

Monday 26 Mar	<i>Clergy day off</i>	
	3pm	Crossroads Dance
	7pm	Trevor's Home Group in Quiet Room
	7pm	Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd
Tuesday 27 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
	5:30pm!!	Ladies Fellowship Group Dinner in Parish Centre
	7pm	Hawes' Home Group at 57 Doyle St
	7.30pm	Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St
Wednesday 28 Mar	10am	Wednesday Women in Parish Centre
	11am	Hospital Service (Marge)
	2pm	Cobden AAW at Cobden Church
	3pm	Crossroads Dance
	6:30pm	Marge's Young Adults Group (35 Karoro Pl)
	7.15pm	Lavers' Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd
	NO!!	Robin's Home Group
Thursday 29 Mar	6:30am	Prayer regarding Motion 29 in Chapel (ends at 6:45am)
	3pm	Crossroads Dance
	NO!!!	Soul Food
	5pm!!	Music Practice for 10am Good Friday Service in the church
	5.30pm!!	Music Practice for 10am Easter Sunday in the church
	6:15pm!!	Music Practice for 2pm Good Friday Service in the church
	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 30 Mar	<i>Good Friday</i>	
	10am	Good Friday Family Service
	2pm	Good Friday Adult Service
Sunday 1 Apr	1.30pm	Walking group meet at church for Coal Creek Falls walk

Services Next Weekend 31 March & 1 April 2018 *Easter*

SATURDAY:

6pm Communion (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

SUNDAY:

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

10am Easter Family Service

2pm Holy Communion

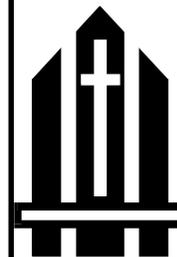
KUMARA: 10AM Easter Celebration with Extended Holy Communion

WALKING GROUP

This **Sunday, 25th March**, the Walking Group will be going for a walk at **Punakaiki**.
On **April 1st, Easter Sunday**, the Walking Group will be doing the **Coal Creek Falls** walk.
Everyone is welcome. If you are visiting and would like to come along, we'd love to have you.
Meet at the church at 1.30pm to car pool. Enquiries: contact Lewis 768 9434

Prayer Requests to: Ngaire Fisher 768 6505

MOWING  Tony Woollett	CLEANING  Tony & Margaret Woollett	FLOWERS  Jane	CRÈCHE  Parents
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**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
24 & 25 March 2018**

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

Theme for this weekend: Palmy Days

Readings for this weekend: 1 John 1:5-10 (p.1591); John 12:12-19 (p.1385)

Prayer for the Day:

**Lord Jesus,
acclaimed as King,
crucified as a criminal,
teach us to accept our sufferings and triumphs
for your glory alone. Amen**

Theme for next weekend: The Challenge and Grace of the Resurrection

Readings for next weekend: 1 Corinthians 15:12-26; Mark 16:1-8

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday 7pm

This service will focus on the night before Jesus died. This communion service is a thoughtful way of preparing for Good Friday. This year's theme is "Betrayal."

Good Friday 10am

This family service has something for everyone, and enables us to reflect on the meaning of the death of Jesus on the cross, and what it means for us today. Several of our high school members are taking leads in the service. It will be special. Morning Tea with hot cross buns after the service!

Good Friday 2pm

This is a service specially designed for adults to reflect on Jesus on the cross.

Saturday 6pm

We will celebrate the risen Lord in this communion service.

Sunday 8am

This is our traditional 1662 service with one or two hymns to celebrate the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday 10am

This family service has plenty to keep children involved, as well as ensuring that we truly celebrate the risen Lord. The Crossroads Dance Group will also present a beautiful Easter dance.

Sunday 2pm

This communion service with hymns will focus on the risen Lord.

Do take the time this week to remember our Lord Jesus Christ's passion and resurrection. It is because of both these that we can know the joy of sins forgiven, life everlasting and friendship with God. It's worth remembering and celebrating.

