

Monday 12 Mar	<i>Clergy day off</i> 3pm Crossroads Dance 7pm Trevor's Home Group in Quiet Room
Tuesday 13 Mar	6:30am Prayer regarding Motion 29 in Chapel (ends at 6:45am) 9:15am Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St 3pm Crossroads Dance <b>6:30pm Marge's Young Adults at 35 Karoro PI</b> 7pm Hawes' Home Group at 57 Doyle St <b>7pm Samara's Home Group in Parish Centre</b> 7:30pm Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St
Wednesday 14 Mar	10am Wednesday Women in Parish Centre <b>10am Dixon House Communion Service (Marge)</b> <b>11am Granger House Communion Service (Marge)</b> 3pm Crossroads Dance 7:15pm Lavers' Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd 7:30pm Robin's Home Group in Parish Centre
Thursday 15 Mar	6:30am Prayer regarding Motion 29 in Chapel (ends at 6:45am) <b>12.30pm Ministers Association lunch at St Patrick's Church</b> 3pm Crossroads Dance 5:45pm Music Practice in the church
Friday 16 Mar	10am Kids n Coffee in Trinity Complex 11am Dot & Dave's Morning Group at 17 Westvale Dr 3pm Crossroads Dance 7pm The Shed Youth Group, 186 Main South Rd
Sunday 18 Mar	1.30pm Walking group meet at church for Goldsbrough Track

**Services Next Weekend 17 & 18 March 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**  
**6.30pm The Way Youth Service at The Shed 186 Main South Rd**

**Prayer Requests to:** Ngaire Fisher 768 6505

**MOWING**  
 Jim Findlay

**CLEANING**  
 Bronwen Skates & Peter Wetherall

**FLOWERS**  
 Val & Carol

**CRÈCHE**  
 Parents



## Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara

### 10 & 11 March 2018

*Blessed to be a Blessing  
Growing Disciples of Jesus*

**Theme for this weekend:** Pleasing Jesus

**Readings for this weekend:**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (p.219); John 10:10 (p.1381)

**Prayer for the Day: Loving God, create in us a childlike love, full of forgiveness, joy and self control so we may act in accordance with your word through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: And All other Benefits of His Passion

Readings for next weekend: Numbers 21:5-9; John 3:11-21

**AGM REPORTS**

Please could all those in charge of various ministries and groups get your 2017 reports to Nicky in the Parish Office so that the AGM Report booklet can be prepared. These can be emailed or hand written and dropped off.

**TRASH N TREASURE WANTED**

Our mini-Fair is coming up in 3 weeks time, Sat 7th April. If you have any goods you would like to donate to the garage sale (proceeds go to support the Johnson family in Taiwan), please leave in the Parish Centre garage.

**DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

We offer our sincere sympathies to Lewis, Gavin, Denise, Averill, Naomi, Roger, Lauree and all the extended family of **Ivy Riley**, whose funeral we held here on Wednesday.

Ivy has been a long time member of this parish right from when she taught Sunday

School at St Andrews Church, Blaketown. She was part of the first Bethel course in 1990/1 sitting the tests and exams etc. As a result of this she then started a Home Group at her house. It soon moved to Alan Cohen's home because of the number of animals that wished to participate as well!

Ivy longed to see people come to know the Lord, and held a Bible Study on a Sunday afternoon at her home specially for the grandchildren. Ivy also had a heart for prayer and for healing. Our grateful thanks to Mary Thomas who took her home communion and Marjorie Newcombe who faithfully visited and kept in touch.

**SPECIAL NELSON SYNOD**

Your five representatives, Jacquie Jones, Trevor Morrison, Libby Truman, Robin and Marge were in Nelson all day this Saturday, 10th March. Our thanks to Eric and Diana Fensom for ministering this 6pm Saturday.

Last Week: Attendance: 134 Offertory: \$ 2,785 (Total needed: \$3,200)  
 Total Earthquake funds received up to end of February 2018: \$184,940  
 Earthquake donations received in February 2018: \$2,575  
 Note: Earthquake Funds received in March will be reported by mid April



## Marge Writes

Thank you to everyone who participated in the parish discussions on the recommendations of the Motion 29 Report. 67 people participated in the voting with varying degrees of certainty.

