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| Monday<br>21 Sept    |                           | <i>Marge &amp; Robin's Day off</i><br><b>Robin in Nelson all week</b>                                                                                                                                        |
| Tuesday<br>22 Sept   | 7am<br><b>NO!!</b><br>7pm | Breakfast Bible Study at Robert Harris Cafe<br><b>NO!! Marge's Home Group @ 35 Karoro Place</b><br><b>Open Homes Foundation (Church Lounge)</b>                                                              |
| Wednesday<br>23 Sept | 8am<br>10am<br>6:30-8pm   | Parish Prayer meeting (Parish Centre)<br>Dixon House EXT Holy Communion (Barry)<br>Runanga Healing Rooms at Community House,<br>29 Carroll Street, Runanga                                                   |
| Thursday<br>24 Sept  | 7pm                       | <b>Robin's Home Group at 109c Hanmer Tce</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Friday<br>25 Sept    | 7am<br>10-11:30am<br>7pm  | Breakfast Bible Study at Robert Harris Cafe<br>Kids 'n' Coffee (Church complex)<br>The Shed Youth Group (186 Main South Rd)                                                                                  |
| Saturday<br>26 Sept  | 10am-1pm<br>3pm           | <b>School holidays start</b><br><b>Reading the Bible as Story Seminar</b><br>Cobden Anglican Church 40 Richmond St<br><b>Voice for Life Ecumenical Prayer Meeting</b><br>St. Patrick's Church 40 High Street |
| 27 Sept              | 2:30-4pm                  | Runanga Healing Rooms at Community House,<br>29 Carroll Street, Runanga                                                                                                                                      |

### Services 27 September

#### **GREYMOUTH:**

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

**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**  
Jeanette  
& Rose



**CHURCH CLEANING**  
Julie Williams  
& Robin

**CHURCH MOWING**

Henry  
Shaw



Last Weekend: Attendance: 64  
Offertory: \$ 3,693 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,904)  
Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



## Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara 20 September 2026

*Growing Disciples of Jesus  
Blessed to be a Blessing*

**Theme:** When God's compassion towards some appears  
**MORE THAN generous**

**Sentence:** So, the last will be first and the first will be last.

**Readings:** Jonah 3:10-4:11 (p 1175); Matthew 20:1-16 (p 1253)

**Prayer for the Day:** Oh Lord, there are times when we struggle to understand the extent of your compassion for others. Help us to remember that we are no more deserving of your mercy and grace than they are. May we never forget that all are special and precious to you, whatever their background and circumstances. Please instil in us your spirit of compassion for all humankind. Amen.

**Preacher:** Doug Bray

Theme for next weekend: Just Deserts (pronounced desserts)  
Readings for next weekend: Matthew 21:23-32; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Preacher for next weekend: Marge Tefft

### FOSTERING – IS IT FOR YOU?

This 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.

### 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.

**This Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10am-1pm, meeting in the Cobden**  
**Anglican Church, 40 Richmond St.**  
**FREE.**

### ECUMENICAL PRAYER MEETING

Voice for Life are sponsoring an ecumenical prayer meeting at St. Patrick's Church this Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm.

The organisers write, "Please join us in prayer in reparation for abortion and euthanasia in our local community and in our country. Please join us in asking the Lord for healing and conversion for all those affected. All welcome."

### SINCERE SYMPATHIES

Our deepest condolences to Dorothy Wilkins on the death of her sister, Jean Hazeldine, last Thursday in Wellington. Please hold Dot and all the family and friends of Jean in your prayers at this time.



## Musings from Marge

I really want to encourage everyone who can to attend the Story of the Bible seminar next Saturday at Cobden Anglican (see notice on front page). I believe it can benefit us all even if we have been reading the Bible all our lives. Kate is an excellent teacher.

Anyway, in anticipation of the seminar I include here a fun way to summarise the Biblical story in 50 words (author unknown).

God made,  
Adam bit,  
Noah arked,  
Abraham split,  
Joseph ruled,  
Jacob fooled,  
Bush talked,  
Moses balked,  
Pharaoh plagued,  
People walked,  
Sea divided,  
Tablets guided,  
Promise landed,  
Saul freaked,  
David peeked,  
Prophets warned,  
Jesus born,  
God walked,  
Love talked,  
Anger crucified,  
Hope died,  
Love rose,  
Spirit flamed,  
Word spread,  
God remained.

With love and blessings,  
*Marge*

### HOW'S IT GOING?

Jewish tradition at the time of Jesus taught that a person must forgive someone up to three times. Peter, after hanging around Jesus for a few years figured that the Jesus probably wanted him to forgive a repeat offender more often and so doubled it and threw in one more to come up with 7 (the number of perfection) and asked Jesus if it was enough. To which Jesus replied, "Not 7 but 77 times. I imagine that Peter's eyes got big as saucers.

In response Jesus told the parable of the servant who was forgiven a debt of 50 million silver coins by his master when he asked for mercy only to go and throw into jail a man who owed him 100 silver coins. When the master who had forgiven the huge debt heard what his servant had done, he had him severely punished.

Then Jesus said, "So also will my Father do to you unless you each forgive your "brother" from your heart."

Does this mean we earn our forgiveness by forgiving others? NO! It means that the evidence that we have truly embraced the mercy and grace that God offers through Jesus is that we ourselves are forgiving.

Michael J. Wilkins, in his commentary on Matthew, related the story of how he had been able to easily forgive his cruel former stepfather when he realised how much he had been forgiven by Jesus. He wrote, "And in receiving the gift of life that Jesus extended to me through his work on the cross, extending mercy and forgiveness to my former stepfather was a natural response.... I discovered that the key to forgiveness is to stop focusing on what others have done *to* us and focus instead on what Jesus has done *for* us."

May we pray with sincerity "Forgive us our sins AS we forgive those who sin against us." So, how's it going?

### 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 there.

### SUPPORT BTC

Go to the link below to see the various creative fund-raising projects that are on the go:

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

See Sept 6th "Marge Writes" for a fuller explanation. Extra copies of that newsletter are in the brochure rack in the foyer.

### 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. More details will be coming next month.

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

### DATE OF FAIR

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
11.30am to about 1.30pm**

**sign-up sheets for various  
jobs on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> will  
be put out in due course**

### **FAIR RAFFLE WED & THURS**

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November  
at New World**

**sign-up sheets will be put  
out in due course.**

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