

Monday 16 Sept		<i>Marge & Robin Day Off</i>
	5.30pm	Know Your Bible (KYB) in Parish Centre
Tuesday 17 Sept		<i>Marge & Robin Start Annual Leave</i>
Wednesday 18 Sept	8am	Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre
	10am	Dixon House Devotions (Emily)
	7pm	Lavers Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd,
Thursday 19 Sept	12 Noon	Ministers' Association at Elim Church
	2pm	Grief Support Group in Parish Centre
	7.30pm	Holy Spirit Group in Parish Centre
Friday 20 Sept		<i>Emily's half day off from 12 Noon</i>
	10am	Kids 'n Coffee
	7pm	Youth Group at the SHED, 186 Main South Rd
Saturday 21 Sept		<i>Emily's Day Off</i>

Services Next Sunday 22 September 2024

GREYMOUTH:

- 8am** **Traditional Holy Communion**
- 10am** **Family service with Communion & Music**
After Morning Tea—Prayer Meeting in Chapel
- 2pm** **Afternoon Worship**
- 2pm** **Exploring the Christian Faith with Teenagers at The SHED**

KUMARA: 4pm Making Space (Rach & Evan)

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS




Paula & Bronwen S

CHURCH CLEANING



Tony & Margaret Woollett

CHURCH MOWING



Kelvin Ritchie

Last Weekend: Attendance: 80 Offertory: \$3,863 (Budget total needed: \$3,700)
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HOLY TRINITY Church

Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
15 September 2024
Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing

Theme: **Wisdom from God**

Sentence: **If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. (James 1:5)**

Readings: **Exodus 18:13-26 (p 94); Matthew 7:1-12 (p 1230)**

Prayer for the Day: **Lord, true wisdom comes from you. Help us to turn to you for wisdom and guidance, whenever we need it. Forgive us for when we look to other sources for wisdom, instead of you. Lead us by your Holy Spirit, that we would draw closer and closer to you. In the name of Jesus we pray, amen.**

Preacher: **Samara Ewan**

Theme for next weekend: How do we respond when God says something challenging?

Readings next weekend: Psalm 1; Mark 9:30-37

Preacher next weekend: Emily Holmes

SYNOD
Our grateful thanks to all those who have worked so hard to make the Nelson Diocese Synod (AGM) such a success.

Special thanks to Jenny Hole in organising all the catering, those who provided delicious baking, those who helped in the kitchen and served, (especially Henry) those who were involved in the setting up of the hall or putting everything away afterwards.

The clergy were also involved in many ways. Robin oversaw the practical organisation, Marge set up the complicated AV system in hall and organised the worship service on Thursday evening, and the morning and evening prayer times for synod, and Emily gave a lovely mihi at the service and served as the AV techy

throughout synod and assisting wherever required.

If you wish to hear the Bishop's Charge can view it on the recorded live stream on our YouTube channel via the link on the web page.

MARGE & ROBIN ON HOLIDAY
They are away from 17 September to 15 October. During that time they are thrilled to be able to leave Rev Emily Holmes as Priest-in-Charge for the period.

- IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**
- 2 Nov—Parish Revisioning Day
 - 9 Nov—Parish Fair
 - 22 Feb 2025—Relational Evangelism Seminar



Marge Writes

I want
to
give
my

personal and heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with synod in any way. This was truly a parish effort to provide a welcoming and

hospitable place for the business of the diocese to be done. Many people commented to me on what a wonderful facility we have, the delicious food, and the wonderful way in which they were served. Thank you, everyone. Thanks also to Samara for taking the preaching load today.

The theme of Synod was "There's a harvest in our basket". Synod moved a motion in response to the Bishop's charge for each parish to begin praying and planning for significant events from next Easter onwards that are intentionally reaching out with the Gospel into our communities. Watch this space!

Synod also sat with the sobering report of the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care and passed a motion with several parts that acknowledged with grief the abuse that occurred including in the Nelson diocese, put into place a number of measures to reduce the chance of it happening again, and committed to appropriate redress for the victims.

Robin and I leave you in Emily's capable hands for the next four weeks as we take a much needed break.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

Last weekend we pondered how we can identify and defeat the idols on our lives. Remember that an idol is anyone or anything that we look to other than God to full fill the core desires of our hearts.

Some questions that help us identify our idols are—

- What do I worry about most?
- When my world is rocked, where do I go for comfort?
- What preoccupies my mind?
- What keeps me going?
- What are my most extreme problem emotions (e.g. anger, cowardice, boredom, worry)?

The answers to these questions might reveal what has become an idol in our lives.

When we realise something has become an idol in our lives. we can defeat it by praying to God and naming the idol with words of regret and repentance (turning away from it), and then embracing with joy that Jesus is all we need for life and salvation.

If we try to defeat our idols by just trying harder to be "good", we will always fail. We must truly believe (trust) in the sufficiency of Christ to fulfill our needs. So, how's it going?

A PLEA FROM VOICE FOR LIFE

1. Please sign our petition to Repeal the 2020 Abortion Law (allowing babies to be killed up to and including at birth) Go to <http://voiceforlife.org.nz/> Select 'Get involved' and go to Abortion Petition.

2. Please sign the Petition to Repeal the End of Life Choice Act Law 2019 (Euthanasia) Go to righttolife.org.nz and click on Euthanasia. Closing date 30/9/2024. Both these petitions are very quick and easy to do online. Sadly paper copies are not available.

3. Take part in the Ministry of Health review on the End of Life Choice Act (Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide), closing 26 Sept 2024. Go to 'Family First - A Review of the End of Life Choice Act Survey' for very helpful information and access to the Min. of Health questionnaire. This will take more time but you might end up saving your own life!

4. Please pray fervently that the End of Life Choice Act will not be made worse than it presently is!

"BETSY" FOR SALE

For Sale. Nora Graves mobility scooter 'nickname' Betsy is for sale. Serviced annually by Y Mobility. Asking price \$7,000. (A new one would be \$18,000) Contact Christina 021 118 8138

ANOTHER BOOK REVIEW BY

JOANNA LORIMER

Streams in The Desert by L.B. Cowman

Mrs Cowman and her husband were extremely devoted, hardworking missionaries in Japan and China. They faced many trials and tribulations in their lives. When Mr Cowman developed heart problems they returned to the United States. Mrs Cowman took care of her husband until his death, six years later. Mrs Cowman remained dedicated

to serving the Lord for the rest of her days and wrote several books. Streams in The Desert was her first. In this devotional, Mrs Cowman has compiled scriptures, poems, hymns and writings from well known Christian writers.

If you feel like you are walking a dry and dusty desert road, just like the Children of Israel did, this devotional will provide you with life giving "streams in the desert." If you are feeling overwhelmed by trials and tribulations, this devotional will remind you of God's perspective. He is your loving Heavenly Father who will be with, whatever you are going through. He wants to prune you so you will be more fruitful. He wants to transform you into Christ's likeness.

Streams in The Desert is a daily devotional which was first published almost 100 years ago, and it is still relevant today. Look for it in our parish library.

HEALING ROOMS

The Cobden/Runanga parish are in the beginning stages of providing oversight of a Healing Room ministry. There will be a training day on 9 November at Cobden Anglican Church. Brochures with registration details are in the foyer.

BARNABAS AID SEMINAR

Richard Drury from Barnabas Aid will be in town to present a seminar on their work for the persecuted Church:

When: Saturday, 21st Sept, 2-4pm

Where: Cobden Anglican Church
40 Richmond St, Cobden

A koha will be taken to support the work of Barnabas Aid. A resource table will also be available.

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