

Monday 14 May	1pm 7pm 7.30pm	Clergy day off. Marge arrives home. OSL in Parish Centre Trevor's Home Group <u>at 58 Turumaha St</u> Lister's Home Group at 5 Ida St
Tuesday 15 May	9.15am 10.30am 12.15pm 1pm 3pm 7pm 7.30pm	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 Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall Hawes' Home Group at 57 Doyle St Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St
Wednesday 16 May	9am 10am 10am 3pm 7.30pm	Bible in Schools at Grey Main School Alpha at 35 Karoro Place Wednesday Women in Parish Centre Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall Alpha in Parish Centre
Thursday 17 May	9am 12.30pm 3pm 5.45pm 5.45pm	Bible in Schools at Paroa Ministers' Association at Holy Trinity in the Parish Centre Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall Music practice Soulfood at 35 Karoro Place
Friday 18 May	10-11.30am 11am 7pm	Kids n Coffee in Trinity Centre Alpha at 17 Westvale Drive The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd
Sunday 20 May	1.30pm 2pm	Walking group meet at church to car pool for a walk at Moana with New Coasters Ecumenical 'Prayer for Christian Unity' Service at St Patrick's

Services Next Weekend 19 & 20 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**

Prayer Requests to: Ngaire Fisher 768 6505

MOWING

Jim Findlay

CLEANING

Dot & Norm Wilkins

FLOWERS

Helen

CRÈCHE

Parents



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
12 & 13 May 2018
Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus

Theme for this weekend: Ascension Day and Waiting for Pentecost

Readings for this weekend:

Ephesians 1:15-23 (p.1517); Luke 24:44-53 (p.1360)

Prayer for the Day: Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension you declared him King. Lift up our hearts to heaven that we may live and reign with him, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Pentecost

Readings for next weekend: Ezekiel 36:23-28; John 14:15-20

BISHOP RICHARD ELLENA

On Monday Bishop wrote: "I received a call from Wellington Hospital over the weekend to say that an unscheduled emergency situation had come in that put pressure on their beds so they have had to postpone my surgery. It may be later in the week (according to them – though I'm not holding my breath) or next week. Am just in a period of waiting. If this extends out I'll have to reassess my work commitments. Sincere thanks for all your prayer."
Robin rang Bishop Richard on Friday, and he was still waiting to hear from Wellington.

veranda. From about 30 May 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.

The contract for the work is being let to CYB Construction (used to be Chris Yeats). They were the firm that built the new hall 15 years ago, and it seems to be functioning well.

FINALISING THE CONTRACT FOR EARTHQUAKE STRENGTHENING

The work on the earthquake strengthening begins on Friday 1 June. The initial work is on the hall, part of the kitchen and the

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

To the family of Anne Teasdale who had a major stroke and died Saturday morning. She will be greatly missed at Dixon House.

Last Week: Attendance: 129 Offertory: \$ 2,822 (Total needed: \$3,200)
Total Earthquake funds received up to end of April 2018: \$190,991
Earthquake donations received in April 2018: \$3,163
Note: Earthquake Funds received in May will be reported by mid June



The good news is that our vicar, Marge, returns this Monday from USA. She is really looking forward to being with us all again, and catching up with all that is happening. Her Mom has begun to settle into the rest home and has made some really positive comments over the last few days.

One of the highlights was that Marge was able to attend a celebration of Mother's Day held at the home earlier in the week, and it was a special treat for Marge to be with her Mom for that.

As you will have read in the Greymouth Star, our contract for the earthquake strengthening is with CYB. I am excited about the co-operation and thorough attention to detail that is occurring. We are just waiting for the finalising of prices with the screw piles and the painting of the church before we can sign the contract. I will be surprised if that doesn't happen by mid week.

As regards General Synod, the vote was for Motion 29. This means that things continue as at present for us, and there will be plenty of time to see what develops, and the way bishops act in the future. It is not a victory for anyone, but an acknowledgement at this stage that we are all sinners. We mostly hold strong views on what we believe, but we are not forcing that belief on others who have equally strong views which they believe are from God.

At least there has been no sensational reporting in the media on the issue.

Love and blessings, Robin

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HOW'S IT GOING?

Stephen Brittenden gave his testimony on just a small example of how God has blessed him, and shown God can be trusted with every promise He makes.

By the time he was 10 years old he was soaked in the Christian Faith and attended church five times a week as a chorister. He made a sincere commitment to follow the Lord at that time.

Because of a deeply implanted memory of an event when he was 7 years old, he made an inner vow that he would keep all money that was available and not waste it. At this he was particularly good.

Once he heard a sermon on giving and was angry, because Anglicans don't talk about money. However, in a prayer time afterwards, reflecting on "Bring me the full tithe ... And I will open the windows of heaven and pour down an overflowing blessing on you." God said that He wanted to be Lord of his finances.

He faithfully tithed for 8 years after that and then he found himself with just 39 cents when he urgently needed to buy a suit. As a result of a prayer time with some parishioners, a person gave him four VERY expensive suits, ties, shirts and shoes. It was an overflowing blessing.

Now Stephen knows that the New Testament teaching is GRACE giving. This is where you give to the Lord from your heart. It is not out of duty, but out of love and thankfulness for all that God has done. God can truly be trusted to keep His promises.

So, is God Lord of your giftings and finance?

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Ladies Guild who have donated another \$500 towards the new carpet for the church.

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.

ELLEL RESTORATION DAY

We have Paul and Jillian and team coming back to lead a Restoration Day for the Cobden-Runanga 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

RENTAL HOUSE WANTED

House wanted for rent in Greymouth or close by for Christian lady. Single bedroom or Granny flat size preferred. Ph Jo, 0272052116.

MISSIONARY FAMILY IN CENTRAL ASIA

They have some prayer requests:

- ◆ for their 3 eldest children who sit exams this month
- ◆ for a local couple who have moved to a new village to minister
- ◆ for the 5 new believers in that village
- ◆ for God's hand upon the sister in that village who is causing trouble for the new believers
- ◆ for a supply of second-hand clothing and toys to distribute as a means of

meeting the needs of the poor in the village, and connecting with them to share the Gospel.

MAKE A SUBMISSION TO THE LAW COMMISSION ON ABORTION

Many of you will have seen material on this select committee, looking at whether abortion should be removed from the Crimes Act so that women who want access to be able to have it as a right., can do so.

The final date for a brief submission by email is **5pm this Friday 18 May.**

Email: alr@lawcom.govt.nz

These are some of the results from a Curia Market Research that polled 1.013 New Zealanders:

- 90% oppose sex-selective abortions
- 52% support abortion
- 79% want parents to be notified if their daughter is aged under 16.
- 76% want safeguards against coercion.
- 46% believe abortions risk harm to mental health as a result of an abortion.

Key comments on sending a submission:

- ⇒ Highlight what you are FOR
- ⇒ Be positive and constructive
- ⇒ Include something as personal story if you can
- ⇒ Think of how the abortion law should be both a legal issue and a health issue.

There is material on the internet, especially with Voice for Life and Family First.

We also have some material in the foyer. If you would like a copy, let Robin know and he will give you a copy.

ALPHA COURSE

The first week was a type of introduction to the course as a whole.

This week is the start of the course proper.

It is still possible to join.

All that is required is to come to one of the three courses that are shown on the events page.