

Monday 30 Apr	1pm 3pm 7pm 7.30pm	<i>Clergy day off</i> OSL in Parish Centre Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall Trevor's Home Group at 58 Turumaha St Lister's Home Group at 5 Ida St
Tuesday 1 May	6:30am 9.15am 10.30am 12.15pm 1pm 2pm 3pm 7pm 7.30pm	Prayer regarding Motion 29 in Chapel (ends at 6:45am) Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St Joyce's Study Group in Parish Centre Prayer meeting in Parish Centre Pastoral Care meeting in Parish Centre Ladies Guild in Parish Centre Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall Hawes' Home Group at 57 Doyle St Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St
Wednesday 2 May	10am 10-11.30am 10am 3pm 7.30pm	Wednesday Women in Parish Centre Parish Health Advisor in Quiet Room Alpha Introductory Morning in Trinity Lounge Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall Alpha Introductory Evening in Trinity LOUNGE
Thursday 3 May	3pm 5.45pm 5.45pm	Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall Music Practice for 10am service Soulfood at 35 Karoro Place
Friday 4 May	10-11.30am 11am 5.30pm 7pm	Kids n Coffee in Trinity Centre Alpha Introduction at Dave & Dot's, 17 Westvale Drive Menz at Monteiths (and ladies) The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd
Sunday 6 May	1.30pm	Walking group meet at church to car pool for the Kumara Chasm

Services Next Weekend 5 & 6 May 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 Holy Communion
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



Dave Lankshear

CLEANING



Danny Cattell & Dave Lankshear

FLOWERS



Jane

CRÈCHE



Parents



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
28 & 29 April 2018
Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus

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

Readings for this weekend:

Exodus 13:17-18; 21-22 (p.88); John 8:12-20 (p.1377)

Prayer for the Day: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, so that they may return into the way of righteousness; may we and all who have been admitted into the fellowship of Christ's family reject those things that are contrary to our profession, and follow all that is agreeable to it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Does the God of the Bible Know Anything?

Readings for next weekend: Malachi 3:8-11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

PARISH HEALTH ADVISOR

Marjorie will run her monthly clinic in the Quiet Room on Wednesday from 10-11.30am. Feel free to drop in for a check up and some friendly advice on health related matters.

MONTEITHS

This Friday at 5.30pm will be the monthly fellowship meeting at Monteiths. All welcome.

EMBASSY BAND

Our apologies for advertising when the doors opened, instead of the start of the show. Our blunder! However, there were about 180 present and approximately 20 people went forward in response to an altar call at the end. Too loud for Robin, but many thoroughly enjoyed a very professional show. Our grateful thanks to Paul Hibbs who had the

vision and did so much behind the scenes.

ELLE RESTORATION DAY

We have Paul and Jillian and team coming back to lead a Restoration Day for the Parish. This is a very special opportunity to gain healing through individual and group prayer ministry, as well as through a greater understanding of the key biblical principles that underlie Christian healing ministry (e.g. forgiveness, acceptance and belonging, the Lordship of Jesus, empowerment through the Holy Spirit, dealing with ungodly soul ties and generational curses).

Details

Cobden Church, 40 Richmond St, Cobden.
 Fri 25th May 7:30-9:30pm
 Sat 26th May 9am - 4pm

Cost: \$15/person plus bring lunch

Last Week: Attendance: 117 Offertory: \$ 2,950 (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



Some of the big decisions have been made by Vestry on Thursday.

1. We have chosen our preferred tenderer and are in negotiations with them at present. Once the contract is ready for signing, we can announce them officially.
2. We will start the work at the beginning of June this year.
3. We will have the whole of the interior of the church painted, as so much of it is going to be affected. This is sensible as the scaffolding will already be present, and it will be completed before we carpet the whole church.
4. The hall will be started first, meaning that the sound and lighting desk will need to be disconnected and moved during May.

We also elected Adele Wilkins, Samara Martin, Greville Wood and Peter Wetherall to be our nominators. They will help choose the next vicar if the position becomes vacant at any stage.

Because storage will be at an absolute premium, we encourage all groups in the next TWO WEEKS to go through their items getting rid of what is possible. Especially is this true of anything in the hall area. When the hall is being strengthened, there will be no access to any of the store rooms.

As groups ponder where you are going to meet and function, please chat to Robin or Marge about possibilities.

HOW'S IT GOING?

At the AGM two verses were read to us from Hebrews Ch 11, vs 1 & 7 which talk about faith, and also having the faith like Noah to prepare for something that has not yet happened, but will one day. This was obviously a word for us about preparing the physical buildings for a major earthquake on the Coast.

How does our faith grow?

Firstly, through reading the Bible, the word of God. We see throughout the Old Testament many pictures or illustrations of the future ministry of Jesus, and many prophecies that apply to Jesus. Since these have been fulfilled in extreme detail, we have a confidence in all that is written in the Scriptures.

Secondly, from our own experiences. We have all experienced times when we were sure that God has guided us or helped us dramatically. We have come to trust His promptings in our thoughts, and have decided to act on them.

Two points we noticed. Firstly, tithing often saw amazing results. In our case, tithing our earthquake strengthening funds to go to those struggling with buildings because of disaster, seems to have brought a much lower cost of our work than we expected.

Secondly, God often leaves things to the last moment so that we can learn to trust Him. Just like Joshua crossing the flooded Jordan River, the miracle only happens when we start to cross!

How is your faith going?

ALPHA COURSE

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.**

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

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

WHO CAN YOU INVITE?

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 introductory session is at the three times shown for the courses, and happens

THIS WEEK!!!

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 15 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.

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.

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. 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.

LADIES GUILD

The May meeting is on **Tuesday the 1st** in the Parish centre at 2pm. We have Elinor Stratford speaking to us about the hospital gardens. All welcome.

BISHOP RICHARD ELLENA

He will be going into hospital for heart surgery on 7 May. Please pray for him and Hilary as this is quite a major event and will leave him out of action for a couple of months. It also means he will miss General Synod. See Cobden-Runanga newsletter for more details.

PRAYER FOR GENERAL SYNOD

Please pray whenever you can for wisdom and the leading of the Holy Spirit in all the decisions that will be made at the meeting from 4 May to 11 May. The decisions could have far reaching consequences.

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