

Monday
7 Sept

Marge & Robin's Day off

Tuesday
8 Sept
7am Breakfast Bible Study at Robert Harris Cafe
7pm **Marge's Home Group @ 35 Karoro Place**

Wednesday
9 Sept
8am Parish Prayer meeting (Parish Centre)
10am Dixon House Holy Communion (Marge)
11am Granger House Holy Communion (Marge)
6:30-8pm Runanga Healing Rooms at Community House,
29 Carroll Street, Runanga
7pm **Robin's Home Group at 109c Hanmer Tce**

Thursday
10 Sept
1:30-3pm **Robin's Home Group at Parish Centre**
7pm **Final Spiritual Gift seminar in Church lounge**

Friday
11 Sept
7am Breakfast Bible Study at Robert Harris Cafe
10-11:30am Kids 'n' Coffee (Church complex)
7pm The Shed Youth Group (186 Main South Rd)

Saturday
12 Sept
5pm Youth Church at The Shed (186 Main South Rd)

Sunday
13 Sept
2:30-4pm Runanga Healing Rooms at Community House,
29 Carroll Street, Runanga
4pm **Fair Planning Meeting in Parish Centre**

Services 14 September

GREYMOUTH:

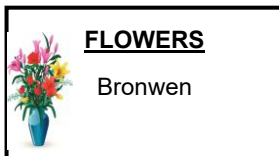
8am Holy Communion (with one hymn)
10am All age service with Holy Communion & Contemporary Music
2pm Afternoon Worship

KUMARA:

10am 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



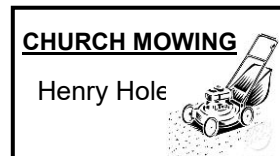
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CHURCH CLEANING

Jolene &
Daniel Rhode



CHURCH MOWING

Henry Hole



**Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara
6 September 2026**

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

Theme: The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Sentence: But as for me, I keep watch for the Lord; I wait in hope for God my Saviour; my God will hear me.

Readings: Revelation 19:1-10 (p 1622); Matthew 25:1-13 (p 1263)

Prayer for the Day: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people that, richly bearing the fruit of good works, they may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preacher: Marge Tefft

Theme for next weekend: A Lesson in Forgiveness

Readings for next weekend: Genesis 50:15-21; Matthew 18:21-22

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ITEMS FOR THE FAIR

We are **NOT** accepting clothes, shoes, bedding, cushions, electrical items, or major items of furniture.

However, we are accepting trash and treasure household items, books, and toys. These items can be put into the Parish Centre garage or outside the front door of the Parish Centre.

We will also be selling plants & produce, baking, sweets, desserts, meals, etc. and these can be brought to the Parish Centre or Hall on the Friday or Saturday of the Fair (13/14 November)

We are placing a greater emphasis on anything to do with food this year.

If you can donate 500gm packs of frozen whitebait, please give them directly to Robin to put in the freezer.

PLANNING MEETING FOR FAIR

Robin would like to meet with those interested in planning logistics of this year's fair considering the changes agreed at the AGM. Once the plans are in place, a request for team leaders and helpers will be made.

The meeting will be held next Sunday 13 Sept at 4pm - 5:30pm in the Parish Centre.

Thank you to those who have indicated an interest in helping with this initial phase of planning. Others are also welcome.

Last Weekend: Attendance: 64
Offertory: \$ 3,873 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,904)
Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



Musings from Marge

A very Happy Father's Day to all of you men whether you have children or not. I say this because as a church "family" you bring something unique to our fellowship for simply being men. You look at things differently than women. You have different skill sets and styles. The church family is all the better for having both men and women members. So, to all the men of our parish, I thank you for being part of our parish family.

On a completely different topic I want to alert you to the "Go the Distance" fundraising campaign for Bishopdale College.

