

Monday 23 Apr		<i>Clergy day off</i>	<i>School Holidays week 2</i>
Tuesday 24 Apr	6:30am 9.15am 2pm 7pm	Prayer regarding Motion 29 in Chapel (ends at 6:45am) Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St AAW Fellowship Group in PARISH CENTRE Hawes' Home Group, 57 Doyle St	
Wednesday 25 Apr	6.30pm	<i>ANZAC Day</i>	<i>Parish Office Closed</i> Free Christian Music Concert in Trinity Hall (Opportunity to give a donation)
Thursday 26 Apr	5.45pm 7pm	Music Practice for 10am service Vestry meeting in Parish Centre	
Friday 27 Apr			
Sunday 29 Apr	1.30pm	Walking group meet at church to car pool for the Truman Track and Pancake Rocks	

Services Next Weekend 28 & 29 April 2018 (last 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**

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for the 2017 year are now available in the foyer for those who give using the envelope system or by direct credit. Please collect your named envelope.

WORD FOR TODAY

New copies of this devotional for May/June/July are available in the foyer. Please help yourself. A gold coin donation in the offering bag would be appreciated to help cover costs.

JOHNSON FAMILY

Simon and Helen have a new newsletter out this week. It can be viewed in the foyer. After consultation with OMF they have prayerfully decided to delay their return to Taiwan until January 2019. They will continue raising support during the next six months.

Prayer Requests to: Ngaire Fisher 768 6505

MOWING  Trevor Morrison	CLEANING  Julie Ritchie & Julie Williams	FLOWERS  Paula & Liz	CRÈCHE  Parents
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Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara

21 & 22 April 2018

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

Theme for this weekend: Stretching out in faith

Readings for this weekend: Hebrews 11:1-7 (p1569); Luke 7:1-10 (p1320)

Prayer for the Day: Jesus, you turned death into life, turned defeat into victory. Grant that with your help, we may raise our expectations and achieve what is yet impossible. Increase our faith and trust in you that we may live victoriously, for your sake. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Jesus said: I am the Light of the world"

Readings for next weekend: Exodus 13:17-8; 21-22; John 8:12-20

ALPHA COURSE

WHO CAN YOU INVITE?

There are going to be THREE Alpha Courses during the second school term, probably finishing during the July school holidays.

Folk can choose any of the three, whichever suits them best.

1. **Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm to 9.15pm with dessert**
2. **Wednesday mornings from 10am to 11.45am with morning tea**
3. **Friday mid day from 11am to about 1.15pm, including lunch.**

It would be really great if we can all try and think of someone whom we could invite to this year's courses. There are green sheets in the foyer so that they can fill in one side, and keep the details of the course on the other half.

It generally works best if you are able to come with your guest on at least the first two or three occasions. Please make sure that you fill in a form for your guest. You can write your name on the form to show you will come as well, or fill in a separate form - whichever you like.

The Friday Alpha Course will be at the home of David and Dot Hastings.

The others will probably be at the Trinity Centre, initially any way.

The introductory session is at the three times shown for the courses, and happens the **FIRST WEEK IN MAY!!**

Last Week: Attendance: 156 Offertory: \$ 2,835 (Total needed: \$3,200)
 Total Earthquake funds received up to end of March 2018: \$187,828
 Earthquake donations received in March 2018: \$2,888
 Note: Earthquake Funds received in April will be reported by mid May



Robin Writes

Are you planning on coming to the Embassy Band concert on the evening of ANZAC Day, 25 April at 7pm? I am not sure if it is my style of music, but I certainly plan to be there for two reasons. Firstly, I want to support a Christian Group coming from USA to play for us. Secondly, I want to support those who will really enjoy the music. I shall probably enjoy the music myself once I get into it, even though I am not particularly musical!!

Marge's Mom moved into the modern and very caring assisted living facility this week. Marge will stay for a couple of weeks in Texas so that it is clear that they haven't just left her. Instead, she will know she continues to be deeply loved and visited, once she has settled in. We expect Marge back some time in the first week of May if everything goes well.

During this week four of us got together to go through the tenders with a fine toothcomb to see if there were any hidden costs. We want to ensure that all four tenderers have been treated fairly and honestly. This will enable vestry to make an informed and wise choice.

We have asked each of those tendering to give us TWO prices, one for starting in June and one for January next year. The results of this process will determine what we do. You will know the answer next weekend.

Love and blessings, Robin

HOW'S IT GOING?

Having conversations in which God or religious issues are raised can be challenging, but there are a number of principles that can stand us in good stead.

Paul showed how, by asking appropriate questions, it is possible to help people take significant steps in their spiritual lives. He asked the question of a number of believers "When you put your faith in Jesus, were you given the Holy Spirit?"

This perceptive question then developed into some follow up questions, resulting in a significant anointing of the Holy Spirit with at least two spiritual gifts being given to them.

In a sense it is easier to chat with fellow believers, but we do need to practise, especially after a service. "How did God touch you today?" "Was there anything in the sermon or the service generally that you found interesting?"

The harder situations are with folk who tend to be antagonistic towards the Christian Faith. They challenge us with either derogatory comments that suggest we are stupid, simple, idiots, or just plain gullible.

Instead of trying to have an answer for folk like this, asking questions is a much better way forward nowadays.

"What makes you think that?"

"Have you ever thought about God in any serious way?"

"Tell me more."

So, how are you doing? Blessings, Robin

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 Wycliffe Bible translators and their campaign to see Scripture in every language by 2025.

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/AADft6qcz5YDMO1X56moaPqFa?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.

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.

CATERING FOR THE ALPHA COURSES

How many might come to the various courses being held is very up in the air at this stage.

For Wednesday, 2 May we need morning tea for possibly 6 people.

For Wednesday, 2 May in the evening we need dessert for about 20 people.

If you can help with either of these, please let Robin know.

For the rest of the course, we start again on Wednesday 16 May and weekly thereafter.

Before that we will have a better idea of numbers for the morning and the evening courses.

If you can assist with either desserts or morning tea, please fill in the sheets in the foyer. With the desserts it is often easier to have two people assisting as there is not only the provision of the dessert, but also the serving and washing up.

VESTRY MEETING THIS THURSDAY 7pm

These are some of the matters to be discussed:

- ◆ The date for starting the earthquake strengthening - either June 2018 or January 2019
- ◆ Which of the four tenders to accept.
- ◆ Make a decision about how we go about choosing the carpet and any change in colours of the wall and portals
- ◆ Any issues connected with moving the sound desk in the hall
- ◆ How to protect the church sound desk
- ◆ How the finances are going for the first quarter of the year
- ◆ Issues to do with the present piano in the church
- ◆ Upgrading of the church fold back speakers
- ◆ Appointing four nominators, in case we need to appoint a new vicar in the future

WANTED

Clean containers suitable for tree seedlings. e.g. plastic plant pots, 1 litre and 2l milk bottles, 1 litre juice containers.

Please leave in labelled basket in foyer.

Thank you.

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.

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