

Monday 7.30pm Earthquake Strengthening Committee in Parish Centre
15 Jan

Wednesday 7.30am Clergy Day Off (this week only) Marge leaves for USA
17 Jan

Thursday 5.30pm Music Practice in the church
18 Jan

Sunday 1.30pm Walking group meet at church
21 Jan

Services Next Weekend 20 & 21 January 2018

SATURDAY:

6pm Communion (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

SUNDAY :

8am Holy Communion (Quiet & reflective, no music. Finishes by 8.50am)

10am Family Communion (Songs and hymns)

2pm Worship Service

6.30pm The Way Youth Service at The Shed 186 Main South Rd

KUMARA: 10am Extended Holy Communion



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
13 & 14 January 2018**

***Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus***

Theme for this weekend: Being a Disciple—Listening & Obeying
Readings for next weekend: 1 Samuel 3:1-21 (p 347) ; John 1:29-51 (p 1363)

Prayer for the Day: God of call and vocation, you call the greatest and the least to follow you; open our ears to hear your call, empower us by the Holy Spirit to respond and willingly embrace the new and living way of discipleship. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Lessons from Philipians Part 1:
Is living the best life there is??

Readings for next weekend: Philipians 1:21-27; John 3:16-17

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

We need about **EIGHT** more folk willing to clean the church, foyer and chapel about five times a year. We tend to work in pairs, with one doing the vacuuming, and the other dusting, tidying and cleaning windows. **Chat to Marge, Robin or Nicky** if you might consider joining the team.

CHURCH LAWMOWERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in assisting with the mowing of the church lawns 4-5 times a year, please **chat to Marge, Robin, or Nicky**. Ideally, we would like to increase our roster by five.

MUSICIANS & SINGERS WANTED

The Kahurangi unit at the hospital is looking for volunteers to sing and/or play for the residents on a somewhat regular basis. If you would be interested in joining Marge or doing something on your own, please chat to Marge about details.

Prayer Requests to: Ngaire Fisher 768 6505

MOWING



Roger
Lavers

CLEANING



Danny
Cattell &
Helen
Murdoch

FLOWERS



Jane
Nimmo

CRÈCHE



Parents

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

We offer our sincere sympathies to **Merryn Kearns** (member of our 10AM congregation) on the passing of her dad, Steve Radics, this past week over in Rangiora. A number of long serving parishioners may remember him and Eleanor Radics when they were living in Hokitika and Merryn's brother, Neil, ran the buses here in Greymouth.

Our deepest sympathies too, to **David Huddle**, whose mother passed away in Christchurch. David worshipped at the 8am service with us for a few years until shifting to Christchurch about 4 years ago.

WELCOME BACK TO NICKY HAWES

It is great to have Nicky back in the office again from Monday to assist with administration, queries, bookings and generally help the parish run smoothly.

COLLEEN STRAKER

On Friday Colleen Straker (formerly a member of our 10AM congregation and Kids 'n' Coffee helper) shifted from Dixon House to the Allen Bryant Rest Home in Hokitika. She had been in Grey Hospital for a spell and it became clear she needed continuous hospital care. Her son and daughter-in-law live in Hokitika. Please hold her in your prayers especially that she will settle easily into her new home with its layout and routines. She would be very appreciative of visits from Greymouth friends if and when you might be in Hokitika.

MARGE AWAY

Marge will be leaving on Wednesday to visit her mum in the USA returning on Feb 5th. Robin will be remaining in Greymouth as Priest-in-Charge.

Last Week: Attendance: 93 Offertory: \$ 3166 (Total needed: \$3700)
Total Earthquake funds received up to end of November 2017: \$176,455
Earthquake donations received in November 2017: \$3,235
Note: Earthquake Funds received in December will be reported by late January



Marge Writes

One of my favourite Bible passages is found in the first half of Ezekiel 47. It describes a stream flowing from under the entrance of a future temple in Jerusalem out through the east gate and continuing east until it reaches the Jordan River valley and empties into the Dead Sea. The stream begins as a trickle then becomes ankle deep then knee deep then waist deep and finally becomes a river above the prophet's head. Everywhere the river went it brought healing and life.

