

**Earthquake strengthening work continues in the Hall
No access to the Hall or Quiet Room**

Monday 3 June		Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday Parish Office closed
Tuesday 4 Jun	9.15am 10.30am 12.15pm 1pm 1pm 2pm 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 Funeral of Graeme McIntosh (son-in-law of the late Madge A'Court) at William Sampson Memorial Chapel Ladies Guild in Parish Centre Hawes' Home Group at 57 Doyle St Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St
Wednesday 5 Jun	9am 10am 10am 12 noon 7.30pm	Bible in Schools at Grey Main School Alpha at 35 Karoro Place Wednesday Women in Parish Centre Dixon House Trust Board lunch in Parish Centre Alpha in Parish Centre
Thursday 6 Jun	9am 5:45pm 5.45pm	Bible in Schools at Paroa Music practice SoulFood at 35 Karoro Place
Friday 7 Jun	10-11.30am 11am 7pm	Kids n Coffee at the Uniting Church Alpha at 17 Westvale Drive The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd
Sunday 9 Jun	1.30pm	Walking group meet at church to car pool

Services Next Weekend 9 & 10 June 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

 Dave Lank-shear

CLEANING

 Bronwen Skates & Peter Wetherall

FLOWERS

 Jane

CRÈCHE

 Parents



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
2 & 3 June 2018

Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus

Theme for this weekend: God's Love for Us

Readings for this weekend:
 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 (p.1495); Matthew 11:27-30 (p.1238)

Prayer for the Day: Almighty God, you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts and set us free from the bondage of sin; give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all people may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: God's View and Our View
 Readings for next weekend: 1 Corinthians 13:9-13; John 14:1-7

ROSTER UNAVAILABLE DATES

Our current roster finishes at the end of June. Would all those on the services roster please get your unavailable dates for the period 30 June to 31 October to Nicky at the Parish Office ASAP. Thank you. Marge would like to begin work on this this week.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our sympathies to Janet Haddock on the passing of her brother, Ray Mosley on May 21st. Please hold the family and friends of Ray in your prayers. Ray's funeral took place on May 25th.

Also, our apologies for the oversight of publishing the news of Joan O'Connell's passing on April 29th. Joan's service was held at Holy Trinity on May 2nd. Joan was a long-standing and faithful member of our parish and a treasure to her family.

LIKELY AREAS OF WORK NEXT 2 WEEKS

- Opening up the Trinity Centre floor ready to lay foundations and prepare for two inverted U shaped steel portals.
- Taking out the wall between the church and the music room.
- Erecting scaffolding above the mezzanine floor and working on the ceiling and sealing the window.
- Strengthening the wall in the kitchen closest to the ladies toilet.

While this work is being done we will still be able to use the church for services. During the week it might not be quite so easy to move around, but there will be fences erected to keep us away from the affected areas. The music room will be mostly emptied. The music material will be stored in the Choir Room temporarily.

Last Week: Attendance: 114 Offertory: \$ 3,748 (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



Marge Tefft Writes

This weekend New Zealand celebrates the Queen's birthday. Some of you might wonder what I think of the British monarchy given that I am an American and am steeped in the traditions and mentality of living most of my life in a republic.

Actually, although I guess I probably am a republican, I have a great deal of respect and admiration for the Queen herself. Ever since I lived in the UK in the 1990's I've watched with interest British politics and culture and one thing that I have noticed over the years is the Queen's growing and living faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. I always look forward to her Christmas messages and usually find them (especially in recent years) inspiring. I am touched by the fact that, in spite of her position and wealth, the Queen is a genuine person who recognizes her need for a Saviour.

I also appreciate her genuine delight in God's creation, her concern and love for her family, and her devotion to her duty.

So, with you, I pray, "God save the Queen!"

With love and prayers, *Marge*

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jacquie and Jeff Jones on the birth of their 9 lb. granddaughter Ivy Elizabeth Piner in Dunedin last Thursday. Mother, Steph, Dad, Greg, and baby are doing well.

HOW'S IT GOING?

"God is great; God is good. Let us thank Him for our food. Amen." That was probably the first prayer I learned as a child. But what does it mean that God is both great and good?

