

Monday 13 Aug		<i>Clergy day off Parish Office closed</i>
	1pm	OSL in Parish Centre
	7pm	Trevor's Home group at 58 Turumaha St
Tuesday 14 Aug		<i>Robin in Greymouth (maybe)</i>
	9.15am	Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St
	10am	Dixon House Devotions (Marge)
	6:30pm	Young Adults at 35 Karoro Pl
	7pm	Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd
	7pm	Hawes' Home Group (venue TBC)
	7.30pm	Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St
Wednesday 15 Aug		<i>Robin in Greymouth</i>
	9am	Bible in Schools at Grey Main School
	10am	Wednesday Women in Parish Centre
Thursday 16 Aug		<i>Robin in Westport</i>
	9am	Bible in Schools at Paroa
	12.30pm	<b>Minister's Association at 133 Coulson Rd</b>
	5.30pm	<b>Music Practice in Hall</b>
	NO!!	<b>NO!! SoulFood at 35 Karoro Place</b>
	7pm	<b>Vestry in Parish Centre</b>
Friday 17 Aug		<i>Robin in Westport</i>
	10-11.30am	Kids n Coffee at the <u>Uniting Church</u>
	7pm	The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd
Saturday 18 Aug		<i>Robin in Westport</i>
Sunday 19 Aug		<i>Robin in Westport</i>
	1.30pm	Walking group meet at church to car pool for a walk at Rapahoe

### Services Next Weekend 18 & 19 August 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 Lounge (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**

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** Has anyone got a photograph or two of some aspect of either of the floods in 1988 to lend to Robin? He needs this urgently.

#### MOWING



Trevor  
Morrison



## Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara 11 & 12 August 2018

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

**Theme for this weekend:** Retirement in Ministry

**Readings for this weekend:** Hebrews 13:1-6 (p.1572);  
John 17:1-10 (p.1393) before sermon; John 17:11-27 (p.1394) after sermon

**Prayer for the Day: Servant God, grant us opportunity, give us willingness to serve you day by day; that what we do and how we bear each other's burdens, may be our sacrifice to you. Jesus, you took a towel but Peter would have refused you; make us eager to honour the ministry of others, and after your example, to exercise our own. Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: Major Truths from Minor Prophets—  
What does God really require from us?

Readings for next weekend: Micah 6:1-8; Luke 18:9-14

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Truman family on the announcement of two new expectations to the clan.

Ben and Johanna Truman are expecting their first child in January. Ben was the first baby Robin baptized 30+ years ago and who grew up in this parish. He went on to study at Otago University and taught for several years at Burnside High School. He is now the vicar of Opawa-St. Martin's Parish in Christchurch.

#### **AND**

Nick and Sarah Truman are expecting their fourth child in December. Nick is the eldest

son of Doug and Maureen and, of course, also grew up in this parish and is now a dentist in Invercargill.

Please hold both of these families in your prayers during the coming months.

#### VESTRY AGENDA

Vestry meets this Thursday at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Topics to discuss include—

- Health and Safety
- Finance
- Earthquake Strengthening Progress
- 150th Celebration

Last Week: Attendance: 115 Offertory: \$ 3,200 (Total needed: \$3,200)

Total Earthquake funds received up to end of July 2018: \$204,268

**Earthquake funds remaining after expenses so far: \$94,025**

Earthquake donations received in July 2018: \$3,640

Note: Earthquake Funds received in August will be reported by mid September



## Marge Writes

I am writing this before heading up to Synod and so will provide a report of the results of Synod in next week's newsletter. Synod is due to

adjourn at 1:15pm on Saturday so I will be back for Sunday services, but not Saturday evening's service. Robin, of course, will head to Westport after Synod. My thanks to David Hastings for preaching this weekend and also for celebrating Communion on Saturday.

It has been fascinating watching the strengthening work in the church as walls and ceilings have been opened up, concrete poured, and bracing welded and bolted in. But now, as the finishing work is taking place on some of the areas, it is impossible to see what changes have taken place. The great test, of course, will be if we ever have a significant seismic event.

In some ways this is like our lives. The time we spend in learning God's ways (through reading/listening to the Bible, prayer, home group studies, weekend worship) and then making adjustments in our lives to line up with God's will, the stronger we become for the testing times that will inevitably come. So often it is the cumulative effect of seemingly little decisions we make day to day that often have significant consequences later on.

