

Monday
9 March

Marge and Robin's day off

Tuesday
10 March

Wednesday
11 March

8am Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre
10am Dixon House Holy Communion (Marge)
11am Granger House Holy Communion (Marge)

Thursday
12 March

Friday 10-11:30 Kids 'n' Coffee (Church Complex)
13 March 7pm The SHED (186 Main South Road)

Saturday
14 March

Sunday 2:30-4pm Runanga Healing Rooms
15 March Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga

Services 15 March

GREYMOUTH:

8am Extended Holy Communion (no music)
10am All age service with Ext Communion & Contemporary Music
2pm Extended Holy Communion with music

KUMARA:

10am Morning Worship (Rachelle & Evan)

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



Helen & Raewyn

CHURCH CLEANING

Theresa & Julie



CHURCH MOWING

Roger Lavers



Last Weekend: Attendance: 66 Offertory: \$3,895 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
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HOLY TRINITY Church

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

Theme: Lent 3: Breaking Down Barriers
Sentence: Christ has made peace between us and united us by breaking down the wall of hatred that separated us.
Readings: Ephesians 2:14-19 (p.1518), John 4:3-41 (p.1367)
Prayer for the Day: Loving God, You are working still, breaking down and building up open our eyes to discern Your hands so that we may take our place as labourers together with You. Amen.
Preacher: Marge Tefft
Theme for next weekend: Moses, Friend of God
Readings for next weekend: Hebrews 11:23-29; Hebrews 3:1-6
Preacher for next weekend: Diana Fensom

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our very best wishes to Blake White (son of Robyn and Pete) and Mariah Wilson on their wedding this coming Saturday, March 14th, in Upper Moutere, Nelson.

Blake grew up in our parish and played drums in our band. After high school he did the building construction course at the Polytech and completed his apprenticeship in Nelson where he now works.

Mariah boarded at Garin College, Nelson in her high school years. She and Blake met after Blake moved to Nelson. She now works at Noel Leeming.

Please hold this couple in your prayers as they make their life vows to one another.

THANK YOU!

We give thanks for a one off gift of \$1,000 that was recently given to the parish by a parishioner. This generous gift is not reflected in last week's offertory total given on the back page of this newsletter because that total is a reflection of the regular giving of the parish and is on which our budget is based. Special gifts are noted in a separate category in the monthly accounts seen by Vestry and the annual accounts that are presented at the AGM.

We also learned this week that the Green Gables Trust grant of \$10,000 for our youth worker's salary (Nicki Mora) that we acknowledged a few weeks ago is not only for this year. \$10,000 will also be granted in 2027 and again in 2028. We are again very grateful to Lyn Heine (Uniting Church Minister) for applying to the Methodist Church on The SHED's behalf.



Marge Four weeks ago Robin and I received an email from Emily Holmes to say that she and Greg had begun a journey of reconciliation. In addition to marriage counselling and individual counselling for them both, Emily had also become aware of deep wounds and traumas from her past that had negatively impacted their marriage and from which she needed healing. She asked for some dates that she could come to Greymouth for ministry.

Needless to say Robin and I were thrilled to hear of Emily's and Greg's desire to work towards reconciliation and at Emily's courage to want to tackle the hurts from the past.

Greg and Emily arrived on Friday evening and left for Nelson late Saturday afternoon. There will be another session in a few weeks.

They both wanted you to know of this development and to ask for your prayers for them as they walk this journey.

I would also ask that you pray for all who are involved on this journey with Emily and Greg that they may have God's wisdom.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

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**HOW'S IT GOING?
Growing in Faith.**

Is that something you want to do? Or, are you satisfied with the level of faith you currently have, and want no more thank you?

For me, I learned to trust God through finance. I found that, if I did things His way, the finances would eventually work out. It is a valid way of growing.

Since then I have found there is another way of growing deeper in God. It is to try and understand the mind of God as shown in Scripture and especially through the teaching and actions of Jesus.

So, this year I am committing myself to read and reread the gospels to get to know Jesus more profoundly.

I have also discovered that God wants us to trust Him in all areas of our lives. Because He wants that knowledge to be real and deep, He often lets us learn the lessons slowly. He did that with the Israelites for 40 years in the wilderness. Jesus took 3 years to train His disciples day by day.

A few weeks before He was crucified, He asked Peter, James and John to join Him up the mountain. There they had the experience of Jesus becoming brilliantly white all over and speaking with Moses and Elijah. I wonder what He wants to do for each of us?

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

This year's AGM meeting will be on Thursday, **March 26th at 7:30pm in the Church Lounge. In order to stand for office or vote in the elections or vote on any motion, you must be on the electoral roll.**

A copy of the current electoral roll is posted on foyer notice board. If your name is not on the electoral roll you are still welcome to attend the AGM and request speaking rights, but you will not be able to vote.

AGM ELECTIONS

Elections will be held for:

- **Vestry members** (up to 10 people) - Vestry is responsible for overseeing the finance, property, and mission of the church in months between AGMs. Currently Vestry meets in the evening of the 4th Thursday of most months.
- **Diocesan Synod Reps** (2 people) - Synod Reps represent the parish at the annual Diocesan Synod meeting (usually a Thurs-Sat meeting in Sept/Oct). This is for a three year term and also includes membership on Vestry so involves the monthly Vestry commitment as well.
- **People's Warden** - elected by the parish at the AGM. Along with the Vicar's Warden (who is appointed by the Vicar), the People's Warden has some extra responsibilities with regards to the Vicar, staff and parish. People's Wardens are members of Vestry and so this involves the monthly Vestry commitment as well.

Please pray about whether you might be a person to serve in one or more of these capacities. Also, please pray

for who you might nominate for one or more of these roles.

Nomination forms are on the table in foyer. Please hand completed forms to Marge or Robin **by Wednesday 18th March 2026.**

If anyone has a motion of General Business that they wish to bring to the AGM, it must be submitted in writing to Marge or Robin **by Wednesday, 18th March 2026.**

HEALING ROOMS TRAINING

On Saturday, 21st March from 9:30am to 3:30pm at Cobden Anglican Church, 40 Richmond St., Cobden, there will training on the Healing Room model of ministry. The training is for anyone interested in the Healing Rooms ministry, but does not obligate anyone to become involved. There is no charge, but BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

If interested, please contact Tim Mora 03 768 9605 or 027 204 8560

FREE PROPHETIC SEMINAR

14th March 9:30am—1pm at Elim Church. Sessions on "Understanding Times and Seasons" and "Eight Ways God Speaks".

HOPE BOOKLET DELIVERY

Once again we are joining with other West Coast churches to deliver about 6,000 booklets between 21 March and 4 April.

Our church is hoping to have at least 8 people to deliver about 170 booklets each. This takes about 75 minutes. There is a form on the table in the back of the foyer. Full details later.

NEXT SUNDAY

Marge and Robin will be attending Blake's and Mariah's wedding on Saturday returning late on Saturday afternoon. Our thanks to Diana and Eric Fensom for covering our Greymouth services.

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