

Monday 29 June		<i>Marge & Robin's Day off</i>
Tuesday 30 June	7:15am 7pm	Bible Study at Robert Harris Marge's Home Group at 35 Karoro Place
Wednesday 1 July	8am 10am 11am 6:30-8pm 7-8.30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (Parish Centre) Dixon House Devotions (Marge) Kahurangi Devotions (Marge) Runanga Healing Rooms at Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga Robin's Home Group at 109c Hanmer Tce
Thursday 2 July	1.30—3pm	Robin's Home Group at Parish Centre
Friday 3 July	10-11:30am 3pm 7pm	Kids 'n' Coffee (Church complex) Clergy gathering with Diocesan Team (Lounge) The Shed Youth Group (186 Main Sth Road)
Saturday 4 July	9.30am - 3.30pm 5pm	Emmaus Training in Trinity Centre Youth Church at the Shed 186 Main Sth Road
Sunday 5 July	2:30-4pm	Runanga Healing Rooms at Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga

Services 5 July

GREYMOUTH:

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

KUMARA:

10am Holy Communion (Robin)

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 Bronwen	CHURCH CLEANING  Deb Johnson & Rachel Tomlinson	CHURCH MOWING  Drummond Young
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Last Weekend: Attendance: 59
Offertory: \$4,057 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,904)



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

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Theme for next weekend: Freedom in Christ
Readings for next weekend: Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
Preacher for next weekend: Simon Martin

EMMAUS MAWHERA

Bishop Steve and his team are coming to each of the regions to connect with those who serve in our parishes. **Emmaus is for ANYONE who serves in our parish in ANY capacity or on ANY roster. Whatever part you play, the bishop will love to see you there on Saturday 4 July.**

Pre-registration is required. No sign-up on the day!! We have a budget for laity training and so if you want to come, please click “send me an invoice” in the “pay” section of registration form and give Marge your invoice.

To register go to: <https://www.nelsonanglican.nz> then click on Events under Korero. Scroll down to EMMAUS: Mawhera and click on Register.

WHAT GIFTS DO YOU HAVE?

One or two people have mentioned to us the desire to find out what their gifts really are. We are often unaware of some of our strongest gifts.

Robin remembers about 30 years ago doing such a course here in the parish. He discovered that his strongest gift was something he had never even considered. As a result, he was able to focus on the gift intentionally, and it made a big difference to what he concentrated on. We are looking at both natural and supernatural giftings.

If anyone is interested in looking at this for themselves, please put your name on the list in the foyer. Once we know who is interested, we will find times that suit everyone.



Musings from Marge

I turned on the tv Saturday afternoon before the All Whites FIFA World Cup match against Belgium. I was struggling with this column and thought I would let it play quietly in the background and see if something might inspire my thoughts. And it did.

It was the pregame interviews that caught my ear. Some of the players were talking about what mattered most to them and it wasn't football. They loved playing football and representing NZ, but at the end of the day football was just a job. What mattered most were their children. Some players had tears in their eyes as they spoke. I suspect that before having children football reigned supreme. Perspectives change when something more precious comes along.

What about us? Is our relationship with Jesus supreme in our lives? Do our souls long after Jesus "as the deer pants for water?" Is knowing Him the most important thing? Worth pondering.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING

Financial challenges.

Three key principles: Put God first. This applies to prayer, to trusting God and to our offertories. As a general guide, we aim for giving a tithe of our income, and then also donations to other worthy courses.

Second key principle is being a faithful steward of all that the Lord has enabled us to receive. In simple terms, being frugal, wise and generous.

The third principle is being honest. This particularly applies to our taxes to IRD. Beware of cheating by paying "under the table" that avoids any record of someone receiving payment for work done.

Now, some practical advice for those on very tight budgets. However tight, we strongly suggest you give something to God, showing you serve Him and trust Him – however little that might be.

After that the priorities are a healthy diet, so that you keep good health, but wise on what you buy. Spending money for doctor and keeping warm are very important.

For emergencies such as housing issues, or broken essential equipment, buy new rather than second-hand. If necessary, borrow at 0% interest, or have family or friends help. See clergy about 0% loans.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

The Baptist Church is hosting the 7-week *Marriage Course* beginning Sunday, **July 26th 3:30-5:30pm.**

It is being facilitated by Lynette and Stu Lennox and it is for all couples whether they attend church or not.

Holy Trinity offered this course twice a few years ago and those who took it found it very encouraging and helpful.

The *Marriage Course* is designed to feel relaxed and safe. Couples sit privately at their own tables. There is no public discussion, and the content is delivered through high-quality video sessions with guided conversations for each couple to have just with each other.

Light refreshments will be provided, and childcare can be arranged if needed.

Numbers are limited so early registration is encouraged.

To find out more or register please email Lynette Lennox at lynette.lennox@gmail.com.

MATARIKI REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – JULY 9th at 6PM

On the eve of the national public holiday Holy Trinity Greymouth will host a contemplative candlelight service for members of the community to gather and remember those we've lost recently and over the years. A supper will follow.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a flyer. **Please consider who you might invite.**

The flyer is something you can give to a friend to encourage them to come WITH YOU to the service.

This is a great opportunity to invite someone to something special, of good quality, safe and has Jesus mentioned.

SERVING AT MATARIKI SERVICE

There are many opportunities to serve at this event. Specifically, we will need

- a team to decorate the church before hand
- a team to set-up hall
- people to do baking and prepare soup
- two welcomers to the service
- a team to serve food after the service
- team to clean up the kitchen after supper
- a team to clear and sweep the hall after the supper
- a team to tidy the church on Friday at 10am

Please consider where you might be able to help and put your name on the appropriate sign-up sheet on the table in foyer. You will be contacted in due course about specific responsibilities and timings.

MORNING TABLE TENNIS

The club, meeting in our hall from 10am – 11:30, is trialling Thursday morning to see if there is sufficient interest to see if it will be a viable long-term event. How many come this Thursday will help them decide. If you're interested, we suggest you come this week.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Please note that the next Better Together Men's Prayer Meeting is next Thursday 2 July 7pm at All Saints Anglican Church in Hokitika. This is a time specifically to pray for the West Coast, to share with other men what our God is doing and to pray for one another.

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