

Monday  
7 May  
1pm Clergy day off. 3DM team with Robin travel to Christchurch  
7pm OSL in Parish Centre  
7.30pm Trevor's Home Group **at 58 Turumaha St**  
**Tricia & David's Home Group at 359 Main South Rd**

Tuesday  
8 May  
Robin and 3DM Team in Christchurch  
6:30am Prayer regarding Motion 29 **at 1 Felix Campbell St**  
9.15am Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St  
3pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall  
7pm Hawes' Home Group at 57 Doyle St  
**7pm Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd**  
7.30pm Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St

Wednesday  
9 May  
Robin and 3DM Team in Christchurch  
10am Wednesday Women in Parish Centre  
**10am Dixon House Communion Service (David Hastings)**  
**11am Granger House Communion Service (David Hastings)**  
3pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall  
**7.15pm Lavers' Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd**

Thursday  
10 May  
Robin and 3DM Team return from Christchurch  
3pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall  
**NO!! Music practice this week**  
**5.45pm Soulfood at 35 Karoro Place**

Friday  
11 May  
10-11.30am Kids n Coffee in Trinity Centre  
7pm The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd

Sunday  
13 May  
1.30pm Walking group meet at church to car pool for a Greymouth walk.

**Services Next Weekend 12 & 13 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 **Afternoon Worship**  
6.30pm **The Way Youth Service at The Shed 186 Main South Rd**

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

**MOWING**  
  
Roger Lavers

**CLEANING**  
  
Danny Cattell & Dave Lankshear

**FLOWERS**  
  
Jeanette & Rose

**CRÈCHE**  
  
Parents



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara  
5 & 6 May 2018**

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

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

**Readings for this weekend:**

John 3:1-6 (p.1365); 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (p.1503)

**Prayer for the Day:**

**Beyond the sacred page I seek you Lord. My spirit longs for you, the living word. Send now your Spirit, Lord, to me. Touch my eyes and cause me to see the truth concealed within your word. In your book revealed, I see you Lord. Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: Ascension Day and waiting for Pentecost

Readings for next weekend: Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

**EARTHQUAKE WORK PREPARATION**

Because storage will be at an absolute premium, we encourage all groups in the next **WEEK** 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, during June, there will be no access to any of the store rooms.

**BISHOP RICHARD ELLENA**

He will be going into hospital for heart surgery this Monday 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.

**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 this week, 4 May to 11 May. The decisions

could have far reaching consequences.

**THE ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY IS FROM 13 MAY - 20 MAY 2018**

An Ecumenical service will be held at 2.00pm in St Patrick's Church, Greymouth on **Sunday 20 May 2018 at 2pm.**

All faith denominations are invited and afternoon tea will follow this service.

There is a 4 page leaflet in the foyer covering prayers and readings for the 8 days.

**Help yourself to one if you wish.**

**3DM TEAM IN CHRISTCHURCH**

This is a group of seven folk (Gordon & Adele Wilkins, Pete & Robyn White, Samara Martin, Marge & Robin) who are looking at how a missional community might operate, and how it can work well here in Greymouth.

Four of them are attending a 3 day course in Christchurch this week.

Last Week: Attendance: 109 Offertory: \$ 2,861 (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

It was a clever ploy (though not the intention) of Marge to be in USA for her 60th birthday! However, a number of you remembered her, and she is most grateful for your good wishes.

Marge returns to New Zealand on Monday, 14 May, rather exhausted and emotionally drained; but really looking forward to being with us again, and leading us through the next momentous five months.

On Thursday this coming week we celebrate ASCENSION DAY. In the past we have always had a communion service to remember this very important moment in the life of Jesus. However, I shall be in Christchurch and unable to lead such a service. Because of this, next weekend the theme will be Ascension Day.

By the end of this coming week we will have all the results of General Synod, and they will be in next week's newsletter. There will almost certainly be major news stories on it in the media. To attract attention they will probably have dramatic headlines. Be cautious of those, but read the full article, as the newspaper will often be quite good at getting the main points somewhere within the story.

Marge sends her love and greetings to you all.

Love and blessings, Robin

## HOW'S IT GOING?

Jesus said, "I, I am the Light of the World."

As Jesus spoke those words at the great Festival of Shelters he used the expression "I, I am". This was a deliberate statement to imply that He is God. In fact He used this expressions on seven different occasions which we know as the "I am statements".

The festival celebrated the way that God had led His people from Egypt through the desert and into the Promised Land. He did this by a cloud during the day. This cloud was distinctly visible throughout the daylight hours. When it was low to the ground, the people camped. When it rose, they packed up. When it moved, they followed. At night God used a pillar of fire to do the same thing.

God was emphasising that He was always present with them, and He would show them where to go.

The scary part started shortly after they left Egypt to travel basically northwards to Canaan. The short route was along the coast. Instead, the cloud moved towards the south east. Deciding to follow regardless was frightening and illogical. Even panic when blocked by the Red Sea.

After the miracle of the crossing they discovered that the Lord really knew what He was doing, however illogical it seemed.

We often are tempted to do things the way that seems logical to us, rather than follow God's plan. But our way is NOT the best!! We must not be "chicken" and not have the courage to follow the Lord.

So how are you doing in following the Lord?

## 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. **Start 16 or 18 May**

1. **Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm to 9.15pm in the Parish Centre**
2. **Wednesday mornings from 10am to 11.45am at 35 Karoro Place**
3. **Friday mid day from 11am to about 1.15pm, including lunch at 17 Westvale Drive**

The Friday Alpha Course will be at the home of David and Dot Hastings, who would like a few more to join the present four (men & women). 10.30am video from the past week. 11am for those who saw the first video. **Friday 18 May!!**

## RADICAL CHANGE TO CATERING FOR THIS YEAR'S ALPHA COURSE

Because of the earthquake strengthening and the smaller numbers attending there are some major changes.

1. **NO DESSERT for the Wednesday evenings. The group have all decided to be healthy!!**
2. **For MORNING TEA we would appreciate ONE item to cater for six people only. This would need to be left at the front door of 35 Karoro Place by 10am on a Wednesday morning. The item can be a scone, muffin, pikelet, biscuit or something similar.**

**There is now a NEW ROSTER in the foyer for folk to add their name to providing the morning tea.**

## ELLEL 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

## THANK YOU

Annie Fraser, Executive Secretary for the Diocese of Nelson has sent this message:

On behalf of the Anglican Care Committee I would like to thank all those in our parishes, paid and unpaid, who work tirelessly and dedicatedly to reach out to others with Christ's love through caring service in their communities. The Committee members have been greatly moved by reading in the recent accountability reports of the hundreds of lives that have been touched in the Diocese. They acknowledge and applaud the massive effort and passion behind the work carried out with the help of social service grants. The Committee and I wish you every blessing for your ministries in 2018. Thank you, all.

Kind regards, Annie.

## FINALISING THE CONTRACT FOR EARTHQUAKE STRENGTHENING

There have been a number of changes that are being proposed and added or deleted from the original tender. We are very pleased with the progress being made, and we are committed to officially signing this off this coming Friday, 11 May with a public announcement and press release.

At that stage we should have the exact start date for the work which will involve initially the one end of the kitchen, the main Trinity Centre hall and the veranda. During those weeks we will have full access to the church and foyer.

**Access to the choir room, music room and vessel's cupboard will ONLY be through the church entrance.**

During the weekends we will also have access to the kitchen and the church lounge.

The big change comes when that work has been completed. Those details will be advised nearer the time.

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