

Monday 12 Feb	<i>Clergy day off</i> 3pm 7.30pm	Crossroads Dance Trevor's Home Group to discuss Motion 29 in Parish Centre
Tuesday 13 Feb	9.15am 3om 7.30pm	Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St Crossroads Dance Samara's, Marjorie's, Hawes' & Young Adults Home Groups join together to discuss Motion 29 in Church Lounge
Wednesday 14 Feb	10am 10am 11am 12.10pm 3pm 7pm 7.30pm	Wednesday Women in Parish Centre Dixon House Communion Service (Robin) Granger House Communion Service (Robin) ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT ST PATRICK'S Crossroads Dance ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT HOLY TRINITY Lavers', Menz & Robin's Home Groups join together to discuss Motion 29 in Parish Centre
Thursday 15 Feb	3pm 5.30pm 7.30pm	Crossroads Dance Music Practice in the church Open Parish Meeting to discuss Motion 29 in Parish Centre (Especially for those not in a home group who wish to be informed)
Friday 16 Feb	10am 11am 3pm 7pm	Kids n Coffee in Trinity Complex Dot & Dave's Morning Group at 17 Westvale Drive Crossroads Dance The Shed Youth Group, 186 Main South Rd
Sunday 18 Feb	1.30pm	Walking group meet at church

Services Next Weekend 17 & 18 February 2018

SATURDAY:

6pm Communion (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

SUNDAY :

8am Holy Communion (Quiet & reflective, no music. Finishes by 8.50am)
9.55am OASIS in Trinity Centre (7-11yr olds) & Sunday School (4-7yr olds)
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

Prayer Requests to: Ngaire Fisher 768 6505

MOWING



Kelvin
Ritchie

CLEANING



Danny
Cattell &
Dave
Lankshear

FLOWERS



Paula &
Liz

CRÈCHE



Parents



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
10 & 11 February 2018
Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus

Theme for this weekend: Lessons from Philippians Part 4:
Shining Lights in the World

Readings for this weekend:
Philippians 2:12-18 (p.1525); Matthew 5:13-16 (p.1226)

Prayer for the Day: Dear God, help us work out and live into our salvation by your grace and your love, that we may love others, commit ourselves to all that is good, and shine with your light wherever there is darkness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Lessons from Philippians Part 5:
Running towards the Goal

Readings for next weekend: Philippians 3:12-16; Luke 9:1-6

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES—FEB 14

12.10pm This is the annual ecumenical service and is being held this year at St Patrick's to which all parishioners are invited to attend.

7pm at Holy Trinity. This will be a short, half hour service particularly for those who are unable to attend the service earlier in the day.

SUBMISSION ON EUTHANASIA BILL

Robin prepared a submission on this bill, the full text of which was in last week's newsletter, If you are happy with it, and agree, then please sign your name and address on the sheet in the foyer. The submission will be posted about Wednesday, 14 February. Please see the item on page 3 of this newsletter

regarding what euthanasia is and is not in response to some questions raised by parishioners last weekend.

WORD FOR TODAY

The latest edition of this devotional booklet is available in the foyer. Please help yourself. A gold coin donation in the offering would be appreciated to help cover costs.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the annual event will be on **Friday, 2 March at 7pm** in Holy Trinity Church. Everyone is invited to attend. The service has been prepared by the ladies in Suriname, a small country at the top of South America.

Last Week: Attendance: 100 Offertory: \$2,802 (Total needed: \$3700)
 Total Earthquake funds received up to end of January 2018: \$182,365
 Earthquake donations received in January 2018: \$2,970
 Note: Earthquake Funds received in February will be reported by mid March



Marge Writes

All of you who have or are journeying with aging parents will

understand how grateful I was to have the time with my mother over the last few weeks. Mum was also grateful and sends her greetings to you all. My thanks to Robin for covering for me while I was away. He kept me up to speed with pastoral matters and the aftermath of the storm and I kept up with my emails so it hasn't been too difficult slipping back into parish life this week. Staying awake at times was another matter, but the jet-lag is now gone. For the time being I anticipate visiting Mum twice a year. Next visit is planned for July.

The season of Lent begins this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) and lasts until Easter. It is the time in the year when we particularly remember the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness and emerged victorious over temptation to begin his amazing ministry. Traditionally, the Lenten season is dedicated to prayer, fasting and giving to the poor though these disciplines can be practised anytime. Unfortunately, sometimes the focus is on our will power to fast from chocolate or ice cream or caffeine or alcohol, or social media, etc instead of cooperating with the Holy Spirit to permanently change us to be more like Christ. Physical discipline is good, but may I encourage you to also ponder, "What does the Lord want to change in me?" and "How am I going to cooperate with him?"

With love and blessings, *Marge*

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HOW'S IT GOING?

Paul write that the heart of a servant is what is required in order to have good relationships within a church or between denominations. To know what an ideal servant is, be like Jesus!

He always has the nature of God. He is true God, whether in heaven or on earth. However, when He came to earth from the moment of His conception He took on total humanity and kept His nature as God hidden. All the gifts He used on earth, teaching, miracles, healing and talking to the Father, are gifts that we, as Christians, can exercise also.

To understand how Jesus is God and human at the same time, we considered John Griffin. In 1959, using drugs and skin dye, he became the colour of a negro. In that form he toured the southern states of USA where segregation was strong. He experienced the way in which the negro people were looked down on, rudely treated, ways in which their life was difficult.

He did this for 6 weeks, keeping his whiteness hidden. He was truly white, but became black in order to experience that way of life. That is a small illustration, imperfect of course, of how Jesus was truly God and truly man at the same time.

In this dramatic example of humility He showed us how to be a servant at heart.

That is our challenge. We are to have a servant heart, wanting to do whatever God wants of us, however difficult or inconvenient.

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**

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**

23 Feb & 1 March at 11am

Dot & Dave's Group at **17 Westvale Drive**

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.

WHAT EUTHANASIA IS AND IS NOT

In response to some questions from parishioners last weekend, we make the following comments:

Euthanasia is the deliberate ending of life for someone who believes they have good cause to request it.

Two areas that are **NOT** euthanasia are:

1. When people have been diagnosed with a terminal illness and are in pain. In those situations the main concern is pain relief. This is often accomplished by using a strong drug such as morphine. This makes life more bearable, but a side effect is that it can sometimes slightly shorten the life span. The AIM is to lessen the pain, **NOT** to end the life. Such treatment is **NOT** euthanasia. It is not deliberately ending a life.

2. When a person is on life support, and is being artificially kept alive, there comes a time when there seems no hope for any recovery. Turning off the life support so that the body dies naturally is **NOT** euthanasia. It is allowing the body to die naturally.

2018 LENTEN APPEAL

Giving to the needy is one of the disciplines that many in the church engage with during Lent. Envelopes for this year's Anglican Missions Board Lenten Appeal are included with this newsletter. If you wish to contribute, please use the envelope and place into the offering bag anytime up to Easter. The three projects being supported this year are—

1. **Savior Evangelical School** serving vulnerable and needy children from poor and marginalised communities in Jordan.
2. **Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation** serving the needs of vulnerable children with disabilities in a very poor region of Uganda.
3. **Arab Episcopal School** serving blind and visually-impaired children through education in Jordan.

You may distribute your gift between these projects in any manner you wish. Simply mark the envelope where indicated.