

Monday 17 Sep	Clergy day off 1pm 7.30pm	Parish Office closed OSL in Parish Centre Tricia & David's Home group at 359 Main South Rd	Marge in USA
Tuesday 18 Sep	9.15am 10am 10.30am 12 noon 12.45pm 6.30pm 7pm 7.30pm	Robin in Greymouth Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St Dixon House Devotions (Pat Cogger) Tuesday Friends in Parish Centre (Robin) Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre Pastoral Care Meeting in Parish Centre 3DM at 35 Karoro Place Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St	Marge in USA
Wednesday 19 Sep	9am 10am	Robin in Greymouth Bible in Schools at Grey Main School Wednesday Women in Parish Centre	Marge in USA
Thursday 20 Sep	9am 12.30pm 5.30pm 5.45pm	Robin in Westport Bible in Schools at Paroa Minister's Association Music Practice in Hall SoulFood fun night in Parish Centre	Marge in USA
Friday 21 Sep	10-11.30am 7pm	Robin in Westport Kids n Coffee at the Uniting Church The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd	Marge in USA
Saturday 22 Sep		Robin in Westport	Marge in USA
Sunday 23 Sep	1.30pm	Robin in Westport Walking group meet at church to car pool	Marge in USA

Services Next Weekend 22 & 23 September 2018

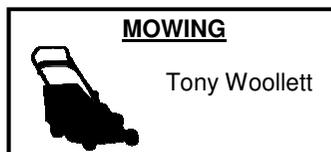
SATURDAY:

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

Tony Woollett



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
15 & 16 September 2018
Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus

Theme for this weekend: The Essence of Christian Character

Readings for this weekend:

1 Corinthians 13 (p.1488); Mark 12:28-34 (p.1296)

Prayer for the Day: Lord God, you have taught us that anything we do without love is worth nothing, for whoever lives without love is counted dead before you; send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen

Theme for next weekend: Saints and Sinners

Readings for next weekend: Hebrews 13:1-8; John 8:7-11

VESTRY MEETING CHANGE

Due to Marge being away, the September vestry meeting will be moved to Thursday, 27 September in the Parish Centre at 7.15pm.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Margaret Baillie who served the morning tea to the crews from the various contractors who have been working on our seismic strengthening project. This left Marge and Robin to take care of other things in the morning and free to chat with the "guys". Also a big thank you to those who donated to make it happen. It was a great feed with enough left over for afternoon tea as well. The workers were really blessed.

TUESDAY FRIENDS

It has been a little over a year since our beloved Joyce Stanton passed away. The study group that bore her name for so many

years decided to keep calling it "Joyce's Study Group" in her memory until an appropriate time and another name was found. Recently the group decided to call themselves "Tuesday Friends".

Tuesday Friends meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10:30am in the Parish Centre. We begin with a cuppa and fellowship followed by some prayers led by Pat Cogger before our study. We are currently using the SOAP method of Bible reading to work our way through the Gospel of Luke. When a month has a 5th Tuesday, we have some sort of social gathering.

If you are not in a home group and are free on Tuesday mornings, you may like to give Tuesday Friends a go. We are meeting this Tuesday morning.

Last Week: Attendance: 111 Offertory: \$ 3,720 (Total needed: \$3,200)
 Total Earthquake funds donated up to end of August 2018: \$207,967
 Earthquake donations received in August 2018: \$3,699
 Note: Earthquake Funds received in September will be reported by mid October



Robin Writes

Marge went with Amanda to Christchurch on Wednesday, then flew to San Antonio, Texas via Auckland and Houston. Her big concern was the impending arrival of the tropical storm Florence.

It will be so much easier for her to grieve more fully when she is with the rest of her family. She has been planning the funeral service and the various eulogies and tributes.

I have been pleased to have spent a lot of the time since her Mom died, here in Greymouth except for 3 days.

This coming week I shall be up in Westport from Thursday morning through to late on Sunday evening. We had a wonderful Holy Spirit Conference and I was most impressed that the local team organized and planned everything. My job was merely to tell people where the toilets were!

Our congratulations to Paul Hibbs and Stephanie as they celebrated their engagement with a party this week. It was a wonderfully well organized and fun event.

I am so pleased Marge is the vicar. When she organized the morning tea for the workers, she did it thoroughly. The workers were so surprised because they said that it was rare that the workers were thanked like that. It was usually only the bosses. Well done Marge.

