

**Earthquake strengthening work continues in the Hall
No access to the Mezzanine Floor, Hall, Quiet Room or Music Room**

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| Monday 11 June | Clergy day off Parish Office closed OSL in Parish Centre Trevor's Home group at 58 Turumaha St 7.30pm Lister's Home Group at 5 Ida St |
| Tuesday 12 Jun | 9.15am Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St 6:30pm Young Adults at 35 Karoro Pl 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 13 Jun | 9am Bible in Schools at Grey Main School 10am Alpha at 35 Karoro Place 10am Dixon House Communion Service (Marge) 11am Granger House Communion Service (Marge) 10am Wednesday Women in Parish Centre 7.15pm Lavers' Home group at 18c Serpentine Rd 7.30pm Alpha in Parish Centre |
| Thursday 14 Jun | 9am Bible in Schools at Paroa 5:45pm Music practice 5.45pm SoulFood at 35 Karoro Place |
| Friday 15 Jun | From midday Robin in Spring Creek leading a Healing of Memories seminar 10-11.30am Kids n Coffee at the Uniting Church 11am Alpha at 17 Westvale Drive 7pm The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd |
| Saturday | Robin in Spring Creek leading a Healing of Memories seminar |
| Sunday 17 Jun | 1.30pm Walking group meet at church to car pool |

Services Next Weekend 16 & 17 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 Holy Communion

6.30pm The Way Youth Service at The Shed 186 Main South Rd

KUMARA 10am Extended Communion (Fensoms)


Prayer Requests to: Ngaire Fisher 768 6505

MOWING




Russell Nimmo

CLEANING




Tony & Margaret Woollett

CRÈCHE



Parents



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
9 & 10 June 2018**

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

Theme for this weekend: God's View and Our View

Readings for this weekend:

1 Corinthians 13:9-13 (p.1489); John 14:1-7 (p.1389)

Prayer for the Day: Heavenly Father, thank you that you know and see all things. Your love for us runs deep. Build our faith and trust in you into a strong bond, as we live our daily lives. Fill us with your peace and strength, especially when we can only see a couple of waves. In Jesus' name, amen.

Theme for next weekend: Major Truths from Minor Prophets—

Jonah: God loves everyone

Readings for next weekend: Jonah (the entire book!); Matthew 12:38-41

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office hours will be changing to 10am-2pm Tuesdays to Fridays. Therefore the Parish Office will now be closed on Mondays.

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.

DECONSECRATION SERVICE

This is at **4pm THIS SUNDAY afternoon, 10 June at the Blaketown Church (formerly St. Andrew's)**. We are releasing the church and furnishings from being set apart for sacred use only, and letting them become available for other use. We are endeavouring to ensure that those items of furniture that were donated to St Andrew's Church in memory of someone, are treated responsibly. The plaques will be removed and put in the chapel here at Holy Trinity, so the people are not forgotten. If remaining relatives can be located over the next few weeks, they will be able to suggest what happens to an item

Last Week: Attendance: 102 Offertory: \$ 3,431 (Total needed: \$3,200)

Total Earthquake funds received up to end of May 2018: \$196,959

Earthquake funds remaining after expenses so far: \$155,747

Earthquake donations received in May 2018: \$5,968

Note: Earthquake Funds received in June will be reported by mid July



Marge Writes

One day the Scottish poet, Robert Burns was ploughing his field and he disturbed a mouse's nest. This led to his writing of one of his most famous poems commonly known as *To a Mouse*, one stanza of which is—

*But Mousie, you are not alone,
In proving that foresight may be vain:
The best laid plans of mice and men
Go oft awry,
And leave us nothing but grief and pain,
Instead of promised joy!*

I felt a bit like Robert Burns' mouse this week when the earthquake strengthening began in the hall (as planned) and immediately ran into some snags that forced work to move into the church ahead of our original schedule (not planned) in order to keep work progressing until the engineer arrives on Wednesday to discuss solutions. One positive outcome of this change of plans is that a few more queries have arisen in the church so at least the cost of one trip by the engineer has been saved.

