

Monday 20 Aug	<i>Clergy day off Parish Office closed</i>
1pm	OSL in Parish Centre
7pm	Trevor's Home group at 58 Turumaha St
7.30pm	Lister's Home Group at 5 Ida St
7.30pm	Tricia & David's Home Group at 359 Main South Rd
Tuesday 21 Aug	<i>Robin in Greymouth</i>
9.15am	Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St
10am	Dixon House Devotions (Pat Cogger)
10.30am	Joyce's Study Group in Parish Centre
12 noon	Prayer meeting in Parish Centre
12.45pm	Pastoral Care meeting in Parish Centre
6:30pm	3DM at 35 Karoro PI
7pm	Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd
7.30pm	Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St
Wednesday 22 Aug	<i>Robin in Greymouth;</i>
9am	Bible in Schools at Grey Main School
10am	Wednesday Women in Parish Centre
7.15pm	Lavers' Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd
Thursday 23 Aug	<i>Robin in Greymouth; Marge in Nelson for Standing Committee</i>
9am	Bible in Schools at Paroa
5.30pm	Music Practice in Hall
5:45pm	SoulFood at 35 Karoro Place
Friday 24 Aug	<i>Robin in Westport</i>
10-11.30am	Kids n Coffee <u>at the Uniting Church</u>
7pm	The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd
Saturday 25 Aug	<i>Robin in Westport</i>
Sunday 26 Aug	<i>Robin in Westport</i>
1.30pm	Walking group meet at church to car pool for a walk on the cycle trail by the Pony Club

Services Next Weekend 25 & 26 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 Afternoon Worship
6.30pm The Way Youth Service at The Shed 186 Main South Rd

KUMARA no service

MOWING



Dave
Lankshear



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
18 & 19 August 2018

Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus

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

Readings for this weekend: Micah 6:1-8 (p.1182); Luke 18:9-14 (p.1346)

Prayer for the Day: Gracious God, Help us to remember all that You have done for us so that we walk humbly before You, and out of that humility act justly and love mercy. Through the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Bishop Richard's Final Address to Synod
 Readings for next weekend: Matthew 7:24-8:4; Matthew 5:1-12

CONGRATULATIONS

On Friday Greville Wood was one of five recipients to receive this year's Grey District Council's Civic Awards for volunteer work in the community. Greville has been extremely busy with his professional duties as a specialist rural G.P. over the last 20 years with his work throughout the upper West Coast region from Greymouth to Karamea, in building a training programme in rural medicine for 5th year medical students and as part of the DHB's Drug and Alcohol Dependency programme. He often spends extra time with patients and clients outside of his contractual obligation to be sure they are receiving the care needed.

It is extraordinary, as busy as he is in his

professional role, that he is able to devote so much time to other parts of the community. This has included supporting and innovative coaching of junior and senior Rugby League (2000-2007), enthusiastic involvement in Rotary since 2000 and a revitalization of the club this past year as its President, significant fund raising efforts for the Kowhai Project, and of course his participation in the practical and worship life of this parish.

Greville genuinely loves the people of this community because he personally has been transformed by the love of God in the person of Jesus Christ crucified and risen.

Congratulations, Greville, from all your church family.

Last Week: Attendance: 142 Offertory: \$ 3,249 (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

As predicted, Synod was not boring! It was sad that, due to

passing of Motion 7 by General Synod and actions taken by some before and since. Synod was of the mind that this sentiment needed to be expressed. It was also felt that we wanted to express our desire to stay in relationship with those who had felt they had to leave ACANZP even though most of us were sorry they had made that decision. Therefore, a motion was passed (80%) that declared we were in a state of "impaired fellowship" with ACANZP and also supported and recognized the Anglicans who had left.

Unfortunately, the term "impaired fellowship", as many of us have since learned, has connotations within the wider Anglican Communion that, from the speeches at Synod, I do not believe were intended. Impaired to me, at least, meant weakened, strained, diminished, but not broken. With 20/20 hindsight another term should have been used and Standing Committee is meeting this week to discuss a number of things post Synod.

It will come as no surprise that there has been a lot of discussion of this on social media. There has even been fallout within our own diocese. I am aware of two who have resigned from roles in the diocese because we did not separate from the Province and one because we have declared "impaired fellowship."

Do, please, pray for Standing Committee, our Diocese, and our Bishop.

Where we have made a mess of things, I hope we will be able to make appropriate reparations.

With an aching heart,

Marge

lingering complications from his surgery, Bishop Richard was not able to be with us except for about 30 minutes late on Friday afternoon when Archbishop Phillip Richardson came to thank Bishop Richard for his service, in light of Bishop Richard's announcement of his retirement from the end of this year.

Archbishop Phillip will meet with Standing Committee soon to explain the details of the process of discerning who our next bishop will be and the necessary preparations required in the lead up to the Electoral College that will most likely meet in the new year. This is a very important decision and I would ask that you begin praying now for this process.

Synod passed the motion to affiliate with AFFIRM and also the motion that a working group be established to explore how to create a culture of spiritual rest and retreat for clergy and lay leaders.

Synod passed a motion that modified the Declaration of Adherence (a statement all church office holders must sign) to declare adherence to the Constitution and those canons that aligned with the formularies of the church.

I am pleased to report that Synod overwhelmingly voted (80%) to not leave the ACANZP and remain engaged at every level.

However, there was also a feeling that all is not well. There are strains in light of the

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WORK DONE ON STRENGTHENING THIS PAST WEEK

- The installation of steel brackets to attach purlins to the front concrete wall (behind the altar) and to the side walls in the chancel is now complete.
- Replacing of ceiling sections and prepping for painting.
- The foundation concrete pad to anchor the micro-piles to the buttresses was completed.
- The reinforcing cages for the buttresses themselves were started.
- Electrical work.
- Painting.

LIKELY AREAS OF STRENGTHENING WORK THIS COMING WEEK

- Painting.
- Electrical work.
- Complete the construction of the buttresses.
- Strengthen under the windows and around the crèche door to playground.
- Begin work in the ceiling of the chapel.
- The scaffolding may start to come down at the end of the week.

PICKING THINGS UP FROM CHURCH

The hall, kitchen, lounge, choir room and music room are accessible **via the HALL door** 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.

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 CWC I hymns event is happening **this 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.

ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER SERVICE

The Uniting Church invites everyone to their annual Spring Flower Service at **2pm on Sunday 9 September**. The service will be followed by afternoon tea. (see invitation at back of hall)

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our sincere condolences to Mary and Jim Findlay on the passing of their brother-in-law, Peter Arnold. Peter's funeral was held last Monday in Hokitika. Please hold the extended family in your prayers at this time.

150TH + 1 CELEBRATION

Vestry spent considerable time discussing this on Thursday and more details will be provided in next week's newsletter.

HOW'S IT GOING?

What does a vicar do when he or she retires? Last weekend, David Hastings shared with us how, when he came to Greymouth, he let it be known that he didn't want to be part of the leadership team but wanted to simply be a parishioner who would share his skills as a priest whenever needed. This was so he could primarily focus on being actively involved in the wider community to a greater degree than he was able to do when he served as a vicar of a parish (e.g. the bowling green, health advocate, his neighbourhood). The point is, we are all ministers at whatever stage of life we find ourselves. And retirement doesn't stop the call on our lives to be salt and light to the world, but it may change the context in which we minister. Wherever we find ourselves—in a job, in school, at home, in retirement, being a volunteer—may we bear witness to our Lord Jesus.

So, how's it going?

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