### As regards the Motion 29 Report, the parish results are as follows:

73.1% supported the Motion 29 Report  
19.4% opposed the Motion 29 Report  
7.5% were unsure

### As regards advising General Synod that this diocese will investigate whether or not it can remain part of the voluntary compact that is the Provincial Church should the Motion 29 Report fail and the Motion 30 Report be back before General Synod, the parish results are as follows:

75.7% supported advising  
7.6% opposed advising  
16.7% were unsure

### The question regarding the Motion 30 Report was awkwardly worded for which I apologize. It is possible that the wording may have confused some people in selecting their answer. However, the parish results are:

75.4% opposed the Motion 30 Report  
16.4% supported the Motion 30 Report  
8.2% were unsure

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Parish Health Advisor: Marjorie Newcombe, Ph/Fax 03 768 7299

Kumara Verger: Joe Payn 736 9960, Sharing Shed: Nancy Holman 768 7704

By the time you read this our special diocesan synod will be over. I will report the results next week. Please continue to pray for the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia as representatives prepare to gather for General Synod in New Plymouth on 4-11 May for the final decision on the Motion 29 Report.

The Scriptures are full of seemingly opposite truths that we must learn to hold in tension (e.g. judgment & mercy; suffering & blessing). This past month, as we have wrestled with the Motion 29 Report, we have felt strongly the Scripture's call to holiness and also it's call to unity with other Christians—even those with whom we disagree. I am proud of the way you have felt the tension as you wrestled with the issues and respected one another throughout the debate.

Regardless of where we each finally landed on the questions put before us, may we all be humbly mindful of our own failings and grateful for our Saviour—our Lord Jesus Christ. May we all renew our commitment—

To endeavour to live holy lives according to Holy Scripture by the power of the Holy Spirit.

With love and blessings,

*Marge*

## ELECTORAL ROLL & AGM

**Our AGM is on Thursday 12th April at 7.30pm** in the Trinity Lounge. In order to stand for an office or vote at the AGM and any other special parish meetings that are held, you must be on the Parish Electoral Roll. The current roll is posted on the foyer notice board. If you are not currently on the Roll and wish to be, provided you are baptised and have been worshipping with us for at least 4 months, please fill in a yellow form which is available in the foyer and hand to one of the clergy or Nicky by Sun 8 April.

## NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination forms for Vestry Members and People's Warden are in the foyer. **Nominations close on Wednesday, 4 April.** Elections will be held at our AGM on Thursday, April 12 for the following roles:

**Vestry** (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.

**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 commitment as well.

Please prayerfully consider who you might nominate for these offices.

## 2018 LENTEN APPEAL

Giving to the needy is one of the disciplines that many in the church engage with during Lent. If you wish to contribute, please use the green and white Lenten Appeal envelope and place into the offering bag anytime up to Easter.

## PRAYER FOR MOTION 29 DISCUSSIONS

For the next few weeks there will be prayer in the chapel at 6.30am for about 15 minutes on two days each week:

**Tuesday 6.30am in the Chapel**  
**Thursday 6.30am in the Chapel**

We are all encouraged to find some time to pray for the discussions, the General Synod meeting that begins 4 May. This can be at any time, on your own or with others.

## KUMARA CHURCH SERVICES

The Kumara parishioners have decided that they will experiment with a once monthly service to be reviewed in June.

**They will meet on the 1st Sunday of each month at 10am for Communion.**

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

On **Saturday 17 March**, Elim will be hosting a Men's Breakfast at the New Life Church in Leonard St. Begins 8am. Cost \$10pp. RSVP to Henry Lawrence 021 048 7530 or 768 6844 by 15 March.

## GRANTS RECEIVED

We are grateful to have received 2 grants from the Diocese: \$1,980 from the OPMF towards our Elder Care ministry, and \$5,000 Diocesan Contribution towards Nicki Mora's Youth Salary and travel.

## ROBIN AWAY NEXT WEEKEND

Robin is leading a training seminar on Friday evening and Saturday, 16/17 March at the Spring Creek Parish near Blenheim. He will stay on for Sunday where he is preaching on healing.

## HOW'S IT GOING?

True contentment is wanting what you have and holding what you have loosely. The Apostle Paul learned the secret of being content in every circumstance. And what is that secret? Knowing that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".

Knowing how to be content/satisfied with what we have means we do not have to cling to what we have. We are free to give to others who are in need as the Lord leads us because we know how to be satisfied with what we have.

Interestingly, as we learn the secret of true contentment and the joy of giving, the Lord in turn meets our needs "according to his riches in Christ Jesus."

In a world full of insatiable appetites, we can be content.

In a world full of need, we can be generous.

In a world full of a sense of entitlement we can humbly and thankfully receive gifts.

So, how's it going?