On the negative side we were left with a dust covered church at the end of work on Friday. I want to thank Dave Lankshear and Roy Munn for helping Robin and me on Saturday morning with vacuuming and dusting all cushions, pews, kneelers, tables, carpets, vases, etc., etc., etc.

Flexibility and patience will be needed in great measure over the next few months by us all.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

How do you know God loves you?

For many of us we learn of this love through the Bible, through Sunday School teaching, and through hymns or songs such as "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so".

However, the Christian Faith is much more than an academic faith. It is experienced. We need to know deep down inside ourselves that Jesus loves us profoundly.

So, how do you know Jesus loves you?

Many find this through experience when they are facing difficulties. It is not that God necessarily solves the problems for us, though sometimes He does do some miraculous acts to help us. More commonly He gives us the strength and the peace to keep in the midst of crisis.

We also experience His love profoundly as we grasp the fact that we are truly forgiven when we repent through the death of Jesus on the cross. We are reminded of this at communion each week, and many find that taking communion gives them refreshment and strength for the next week.

Another way Jesus helps us is teaching us how to work in tandem with Him. He tells us to be yoked to Him. This means that we can work hard and pray hard, so that the two are in balance. We know we are in tune with Jesus when we feel calm and not stressed when we are busy!

So, how are you experiencing God's love?

BISHOP RICHARD'S SURGERY

This was once again postponed due to the demands on Wellington Hospital. However, a generous benefactor has made it possible for Bishop Richard to have the surgery done privately in CHCH. He will be assessed this Monday and is pencilled in for the operation for next week.

SUNDAY MORNING & AFTERNOON TEAS

Unfortunately, morning tea after the 10AM Sunday service and afternoon tea after the 2PM Sunday service will not be able to take place until the earthquake strengthening work in the kitchen is completed. Hopefully, this will only be for a week or two.

FLOWER & CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

When we shift into the hall for church services in a couple of weeks time, all those who so faithfully serve on the rosters for flowers and for church cleaning may take a well earned rest until we move back into the church.

While we are still worshipping in the church, however, the church cleaning will have to be done either on Friday evening or Saturday in preparation for weekend services when the builders are not present and the dust is finished forming for the week. If this poses a problem, please chat to Marge. Marge and others will also be available to help. We will be moving all of the cushions into the chapel after Sunday services and covering the altar and some furnishings to assist making the cleaning as easy as possible.

OLD CHURCH CARPET

We anticipate that in two 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 the time.

LIKELY AREAS OF WORK NEXT 2 WEEKS

- Strengthening Hall back wall.

- Taking out one side of the brick wall between the church and the music room and replacing with framed gib-board.
- Strengthening the ceiling above the mezzanine floor and sealing the window.
- Strengthening the wall in the kitchen behind the deep sink.

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 is mostly emptied. The music material is stored in the Choir Room temporarily.

The safest way into the church during the next couple of weeks is through the side door by the piano. The builders want us to avoid the front door, as there is building work going on above.

ROBIN IN BULLER

Robin starts his half-time commitment in Buller the first week in **JULY!!** Until then he is fully here in Greymouth.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER

The lawn mowing roster for the second half of this year is now available in the foyer. Would those who are on this roster please collect their named copies. Thank you.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Elim Church are hosting a Men's Breakfast at the New Life Church at 8.30am on Saturday 14 July. The speaker will be Richard Batchelar from Nelson. RSVP to Henry Lawrence 021 048 7530.

FOR THE SCOTS AMONG US

I (Marge) quoted from the English translation of Robert Burns' *To a Mouse* in my column, but, in honour of the Scots among us and in special memory of Gordon Steele, I thought it appropriate to also provide the stanza as originally written by Burns—

*Mousie, thou art no thy lane,
In proving foresight may be vain:
The best laid schemes o' mice an' men
Gang aft agley,
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,
For promis'd joy!*

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