

Monday 16 Apr	1-3pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	<i>Clergy day off</i> <i>School Holidays week 1</i> <b>Elder CARE afternoon tea in Trinity Lounge</b> <b>Tricia &amp; David's Home Group, 359 Main South Rd</b> <b>Lister's Home Group, 5 Ida St</b>
Tuesday 17 Apr	6:30am 9.15am 10.30am	Prayer regarding Motion 29 in Chapel (ends at 6:45am) Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St <b>Joyce's Group in the Parish Centre</b>
Wednesday 18 Apr	11am 7.30pm	Hospital service in Kahurangi Unit (Robin) <b>Robin's Home Group in Parish Centre</b>
Thursday 19 Apr	12.30pm 5.45pm	Ministers' Association meeting in Uniting Church Music Practice for 10am service
Friday 20 Apr		
Sunday 22 Apr	1.30pm	Walking group meet at church to car pool for the Hokitika Gorge and Hokitika Tiphead and Beach walks

**Services Next Weekend 21 & 22 April 2018** (*middle weekend of school holidays*)

**SATURDAY:**

6pm     **Communion** (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

**SUNDAY :**

8am     **Holy Communion** (Quiet & reflective, no music. Finishes by 8.50am)  
**NO!!**     **NO OASIS in Trinity Centre (7-11yr olds) & Sunday School (4-7yr olds)**  
10am     **Family Communion** (Songs and hymns)  
2pm     **Worship Service**  
**NO!!**     **NO The Way Youth Service at The Shed 186 Main South Rd**

**ENCOURAGING COMMENTS BY PARISHIONERS AT THE AGM**

- \* When we built this third Holy Trinity Church in 1959, we managed to pay off all of the borrowed money in six years, God is faithful.
- \* We have personal experience of the way God helps us achieve the projects into which He leads us. We saw that with the new hall, and the way it was completely paid for in six years.
- \* There is a big difference between presumptuous faith, and responsible faith. There is every indication that this is a case of responsible faith, where we have been led by God.
- \* Hebrews 11 verses 1 and 7 were read out that focussed on faith and believing.

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

<b>MOWING</b>  Kelvin Ritchie	<b>CLEANING</b>  Julie Ritchie & Julie Williams	<b>FLOWERS</b>  Val & Carol	<b>CRÈCHE</b>  Parents
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## Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara

### 14 & 15 April 2018

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

**Theme for this weekend:** Use of Questions by Jesus, Paul and God

**Readings for this weekend:**

Acts 19:1-7 (p.1435); Mark 12:13-17 (p 1295)

**Prayer for the Day: Father God, you long for more people here in Greymouth to become believers and followers. As we talk with people in our everyday lives, help us to be able to ask appropriate questions that encourage them to think about what they are saying. This we pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: Stretching out in faith

Readings for next weekend: Hebrews 11:1-7; Luke 7:1-10

**BAPTISM SERVICE**

This Sunday at the 10am service we baptize Charlie Hawes, son of Jeff and Sarah and grandson of Ian and Nicky Hawes. Most of the Hawes family seem to be gathering for the occasion!

**ALPHA COURSE**

Great news. There will be at least THREE Alpha Courses starting in May. There is one in the Trinity Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings, starting 2 May. The second will be on a Friday morning at 11am at the home of David & Dot Hastings, 17 Westvale Drive, with lunch provided. The third will be a day time one on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

**SYMPATHIES**

The parish has sent a sympathy card to Tony Kokshoorn on the death of his mother, Cath, who was a resident at Dixon House.

**CAN ANYONE HELP WITH LIFTS?**

Helen Murdoch loves coming to the 10am church service, but needs a lift now that she is based in Granger House. She is always ready by 9.40am. Judi Mahuika has been bringing her the last two weeks, and is happy to do so. However, she is not always able to come and would like a few others to share the responsibility.  
**If you are willing to help regularly or occasionally, please chat to Robin or Judi.**

**CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE**

Please note in your Parish Directory that Nora Graves has a new phone number. 03 429 2221. The 03 must be dialled at the beginning of the number but the call is not a toll call within the Greymouth calling area.

Last Week: Attendance: 135    Offertory: \$ 2,715    (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

It was great to be able to participate in the AGM on Thursday through the amazing technology that is now available to us. Thank you to everyone who participated. Our decisions are always better with good discussions.

Mom will be shifting into full time care on your Tuesday. Her new home is like nothing we have in Greymouth, but the closest way I might describe it would be a brand new Dixon House on steroids with specialist memory care. It has been a long journey to bring her to a place of peace about this transition and I would appreciate your continued prayers as we help her feel at home in her new home.

My role has been 24/7 care giver, funeral arranger (for when that day arrives) and helping Mom face the need for this change while my sister and brother-in-law have done all the practical work of arranging for this transition. Both brothers have also paid visits to assist. I anticipate returning to Greymouth by the end of April/start of May.

