

Monday
24 Mar *Marge and Robin's day off*

1pm **C.A.R.E. Afternoon Tea in Church Lounge.**
5.30pm KYB Bible Study group doing Ripple Effect Module 1 (Parish Centre)

Tuesday
25 Mar 10-11:45am Ripple Effect Course Module 1 (Parish Centre)
1:30pm **Tuesday Friends Fellowship Group** (Parish Centre)

Wednesday
26 Mar 8am **Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre**
10am Dixon House Holy Communion (Tim)
1.30—3.15pm Ripple Effect Course Module 1 in Parish Centre
7.00—8:45pm Ripple Effect Course Module 1 in Church Hall
7:15pm Lavers' Home Group (18C Serpentine Rd)

Thursday
27 Mar 9am **Pastoral Care meeting**
7pm **Vestry meeting**

Friday
28 Mar *Emily's half day off from noon*
10am **Kids 'n Coffee at church**
7pm The SHED (186 Main South Road)

Saturday
29 Mar *Emily's day off*
1pm **Memorial Service for Craig Bruce**

Services Next Week 30 Mar 2025

GREYMOUTH:

8am **Traditional Holy Communion (no music)**
10am **Family service with Communion & Contemporary Music**
2pm **Holy Communion with traditional Music**

KUMARA: No service, no Making Space.
6th April: 10am **Morning worship with Rach & Evan**

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS
Bronwyn W & Jeanette



CHURCH CLEANING
Henry & Jenny



CHURCH MOWING
Drummond Young



Last Weekend: Attendance: 74 Offertory: \$3,894 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
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**Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara**
23 March 2025
*Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing*

Theme: SIN - Results and Solution

Sentence: Jesus said "You can be sure that if you don't turn back to God, every one of you will also die."

Readings: 1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 13(p1485); Luke 13:1 - 9 (p1337)

Prayer for the Day: Lord, you say some scary things. You also say some encouraging comments. Help us to understand that we all sin and need your forgiveness. Thank you that you are patient with us, yet you also give us clear instructions. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to become more like the church you started with your apostles. Amen.

Preacher: Robin Kingston

Theme for next weekend: It's not fair!
Readings next weekend: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3,11-32
Preacher next weekend: Emily Holmes

ELECTORAL ROLL

The parish AGM will be on Thursday 10th April at 7.30pm in the church lounge. If you want to have a vote, you must be on Electoral Roll. See list on notice board in foyer. Complete form on the table if you wish to be included.

- Upkeep of all the property and buildings of the parish
- Finances of the parish
- Health and safety
- Planning for the future.

ELECTION OF VESTRY & WARDEN

The **People's Warden** position is an elected role each year. The responsibilities include serving on vestry and other duties. See clergy for more info.

Nomination forms for People's Warden and Vestry Members are in the foyer and must be submitted to clergy by April 2nd.

Vestry Members (up to 10):

- This is the committee that oversees the life of the parish.
- The spiritual well being of the parish.
- The welfare of the vicar.

Any Motions for the AGM must be submitted in writing by April 2nd.

Nominations received so far—
People's Warden—Wayne Lorimer
Vestry Member—Doug Bray, Pete White

Please prayerfully consider putting your name forward or approaching someone to nominate. Nominees must be on the Electoral Roll.



Marge The seasons of life are the stuff of Ecclesiastes 3.

I take great comfort in one of the couplets from that chapter in

this season of grief we are going through. Solomon wrote, *“There is a time to cry and a time to laugh; a time to weep and a time to dance.”*

Usually we refer to these opposites in the reverse order i.e. a time to laugh and a time to cry; a time to dance and a time to weep. We express the happy coming before the sad.

But Solomon switched it around and this gives me hope. Hope that when I am in the midst of a season of grief, as now, I know there will follow a season of joy.

As Psalm 30:5 puts it, “weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.”

With love and blessings,
Marge

HOW'S IT GOING?

Last weekend we saw how Jesus would not let anyone or anything deter Him from completing His mission. The sly attempt by the Pharisees to get Him out of their hair by telling Him that Herod wanted to kill Him did not phase Him. He had set His face to Jerusalem and to the cross which awaited Him.

This rejection pains Jesus deeply and out of His grief he states His longing to gather Israel to Himself as a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings to protect them. But like the chicks, Israel must choose to be gathered. And so must we.

Being safe with God does not mean necessarily being safe in this world. Following Jesus doesn't mean not having any problems or challenges. It does mean He is always with us and will see us safely home.

So, how's it going?

MISSIONS DINNER @ COBDEN

Our parish supports the missionary work of Sharon & Shaun in SE Asia. They are currently back in NZ and Cobden Anglican church is hosting a Potluck meal on April 5th at 6pm to hear Sharon speak of her work in occupational therapy. Please sign up on sheet in foyer.

RIPPLE EFFECT WEEK 4 SUMMARY

Theme: Fall and Brokenness

Key Point: Acknowledging our brokenness. Our sin damages ourselves, others and the world God made.

Key Encouragement:: God works through your weakness, brokenness, and even your sin.

Scripture: Genesis 3, Matt 27:45-46, 1 John 1:5-2:2

Summary: People trusted themselves instead of God. Being 'in the image of God' was not enough, they wanted to be God, and so they rebelled against Him. God judged Adam and Eve and we now live in a world that is profoundly broken, marred by sin and death. Rejecting the good and just God who gives life can only lead to death. Putting ourselves first must lead to broken relationships with each other and our world. We are out of sync with God, each other, the world, and even ourselves. The impact of human sinfulness ripples out across all people, in all generations.

Jesus came into our broken world and took on Himself the judgement our sin deserved when He died on the cross. As we believe this and confess our sins, we are forgiven.

Questions:

- How has my sinfulness contributed to the world's brokenness?
- How does recognizing my own brokenness affect the way I treat other broken people?
- How does knowing the world is 'not what it is meant to be' help me respond to frustration, pain or disappointment?

LOTTERY GRANT

We were thrilled this week to learn that Lottery Community has granted us \$15,000 towards the salary of Nicki

Mora, our youth worker, for 2025. It was also good to hear that Rotary have given \$250 towards the Youth Shed programs.

MOANA HARVEST FESTIVAL AND PHOTO COMPETITION

Moana Church, is holding a Harvest Festival as a fundraiser on **SUNDAY 30 March at 1.30pm in the Moana Church led by Rev Lyn Heine.**

There will also be market stalls and afternoon tea at 2.30pm in the church. We are invited to join them.

Details of the photo competition are on the foyer noticeboard.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **David Wilson** whose funeral was on Friday. Please pray for his wife Jean, and all the family. There are a number of the family who are known to this parish: his daughter Rochelle, ex son-in-law Craig, and grandchildren Ethan, Harmony, Mike, Layla, and Zion.

We also extend our sincere condolences to the family of **Craig Bruce** who died on Friday afternoon. We especially think of his children Ethan, Harmony & Mike and grandchildren Layla and Zion.

Craig was a member of this parish for many years serving as a member of the Children's Ministry Team and a worship leader at the 8am. He came to faith in the Lord Jesus as an adult at a crisis point in his life and his faith grew from strength to strength. He loved the Coast, particularly Punakaiki. He faced his battle with cancer with courage and inner peace. He will be dearly missed.

A memorial service for Craig will be held at Holy Trinity Church Greymouth on **Saturday, 29th March at 1pm.**

SOON UPCOMING EVENTS

5 Apr 6pm—Potluck Missions Dinner at Cobden Anglican

10 Apr 7.30pm—Thursday Parish AGM

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