 9:23-27 (p 1327)

Prayer for the Day: Lord, as we consider our lives to this point, we look back and see times and opportunities where we played it safe, where we held onto control, where we sought comfort over challenge. We are truly sorry. Jesus, help us to hand over the wheel to you. Use our lives in any way you wish, to the betterment of your kingdom. Holy Spirit, remind us, when things get tough, of the words you gave to Jeremiah for your people, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Thank You, Jesus. Amen.

Preacher: Pete White

Theme for next weekend: The Journey of Faith
 Readings next weekend: Romans 10:9-13; Mark 5:21-43
 Preacher next weekend: Emily Holmes

CLERGY AWAY TUES-THURS

Marge, Robin and Emily will be away at St. Arnaud with other clergy from the diocese for a contemplative retreat lead by Watiri Maina. Please hold them in your prayers as they pull away from the normal and busy schedule of the parish to bask in the Lord's presence. They will be back for Vestry.

TOPICS FOR VESTRY THIS THURS

Vestry meets this Thursday at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Agenda to include:

- Synod organisation for 12-14 September in Greymouth
- Update on leaks with some major decisions to make
- Financial update
- Hospitality Account
- Fundraiser Idea
- Health and Safety
- Privacy issues—parish directory and prayer booklet

SYNOD BILLETING

Our parish is hosting Synod this year on 12-14th September. The diocese is looking for people who could offer a billet and breakfast for two nights/mornings. If you would like to help, please contact Renata at — renata@nelsonanglican.nz



Marge Writes Any day now the final report by the **Royal Commission on Abuse in Care** will be tabled in parliament.

The Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, along with many other denominations, asked to be included in this report. We did this because we wanted to be transparent about any instances of past abuse.

Our aim is to repent, ask for forgiveness, make reparation and put policies and processes in place that will at the very least reduce and at the very best prevent the chances of it occurring again.

Your friends, family members, work or sport mates may take the opportunity, in light of the report, to challenge you about church and your connection with it.

Here are four attitudes to foster and a possible response to give when challenged (with thanks to Dave Mann of Shining Lights Trust):

- The Royal Commission on Abuse in Care is a good thing. It is about a stand for what is right.
- This investigation was needed because wrong is wrong and it brought to light past wrongs.

- Even if it feels like the 'Church' is being attacked, it is wise to remain humble and not become defensive—agreeing with the legitimacy of the anger at wrong actions.
- Be supportive of building a stronger culture of awareness so that our churches become some of the safest places in our communities.

So what might a wise response look like? Here is an example—

"I'm a Christian, and I totally agree with you. What was done was so wrong – and I know everyone in our church is really angry about it also. This has to be brought to the light and dealt with!"

This response embraces the attitudes listed above :

- We AGREE - because wrong is wrong. This will lessen tension.
- We RE-POSITION - noting we are Christians and go to church **and** that we are also all angry at these past wrongs.
- We AGAIN WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE - This Royal Commission was needed to address wrongs, enable healing, and ensure any 'cycle' gets broken into the future.

Simple humility will be the best pathway – with no defensiveness.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

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HOW'S IT GOING?

Jesus begins his parable of a farmer who scatters his seed in a field with various types of soil with, "Listen!" He ends the story with, "If you have ears, pay attention." (see Mark 4:1-20)

Later, when explaining the story to those who wanted to understand, he said, "If you don't understand this story, you won't understand any others." It is important to note that Jesus explained his parables to those who drew close and asked for understanding.

To "listen" in both the Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament carries a meaning far beyond simply using the organs on the side of our heads and know what the words mean. To listen, according to the Bible, is to both hear AND obey.

The parable of the Sower (or Soils) reveals to us the importance of the state of our hearts to receive the message of God's Kingdom.

I, Marge, realized in my sermon preparation last week that, like the field in the parable, my heart consists of various qualities of soil. Sometimes my heart is hard and God's word does not penetrate. Sometimes God's word quickly takes root, but I don't let it get deeply rooted into my heart. Sometimes I let the cares of this world overtake me, and God's word gets choked out. But, other times God's word finds good soil in my heart, takes root and, as I obey produces good things in me and through me.

I pray we are all desiring to have hearts that are always ready to receive and nurture and obey God's word to us. May we have the courage to draw close to Jesus for understanding and help, give priority to His word, remove the stones and weeds that would prevent His word from taking root, and then LISTEN & OBEY.

So, how's it going?

NEWS FROM MISSIONARY FAMILY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

A few weeks ago we brought you up to date with the missionary family we support in Central Asia. Our parish also supports a missionary family in Southeast Asia and a summary of their latest update is below. For the complete text, see our missions board in the foyer. Just a reminder that, for security reasons, we do not give their names on any of our publications that go up on our website.

Part of the missionary work is helping poor remote villages raise their living standards and nutrition levels by helping them grow coffee beans for export. Their partnership with the World Food Program provide animals and plants for vegetable gardens. Opportunities also arise to teach local leaders and currently the lessons are from Luke.

Another part of the missionary work is in occupational therapy in cooperation with the local hospital. The current big focuses are on burn therapy and also finding access for assistive devices for children with cerebral palsy.

All three children are transitioning from a French school to studying from home via NZ correspondence.

Prayer requests include:

- Final application processes for the correspondence study
- Transitions in schooling and the weekly structure of work roles
- The various projects in process to try and improve quality of life for those we are working with.
- Thanksgiving for the increase in support levels and prayer that the last \$40/week will become available.

Note: The complete June update from our Central Asia family is also on mission board.