Some years ago Stephen Curtis Chapman wrote a song called "Dive" that must have been inspired by this passage. Its been running around in my head for the past several months. I heard it again on Southern Star radio this week and I looked up the words and bought a copy of the song on iTunes. I believe this is my personal theme passage and theme song for this year. For sometime I've been feeling a gentle drawing from the Lord into a deeper place with Him in relationship, in transformation, and in mission, but it's scary. Maybe you have been sensing something, too. The question is, will we take the plunge of faith and dive into the deep of whatever God has for us believing His promise that there we will find life?

Like the magi who came to worship the toddler Jesus we studied last week, may we step out in faith to whatever God has for us in 2018. The lyrics of "Dive" are printed here for you. Check it out on YouTube or iTunes.

The long awaited rains
Have fallen hard upon the thirsty ground
They've carved their way to where
The wild and rushing river can be found
And like the rain
I have been carried here to where the river
flows - yeah

My heart is racing
And my knees are weak as I walk to the edge
I know there is no turning back
Once my feet have left the ledge
And in the rush I hear a voice
That's telling me it's time
To take the leap of faith
So here I go

*I'm diving in I'm going deep
In over my head I wanna be
Caught in the rush lost in the flow
In over my head I wanna go
The river's deep the river's wide
The river's water is alive
So sink or swim I'm diving in.*

There is a supernat'ral power
In this mighty river's flow
It can bring the dead to life
And it can fill an empty soul
And give our heart the only thing
Worth living and worth dying for - yeah
But we will never know
The awesome power of the grace of God
Until we let ourselves get swept away
Into this holy flood
So if you take my hand
We'll close our eyes and count to three
And take the leap of faith
Come on let's go

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LADIES LUXURY RETREAT

Ladies, would you like a weekend away in March, staying in luxury accommodation, with all your meals cooked and dishes done for you? Add to that the wonderful company of other like-minded women and great teaching sessions with an excellent speaker, and you have an opportunity not to be missed! CWCI's annual Retreat will be held at Methven Lodge from 9-11 March. **Registrations close THIS MONDAY 15th January** so you need to think about it now. Registration info is available in the foyer in the NewZlink magazines. Please help yourself to a copy.

MOTION 29

Bishop Richard has asked each parish to facilitate respectful conversations regarding a proposal coming before General Synod in May 2018. The proposal is the result of Motion 29 at General Synod 2016 that established a working group to explore a structure that would allow those who believed it was right to bless couples in same sex relationships and those who believed it was not right to remain united in the same current Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Vestry decided that the best way was to hold these discussions within home groups and other gatherings for those not in home groups. The dates of these discussions will be in next week's newsletter.

2018 PARISH CALENDAR

These dates are worth noting in your diaries if they might affect you:

Tuesday 6 Feb

Waitangi Day Community Picnic

Wednesday 14 Feb—Ash Wednesday

12.10pm Ecumenical service at St Patrick's Church

7pm Service in Holy Trinity Church

Saturday 10 March

Special one day Nelson Synod to discuss Motion 29

Thursday 29 March

Maundy Thursday Reflection at 7:30pm

Friday 30 March

Good Friday Services at 10AM & 2pm

Saturday/Sunday 31 March - 1 April

Easter Services at normal service times

Saturday 7 April at 9:30am

Ladies Guild mini-fair and garage sale

Thursday 12 April

Parish AGM at 7.30pm

Wednesday 2 May

Alpha Dessert Evening at 7.30pm

Wednesday 16 May

Alpha Begins

Saturday 7 July

Men's Quiz Night 7:30pm

Friday & Saturday 3/4 August

Promise Keepers in Christchurch

Thursday-Saturday 9-11 August

Nelson Diocesan Synod

Friday 14 September

Ladies Guild Fun Night

Saturday 10 November

Parish FAIR

Wednesday 5 December 7pm

Community Carols in the Regent Theatre

Saturday & Sunday 8/9 December

Bishop Richard at all services

Sunday 16 December

10AM Children's Nativity Play

10AM 5 Lessons & Carols at Kumara

7pm Nine Lessons and Carols