+Steve and Matt Watts kicked things off earlier this year by running the Wilderness Trail Ultra-Marathon and raising \$20,000 and now the challenge to the wider diocese is to raise a further \$100,000 by the end of the year. People from around the diocese have put their skills and passions to work from making lemon curd to racing pigeons. Please go to the following website to see the different events people are offering for sponsorship and consider donating to one (or more) or coming up with your own event:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/event/bishopdale>

BTC is doing a phenomenal job in raising up a new generation of leaders. As a parish we include BTC in our annual mission giving, but government policy and current economy are putting financial pressure on the college. As a BTC Trust Board member I am aware of the dedication and sacrifices of the staff. Robin and I want to do an extra bit to help. It is too soon to put my hair on the line again, so we are committed to donating something to each of the events. I laughed when I saw that the racing pigeons are named for dio clergy...Go Pigeon Marge!!

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

We looked at how God's command to Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac, is a detailed symbolic event of Jesus on the cross. Isaac, as a picture of Jesus, carries the wood (cross), and Abraham the live coals and the knife. This shows that God the Father is also fully involved in the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus.

Abraham tells the 2 servants to wait for them as he and Isaac go on. He says "**we will return**". This symbolises the death and resurrection of Jesus. Isaac also allows himself to be tied up, showing how Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. The moment Abraham is told to stop by the angel; he finds a ram available. The mature male sheep is a picture of Jesus in His early 30's being sacrificed.

The mount was called "The Lord will provide". It was also called Moriah. This word only occurs once elsewhere in the bible, the place where Solomon built the temple for the sacrifice of the daily lambs. It is possible that the two places are the same, an amazingly accurate detail of the future sacrifices of the lambs.

Another event occurred about 400 years later. The Israelites were in the desert, and for the fourth or fifth time they complain to Moses and God about the lack of food and water.

God shows that there is a limit to what He will allow. He sends snakes (serpents) to punish the Israelites. The snakes have a poisonous bite that kills. When the Israelites ask for help, God tells Moses to make a pole with a metal snake on it. If they look at the snake and trust in God, they will be healed. It is a picture of Jesus on the cross overcoming the way the serpent tricked Adam and Eve. Faith is in Jesus, conquering the power of evil.

Is the cross of Christ centre of your life?

FOSTERING – IS IT FOR YOU?

On Tues 22nd Sept from 7pm in church lounge. Alannah Gregan will talk about Open Home Foundations Fostering program, what it means to be a Foster Parent and how you might like to become involved.

FREE HOME SAFETY INITIATIVE

An Occupational Therapist meets the person at their home for free home safety assessment. It can include installation of up to 2 handrails and a non-slip mat. Handrails are installed by a qualified builder for free. **Leaflets in the foyer.**

There have been some excellent positive results from our parishioners who have approached them.

READING THE BIBLE SEMINAR

Dr Kate Tyler from Bishopdale College in Nelson will be coming to Cobden to show how the whole Bible fits together into one overarching story. It is an excellent seminar, and particularly helpful for those who find the Bible a bit confusing.

Saturday 26th September at 10am, meeting in the Cobden Anglican Church, 40 Richmond St. FREE.

CONCERT SUNDAY 13 SEPT 2PM

The Salvation Army are hosting the Christchurch Songsters at 2pm next Sunday at 77 Shakespeare Street. All are welcome.

MY FALL INTO GRACE

Bronwyn Walters fell outside the Greymouth Library a while ago. Her testimony of how God has helped her is on the foyer noticeboard.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This helps to guide our prayers for the wider diocese and province. It is useful for those who pray for the wider diocese. Help yourself to a copy of the leaflet in the foyer. A sample of how you may wish to fold yours to use as a bookmark in your Bible is also on the table.

ROBIN AWAY FOR TWO WEEKS

Robin will be in Nelson from Monday 14 September, staying with Watiri and Steve Maina. He will be training some people in how to minister in the Healing of Memories.

DATE OF FAIR

**Saturday 14th November
11.30am to about 1.30pm**

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