May we all stay tender of heart to hear God's word to us and obey.

With love and blessings,

*Marge*

### HOW'S IT GOING?

One of the lessons we have learned from our series on the Minor Prophets is that the Lord is completely aware of those who remain faithful to him even when the political and spiritual leadership and the majority of the population are doing evil in His sight.

The messages from the prophets we have studied so far primarily focus on the punishment that will befall the nations of Israel and Judah if they do not return to the Lord. We have also seen that God is Lord of all the earth and so there are times when the prophets also pronounced judgement on other nations for their wickedness and cruelty. God is holy and just and, although He is also slow to anger, He will bring justice.

But God's judgement doesn't mean only punishment for evil; it also means blessing for faithfulness. Time and again, the prophets point out that God is aware of those who are faithful to him and will watch over them.

It is true that all of God's people, evil and faithful alike, were taken into exile as a punishment for the rampant evil throughout the land because as a community they walked through the good and the bad together. However, God watched over His faithful ones and blessed them in the exile.

Many faithful people and even entire parishes are leaving the Anglican Church of NZ because of the passing of Motion 7 at General Synod. Our own Nelson Synod will be debating whether we as a diocese should leave or not. I (Marge) believe the prophets teach us to remain faithful to God's ways

wherever he plants us—even within a broken and at times unfaithful church. If we stay, then we are able to bear witness to the blessedness of being faithful to God's word and ways. Like the prophets of old we can keep pointing the church back to Scripture. If we leave, we lose our right to speak.

However, we must bear no malice to anyone who feels that they must leave the Anglican Church of NZ in order to remain faithful. And, of course, we must always remember that there are areas in our lives that need the Holy Spirit's transformation and not merely point fingers at others.

So, how's it going?

### WORK DONE ON STRENGTHENING THIS PAST WEEK

- The installation of the steel butterfly braces to strengthen the connections between the portals and purlins is now complete.
- Work continued in the back parking lot on the preparation work for the reinforced concrete pad to link the micro-piles to the buttresses. The first concrete pour took place on Friday.
- Painting.

### LIKELY AREAS OF STRENGTHENING WORK THIS COMING WEEK

- Painting.
- Continuing the work on the buttress project.
- Strengthening under the windows and around the crèche door to playground.
- Replace ceiling where butterfly brace installation is complete.

### PICKING THINGS UP FROM CHURCH

The hall, kitchen, lounge, choir room and music room are accessible from 7.30am to 5pm during the week, 9am to 7pm on Saturdays, and 7:30am to 3:30pm on Sundays. Contact Marge if you need access outside these times.

**Enter via the HALL DOOR and go through to the kitchen and choir room and music**

**room via the back porch linking the hall and kitchen. THE CHURCH ITSELF IS OFF LIMITS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND THE PASSAGEWAY FROM LOUNGE TO KITCHEN WILL SOMETIMES BE CLOSED DUE TO STRENGTHENING WORK.**

Copies of the newsletter can be collected from the table inside the hall door at any time the hall is unlocked.

### HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

Buller Anglican Parish are hosting their annual Holy Spirit Conference in Westport on 7-9 September. The speaker this year is Graham Renouf who is an international revivalist from Lower Hutt. Registration forms are available at the back of the hall. The cost is \$25, and registrations must be in by 31 August.

### HYMNS EVENT

The annual CWCI hymns event is happening this year on **Sunday 19 August at 2pm** at the church lounge of All Saints Church at 57 Bealy St, Hokitika.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of singing some old favourite hymns, with a few delightful items from local music students, followed by afternoon tea. No charge but donations are welcome.

### WORD FOR TODAY

A few copies of this daily devotional for August—October are still available on the back table.

### JOHNSON FAMILY

Simon and Helen have put out a new newsletter which is especially focused on their children's educational needs when they return to Taiwan. Henry and Eva will be attending the Morrison Christian Academy. Their newsletter is available to read at the back of the hall.

### GRANT RECEIVED

We were delighted to learn this week that COGS has extended a \$4,000 grant to us towards our Youth Worker's 2018 salary. We are very grateful to COGS for including The Shed project in this year's allocations of funds.

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