Last Week: Attendance: 119 Offertory: \$ 3,160 (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 Robin and I extend our gratitude to David Hastings for taking the services this weekend so that we can attend the wedding of Robin's nephew in Motueka.

This weekend we join with Christians throughout the world to focus on Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as shouts of "Hosanna" ring in his ears and palm branches wave before his eyes and the people of Jerusalem welcome him as king. By the end of this week we will watch as friends betray, deny and abandon him, enemies taunt and torture him, and soldiers crucify him. And then, next weekend we will experience again the joy of his resurrection and the defeat of sin and death.

I encourage you to make time to remember the events of Holy Week and their implications for you. We have a number of special services designed to help you journey to Easter and I draw your attention to the descriptions on the front of this newsletter. I am particularly thrilled at the enthusiastic response of a number of our young people to assist with this year's 10AM Good Friday service.

May you be overwhelmed all over again at God's amazing love and grace for you.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

P.S. Thank you for your many expressions of concern and prayers for my mom. Things were improving, but now seem to have regressed. It is looking more likely I will be making a trip back relatively soon.

HOW'S IT GOING?

When the Israelites sinned and God allowed venomous snakes into the camp, Moses was instructed to put a bronze serpent on a pole and instruct the people to look at it if they were bit so they could be healed and live. To look at the bronze serpent was to acknowledge one's sin and to receive mercy.

So, too, Jesus' being lifted up on the cross shows us the extent of our sin, the fate we deserve, and the depth of God's love for us. As we have faith in Jesus we are healed from our sin-sickness and have eternal life.

The gift of eternal life includes forgiveness, power to overcome temptation, peace in any circumstance, healing, the capability to love as God loves, the fruit and gifts of the Spirit, courage....the list goes on and on. May we be open to receive all the benefits of our Lord's passion. So, how's it going?

**MINI FAIR SATURDAY 7 APRIL
DONATIONS OF
BAKING, PRODUCE AND PRESERVES
ARE MOST NEEDED.**

*Please drop these off
to the Parish Centre beforehand
or on Friday afternoon
6th April to the church kitchen.*

Donations for the Garage Sale of the following items will also be much appreciated:
Books, Kitchenware, Household goods
Items can be placed inside the Parish Centre Garage or by the Parish Centre front door.

Please NO Clothing
Anyone wishing to assist with the Garage Sale on the day, please see Robin.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Those of you who use the offertory envelope system may collect your new set of envelopes from the foyer. This is a good time to think about one's giving. Some have found moving to an automatic payment very helpful, rather than having to put an envelope in every week.

For those not on either the envelope scheme or an automatic payment, you may want to consider this. At present the New Zealand government very generously gives back one third of all donations to church work if it is recorded through one of those two methods mentioned. This generosity means that you get a significant refund each year about the end of May.

By the end of April we will put out the annual receipts. If you don't know how to claim the one third back from Inland Revenue, do chat to Robin. The form is very simple, and it does not need any of your details about your earnings. It is purely a form asking for any donations you have given for which you have receipts from registered charity groups.

**SOULFOOD
NO MEETING THIS WEEK!!**

Feel free to join in with the Maundy Thursday service at the church at 7pm.

Soul Food will resume on 5th April with dinner at Marge & Robin's (35 Karoro Pl) at 5:45pm for a 6pm meal and then teaching time.

Queries to Corraliegh Dodd (Ph: 768 4234 or 027 364 8524).

All high school students welcome.

EASTER CAMP

Please pray for all of the students and helpers who will be attending Easter Camp next weekend. They leave on Thursday and return on Easter Monday.

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.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP SPECIAL

This Tuesday, 27th March at 5:30pm in the Parish Centre, the Ladies Afternoon Fellowship Group will have a shared dinner. The theme is "Green" so catch the Irish spirit and join in the fun! **This is in place of our usual afternoon meeting** so that those who work during the day can join in.

Just a reminder:

- Joy, Mary T, Betty** to bring **MAINS**
- Nora, Val** to bring **SALAD**
- Rose** to bring **BREAD**
- Nora** to bring **POTATOES**
- Pat, Janet, Carol** to bring **DESSERT**

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