Love and blessings, Robin

HOW'S IT GOING?

Last weekend we had great reminder that Jesus, while totally God, is also totally human. That concept was an anathema to the ancient Greco-Roman world as no other "god" story other than Christianity spoke of God taking on human flesh. As Peter Wetherall put it, "God did not just come to humanity, He came into humanity." God came as close as He possibly could to us.

By taking on human nature without relinquishing his divine nature, Jesus could show us both what God was like AND what humanity could be like.

He showed us what God was like by the way He loved, healed, forgave, sacrificed himself to take away our sins in His death and resurrection.

He showed us what humanity could be like by experiencing the same struggles, angst, sorrows and joys, that every human endures yet never let His circumstances lead Him into sin. As Peter said last weekend, "God became like us so we could become like Him" - Forgiving, generous, compassionate, merciful, loving, just, overcomers of sin, healers.

Last weekend Peter showed us a piece of graffiti from ancient Rome mocking a Christian because he believed that Jesus was both God and human. Sometimes people mock us for our belief in Jesus. Will we be like that early Christian and remain faithful to Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to transform us to be more like Jesus - the one who lived a human life the way it was meant to be lived? So, how's it going?

PARISH COVER WHILE MARGE AWAY

Robin will be in Greymouth from each Sunday evening through until Thursday or Friday each week when he will go to Westport for the weekend. David Hastings will be preaching and celebrating at our Greymouth services for the two weekends Marge will be away (15/16 & 22/23 Sept). Robin will officially be the Priest-in-Charge of the parish, while David will be in charge of the services over the two weekends.

150 + 1 CELEBRATION

Last year was our parish's 150th Anniversary. However, we chose to wait to celebrate until after the earthquake strengthening was complete. Therefore, on **Sunday, December 9th**, we will celebrate 150 + 1 years. Our day of celebration will consist of—

- Confirmation service at 10AM
- Fully catered spit roast lunch with salads, veggies, and desserts at 12:30pm with appropriate presentations to give thanks for—
 - * 150 +1 years as a parish
 - * Completion of seismic strengthening
 - * Ministry of Bishop Richard
- Coffee and Tea with anniversary cake to conclude the celebration.

Vestry has agreed to subsidize from the refreshment budget to bring the cost for the celebration lunch to: **\$30/adult; \$25/pensioner or unwaged; children under 10 free** (but must have a ticket)

There is **limited seating, so tickets will be offered first to members of the parish, available at the Parish Office. Remaining tickets will be made available to the wider diocese and beyond from 1 Oct.**

UPDATE ON STRENGTHENING WORK

There has been great progress with the work this past week.

The final pours were made in the construction of the two buttresses in the car park. It was quite some engineering achievement. They now need to dry out and set before they can be sealed and ready for painting - probably 3 weeks away.

The painters have nearly finished, being hampered by the scaffolding. The scaffolding is coming down now, but will take a while.. Once it has gone the builders will level the floor of the church by putting packing under the piles near the front part of the nave.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

New sets of offertory envelopes covering the period October to March, are available at the back of the hall. Would those using the envelope scheme please collect your named sets.

SAVE STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

As part of the Nelson Diocese we collect stamps and send them to the Anglican Mission in Wellington. They sell them to collectors and raise money for the leprosy mission in Africa. We received this message from Anglican Missions this week:

"Thanks to all the stamp collectors in the Nelson Diocese :) You will be interested to know we have raised just over \$3,000 from stamp sales so far this year."

So remember to save your used stamps and place them in the box at the back of the hall for Anglican Missions.

VACANCY

- Diocesan Health and Safety Co-ordinator

The Diocese of Nelson is seeking to appoint a new Health and Safety Co-ordinator. This is a half time position, reporting to the Diocesan Executive Secretary. There is scope to adjust the hours of work by agreement. This is an educative and facilitative role involving co-ordination of risk management across the parishes and diocese to achieve compliance with obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act, the SafeHere programme and the Diocesan Health and Safety Management Plan. A job description is available from the Executive Secretary at—

diosec@nelsonanglican.nz This role would ideally suit someone with experience and knowledge of the NZ health and safety landscape and of the type of activities undertaken by parishes. Please send a CV and letter of application to the Diocesan Executive Secretary by 1 October 2018.

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