

Tuesday
23 Jan 9.15am Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St

Wednesday
24 Jan 7.30pm Robin's Home Group in Parish Centre

Thursday
25 Jan 5.30pm Music Practice in the church
6.30pm Vestry dinner & meeting at Roy's, 22 Parfitt Place

Sunday
28 Jan 1.30pm Walking group meet at church

Services Next Weekend 27 & 28 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 Morning Worship

PAINTING OF VERANDA AND BACK STEPS OF HALL & CHOIR ROOM

Our grateful thanks to Andrew Millar, Dave Lankshear and Robin Kingston for the hard work put into freshening up the area. We are also experimenting with painting the edge of the tiles by the three sets of steps leading to the veranda. We have only painted the top step to test it.

We have been concerned for some time about the danger of the steps for those whose sight is limited, and also for all of us coming out of church on a dark or wet night. Our hope is that we have found a solution.

HOME GROUP ON MARK'S GOSPEL

Robin's group is studying Mark's Gospel, and they are very happy for any others to come and join them, especially over the next two or

three weeks before some of the other groups get under way.


We meet at 7.30pm on a Wednesday evening in the Parish Centre. No great knowledge of the Bible is required, just a desire to learn and see what God might be saying to us.


VESTRY AGENDA THIS THURSDAY


This includes


- Hall flooring
- Church carpet
- Painting of portions of inside of church
- Accountability reports
- Heating in church
- Asbestos contamination report
- Finances
- A few other items

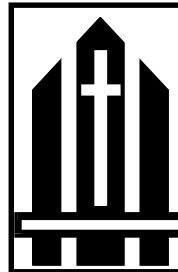
Prayer Requests to: Ngaire Fisher 768 6505

MOWING
 Jim Findlay

CLEANING
 Dot & Norm Wilkins

FLOWERS
 Jeanette, Rose, Barbara

CRÈCHE
 Parents



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
20 & 21 January 2018**

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

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

Readings for this weekend: Philippians 1:21-27 (p.1524);
John 3:16-17 (p.1366)

Prayer for the Day: Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you overcame death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

Theme for next weekend: How to live in harmony.
Readings for next weekend: Philippians 2:1-4; John 17:20-21

MARGE AWAY

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

HELEN MURDOCH

One of our faithful 10am parishioners, Helen, has moved permanently to Granger House. We will miss her very much. She has so enjoyed being part of the church family, and always looked forward to shaking as many hands as possible each Sunday morning. We will also miss her role as a church cleaner and also helping out on the raffle table for the Fair each year. She is looking forward to the monthly church service we hold at Granger House every 2nd Wednesday at 11am.

FLOWER/MOWING/CLEANING ROSTERS

Would those people who are on the flower roster, lawn mowing roster or the church cleaning roster, please collect your new named roster from the foyer. Thank you.

The church cleaning and lawn mowing rosters are just for six months, in case others decide to offer to join the teams. As an experiment, the church cleaning is now once a fortnight.

TAONGA MAGAZINE

A new edition of the Anglican Taonga magazine is available in the foyer. Please help yourself.

AMB PRAYER PARTNERS 2018

The 2018 edition of the Anglican Missions Partners in Prayer booklets are available in the foyer.

Last Week: Attendance: 160 Offeritory: \$ 3382 (Total needed: \$3700)
Total Earthquake funds received up to end of December 2017: \$179,395
Earthquake donations received in December 2017: \$2,940
Note: Earthquake Funds received in January will be reported by mid February



Robin Writes

Marge has arrived safely in USA and it is very timely that she is with her Mom. In the last two days her Mom experienced a couple of small turns, and Marge was able to be there to help and determine the likely cause. This will be of real value to her Mom and to the other members of the family.

This week I am starting a series of seven sermons from the Book of Philippians. A couple of these will probably be preached by Marge. To assist those who are planning services, the topics are as follows:

- 27/28 Jan:** Phil 2:1-4 How to live in harmony.
- 3/4 Feb:** Phil: 2:5-11 Humility of Jesus
- 10/11 Feb:** Phil 2:12-18 Shining lights in the world.
- 17/18 Feb:** Phil 3:12-16 Running towards the goal—what goal?
- 24/25 Feb:** Phil 4:4-9 How to live a full life
- 3/4 March:** Phil 4:10-19 The power of generosity.

Marge sends her love and greetings to you all.

Love and blessings in Christ, Robin

HOW'S IT GOING?

The Old Testament story of the young boy Samuel learning to hear God's voice and obeying what he said is a great lesson in discipleship (1 Samuel 3). Young Samuel was the old priest Eli's apprentice. One night the Lord called out to Samuel, but Samuel thought it was Eli. In time Eli realised that it was the Lord who was calling Samuel and instructed him on how to respond if he heard the voice again.

So when the Lord called his name again, Samuel replied, "I'm listening, Lord. What do you want me to do?" That's the first step in discipleship - listening to what the Lord is saying.

The second step is obeying. After Samuel heard the Lord he had to decide what he was going to do. He was afraid, but in the end obeyed and that set up a lifetime of being God's prophet to the people of Israel.

A couple of months ago I introduced the two key questions of discipleship:

- 1. What is the Lord saying?**
- 2. What am I going to do about it?**

We must both "hear" the Lord (through Scripture, prayer, song, conversation, etc) AND obey if we are going to be true disciples of Jesus (John 8:31).

When Jesus invited people to be his disciples (e.g. John 1:35-51) he invited them to follow him, come and see how he did life, stay with him. In the same way, we are called to engage with people in such a way that they see what it means to live a life of listening to and obeying the Lord.

What do people see when they watch our lives? So, how's it going?

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.

IN EACH CASE BOTH MEETINGS ARE IMPORTANT. We hope folk can attend both.

12 Feb & 26 Feb at 7.30pm
Trevor's Group at the **Parish Centre**

13 Feb & 27 Feb at 7.30pm
Samara's, Marjorie's, Hawes' & Young Adults in the **Church Lounge**

14 Feb & 28 Feb at 7.30pm
Lavers' Group, Menz Group and Robin's Group in the **Parish Centre**

16 Feb & 23 Feb at 11am
Dot & Dave's Group at **17 Westvale Drive**

19 Feb & 5 March at 7.30pm
David & Tricia's Group and Listers' Group in the **Parish Centre**

20 Feb & 6 March at 10.30am
Joyce's Group in the **Parish Centre**

21 Feb & 28 Feb at 10am
Diana's Group in the **Parish Centre**

An Open Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 15 February and 1 March in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm

This meeting is for anyone who is not in a Home Group, so that everyone has an opportunity to be involved in these discussions.

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

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