

Monday 20 April	<i>Marge & Robin's Day off</i>	
Tuesday 21 April	7-8.30pm	Marge's Home Group at 35 Karoro Place
Wednesday 23 April	8am	Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre
	10am	Dixon House Holy Communion (Tim)
	11am	Hospital Devotions (Marge)
	6:30-8pm	Runanga Healing Rooms Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga
	7-8.30pm	Robin's Home Group at 109c Hanmer Tce
Thursday 23 April	1.30—3pm	Robin's Home Group at Parish Centre
Friday 24 April	10-11:30am	Kids 'n' Coffee (Church complex)
	12-3pm	Mawhera Deanery Meeting (Parish Centre)
	7pm	The Shed Youth Group (186 Main S Road)
Saturday 25 April	ANZAC DAY	
	6.45am	Dawn Service at the Cenotaph (Marge)
	5pm	Youth Church at the Shed (186 Main s Road)
Sunday 26 April	2:30-4pm	Runanga Healing Rooms Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga

services 26 April

GREYMOUTH:

- 8am** Holy Communion (with one hymn)
10am All age service with Holy Communion & Contemporary Music
2pm Worship (no 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
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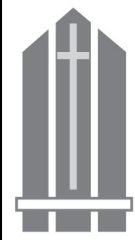
CHURCH CLEANING
Ronel & Nico Maas



CHURCH MOWING
Henry Shaw



Last Weekend: Attendance: 60 Offertory: \$3,846 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,904)
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HOLY TRINITY Church

**Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara**

19 April 2026

***Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing***

Theme: God forgives you and how to receive His gift.
Sentence: Put up with each other, and forgive anyone who does you wrong, just as Christ has forgiven you.
Readings: 1 John 1:6-2:2 (p.1591), Mark 2:1-12 (p.1275)
Prayer for the Day: God of love, thank you for your gift of forgiveness to all who repent, forgive others and follow you. Help us to receive your precious gift so that we are free of guilt and experiencing the enormity of your gift of inner peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Preacher: Robin Kingston

Theme for next weekend: Forgive Others
 Readings for next weekend: Colossians 3:12-14; Matthew 6:7-13
 Preacher for next weekend: Robin Kingston

SINCERE SYMPATHIES

Our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Francie Nelson who passed away at Granger House on Wednesday evening and whose funeral was held at Holy Trinity on Saturday.

Francie was a member of this parish from childhood and loved singing in the choir at both Holy Trinity & St. Patrick's. She moved to Temuka around 2000 and returned to Greymouth and Holy Trinity a few years ago. When dementia required her to move to Granger House, she continued to worship at our monthly communion services and especially enjoyed singing.

Please hold Francie's family in your prayers at this time.

RAFFLE

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.

PURCHASING ITEMS FOR THE GROCERY PRIZE

Some items have already been bought. However, we are looking for someone who enjoys shopping to offer to purchase the remaining items. We already have at least \$90 available, with possibly some more to come.

If you are willing to do the buying, see Robin.

RAFFLE ROSTER

New World Wed 6 and Thurs 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 I've been challenged recently about making the Psalms a more regular part of my personal quiet time with the Lord.

Writes

The challenge has come through a book I am reading titled "Finding God in the Psalms" by Tom Wright. In it he proposes that the Psalms help us to understand the intersection of our 'time' and God's 'time'; our 'space' (earth) and God's 'space' (heaven); our 'matter' (the created order as we perceive it now) and God's 'matter' (how the created order will be). Big thoughts, but let's look this week at the Psalms intersection of our time and God's time.

The Psalms are often like riding a rollercoaster of emotions. Ecstatic joy one moment and deep sorrow, anger, frustration the next. And yet there is a thread of hope that weaves its way through them. Yes, life is brief. Yes, there is pain and difficulties. But God is eternal and is working toward a new creation. The Psalms recognize that we live in the "already not yet" of the Kingdom of God. His Kingdom is here, but not yet fully here, but it will come. Reading the Psalms helps us live in the 'already not yet' with hope.

How about giving the reading and re-reading of the Psalms a go.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

Poor Thomas.

For 2,000 years he has worn the moniker "Doubting Thomas". And all because he wouldn't believe his friends who claimed to have seen Jesus. He wanted to see and touch for himself the wounds in Jesus' hands and side in order to believe their report.

But we forget that all of the disciples refused to believe the women who first told them of Jesus' resurrection.

Jesus is so gracious and patient. He appears to ten of the disciples and then again eight days later when Thomas was with them. Jesus goes straight to Thomas and holds out his hands and showed his side **just as he had done the week before to the others.**

It is John that records these encounters and writes, "Then Jesus said to him/ them, 'You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen me, yet believe.'"

All of the disciples had their doubts. Jesus graciously sought them out to help them to believe.

How about us? We may be in the group that have believed in Jesus without physically seeing him, but, if we are honest, we too, struggle with doubts from time to time. And Jesus is patient and gracious and present with us to help us believe. 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. 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.

If none of these times work for you, please chat to Marge or Robin.

WHY WE ENCOURAGE JOINING A HOME GROUP

Whether you have been an active Christian for just a few months, or you have worshipped regularly for more than eighty years, it is vital.

Why?

We can know a lot about the Bible and what Jesus teaches, but we don't always find it that easy to put it into practice on a daily basis.

As we chat together, we find that we are able to encourage one another, and suggest ways we can deal with the tough times each of us face from time to time.

Besides that, we discover truths we had not noticed before, and see what a difference that can make in our lives.

Best of all, we support one another, have fellowship together, and find the occasional practical way of supporting the growth of God's Kingdom.

GOOD NEWS

In November last year we put in an application to Lottery Community for a grant of \$25,000 to help with Nicki Mora's salary for 2026.

Please give God thanks for his favour.

LETTER FROM CHRIS & CATHERINE

Their latest newsletter is on the mission noticeboard in the foyer. It includes their experiences in light of the wars in the Middle East. It also provides an insight into a response to a coming rainstorm in a country that normally receives so little rain that the usual news bulletins have no weather forecasts. It also gives us an insight into the challenges their youngest daughter, Sophia, is facing.

TAX RECEIPTS

Glenda Torrance has worked hard to ensure that all the receipts have been prepared and checked carefully. They include all the offertories during the time from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, as well as any gifts to the Race for the Roof that Emily organised, any one off special donations, and giving to missions.

For those on email, you will have them by the time you read this newsletter. All others are in envelopes in the foyer.

If you have received an email but would like a hard copy, please let Robin or Glenda know and we can get it easily.

Thank you to you all for your generosity in support of this parish.

WORD FOR TODAY

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

LADIES BREAKFAST

All ladies are invited to Hokitika Christian Fellowship (26 Kaniere Rd) on May 16th at 8am for breakfast, fellowship and a special talk by Judith McLaughlin. RSVP to Rachael on: 027 514 3531

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