Last weekend, as we do each year, we paused to reflect on the mystery of the Trinity. We allowed ourselves to be overwhelmed yet again at the greatness of our God, the otherness of our God, the incomprehensibility of our God. And it is right that we remember how big and unlike us our God is—One God, three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And yet, if we focus only on God's greatness, it becomes easy to feel detached and distanced from Him so that when we experience troubles and temptations, it becomes easy to question whether God really cares or even understands our situation. That is why we must also remember the incarnation—that miracle of the eternal second person of the Trinity, the Son, humbling Himself and becoming a human being in the person of Jesus Christ so that we can be assured that God has come close and stays close because He truly understands everything about the human condition. Read again Hebrews 4:14-16. That is what it means about God being good.

I learned this listen afresh as the Lord showed me that he even understands about entrusting a beloved parent into the care of others because Jesus on the cross entrusted His mother to the care of John.

So, how's it going?

PARISH HEALTH ADVISOR

Due to earthquake strengthening in the hall area, my **June clinic will be cancelled**. If you require a blood pressure check or have any health worries, please ring me and I will visit you. Marjorie 768 7299.

BISHOP RICHARD'S SURGERY

Now scheduled for this Friday, June 8th. Please hold him and Hilary in your prayers.

OUR DAILY BREAD

Copies of this booklet that covers devotional readings from June to August are now available in the foyer. If you wish to give a donation towards the cost, please put it in the offertory bag at any weekend.

ST ANDREWS CHURCH BLAKETOWN

We have been informed that the building has been resold and that all the items that belonged to the church will need to be removed by the middle of June. Most items were given in memory of particular people and we want to make every reasonable effort to locate living relatives who might be interested in the item given in memory of their ancestor.

If you know of any living relatives of the following, please give their names and any contact information you may have to Marge or Robin:

Julia Willis died 20/11/44;
Francis Lang died 24/3/50;
Johanna Sheehan died 11/7/49;
Joseph Wilkins Stubbs died 9/3/48;
Mary Ann Anderson died 30/6/35;
George Anderson died 25/3/43;
Amelia Stubbs died 1/12/48;
Thomas Henry Collins died 5/5/28;
Gordon James Bailey died 25/5/38;
Henry Coburn;
O Hodgkinson and C Hodgkinson;
E Cressey;
Dr Morice;
St Andrew's Ladies Guild;
St Andrew's Teachers and Sunday School.

A Service of Deconsecration will be held at the former St. Andrew's Church in Blaketown next Sunday, 10 June at 4pm now that the building is to no longer be used as a church. Anyone is welcome to attend.

SPICE OF LIFE

All ladies are warmly invited to a mid-winter "Spice of Life" morning tea at 10am on Saturday 30 June in the Uniting Church. The cost is \$8. This is being hosted by CWCI (Christian Women Communicating International)) and will be an entertaining morning with delicious treats and lots of fun. Our speaker is April Dee from Timaru. Bring along your small change for the mystery auction. For catering purposes please RSVP to Shirley 768 5446 or by email: smith1@kinect.co.nz no later than 25 June.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

This last week we received three one off donations in addition to the regular and generous offerings and earthquake strengthening donations. We have had two donations towards the carpet—an anonymous donation of \$10,000 and a \$2,000 donation from Ladies Guild. In addition, Elim Church have given us a donation of \$2,000 towards our earthquake strengthening. A huge thank you to these and all donors for their generosity.

OLD CHURCH CARPET

We anticipate that in about three weeks time we will be moving all of the furniture out of the downstairs part of the church in preparation for the bulk of the earthquake strengthening work. At the same time we will be taking up all the carpet in the church, crèche and foyer including the sanctuary and chancel areas (but NOT the chapel). This will enable the scaffolding to be on solid floor, and prepares the way for when we carpet the whole area with carpet tiles at the end of the strengthening project.

The carpet that is taken up will be available for a donation and must be taken away that weekend. More details closer to time.

ROBIN IN BULLER

Robin starts in Buller the first week in **JULY!!** Until then he is fully here in Greymouth.

VESTRY SNIPPETS

- Vestry will now meet on the **third Thursday** of each month at 7pm.
- Vestry agreed to apply to the Lion Foundation and Lottery Facilities for possible funding toward the earthquake strengthening of the church complex.

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