Mom asked me to once again thank the Parish for allowing me this time with her. I add my deep gratitude to you all as well and especially to Robin and those who are stepping into some of my roles especially on the weekend roster.

*Love and blessings, Marge*

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## HOW'S IT GOING?

Pete White spoke passionately about the song "The Potter". Part of the words are: "I am the Potter, you are the clay. Mould me and make me, this is what I pray."

God has plans for us, and they are for good. Sometimes we have our doubts because we don't like our present circumstances. However, the potter puts pressure on the soft clay to mould it to the shape he wants. God sometimes uses our tough times to teach us beautiful lessons that enable us to help others in the future.

He moulds our character. However, sometimes we don't want to be moulded, and we become like hard clay that is brittle, unable to be changed and easily broken. We need to be soft and malleable. In clay it is the water that is added that softens it. With us, it is being open to the Holy Spirit of God.

Are you soft and able to be changed by God, or hard and fixed and won't change?

So, how are you doing?

## ANGLICAN CARE CONFERENCE

The Diocese will be running a 2 day conference in Nelson on 16 & 17 May. The theme is "Our Community - Our Response". Workshops will include topics such as: Youth, Elder Care, Messy Church, Men's Shed, Social Justice. Details are available on the noticeboard.

It is particularly recommended for any folk in our parish who are interested in any of the above areas. The parish can help with petrol costs.

## ALPHA COURSE

This popular course will start for this year on Wednesday 2 May at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. The first meeting is an introduction so that folk can see if they wish to continue or not. This will include a very up to date film presentation of about 30 minutes or less followed by a delicious dessert and an explanation about the course.

In subsequent sessions there will also be a discussion in small groups where you can ask any question, or disagree with what you have heard.

The course covers the main teachings of the Christian Faith, and is for 10 weeks on the Wednesday night, or Friday morning/lunch., or during the day on Tuesday or Wednesday.

If you have never done an Alpha Course, Robin recommends it. It is great for those exploring the faith, and those who have worshipped for many years.

**We have some green information sheets about this Alpha Course that you can give to any of your friends whom you wish to invite. They are in the foyer.**

## FREE CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT

On **Wednesday 25 April (ANZAC DAY)** at **6.30pm** in the Trinity Hall there will be a free concert given by the band "Embassy". They are NZers now based in Nashville, Tennessee. They are touring to promote Wycliff Bible translators and their campaign to see Scripture in every language by 2025. The group have a real quality in their production that will suit a wide range of people, especially teenagers we believe.

A download of one of their songs can be found at

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/n9sqo63bvpslk9o/Embassy%20-%20One.mp3?dl=0>

Also, there is a sample of their 2016 Embassy Album at

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0jc2e8y2f2keb6l/AADft6qcz5YDMO1X56moaPgFa?dl=0>

While the music is by young people and high energy, it is for all ages. A number of the Ministers' Association have listened to some of the songs and believe it is a really worthwhile evening entertainment. The Association and its members are sponsoring

the event, as they believe it is great to have an international band come and play Christian music that is of top quality.

There will be an opportunity to give an offering towards the band at the show.

## RESULTS OF AGM MEETING

**Synodspeople:** Jacquie Jones, Libby Truman, Trevor Morrison (elected 2017 for 3 years)

**Vicar's Warden:** Peter Wetherall (vicar's appointment)

**People's Warden:** Diana Fensom

**Vestry:** Margaret Baillie, Ian Hawes, Dave Lankshear, Jason Lister, Roy Munn, Gordon Wilkins, Julie Williams, Margaret Woollett, Tony Woollett.

We thanked Pete White most sincerely for all his years as Vicar's Warden and vestry member. He is taking a break this year from vestry.

There was a vigorous but considerate and polite debate on the merits of strengthening the church to 67% compared to 42%. The four tenders averaged between \$170,000 to \$200,000 to do the strengthening to only 42%; but only added about a further \$100,000 to \$110,000 to bring it to 67%. When it came to a secret vote, there was 1 abstention, 4 against and 42 in favour of going to 67%.

We considered some other maintenance issues that could be done at the same time.

First we considered the carpet in the church. After a good debate we decided by a strong majority that we would carpet the whole church, including the foyer, crèche and under the pews with carpet tiles. Total cost for carpeting is about \$29,000.

We will look at possibly changing the wall colour of the church and the portals during the strengthening process. We will also do any upgrades on lighting and heating.

The AGM also gave permission for the parish to borrow up to \$200,000 from the Nelson Diocesan Trust Board. There was a strong desire to see this repaid as soon as possible and some vigorous fundraising was encouraged. At the current rate of our earthquake gifts it will take about six years to repay the loan if \$200,000 is borrowed..