

Monday 24 Sep	Clergy day off 1pm OSL in Parish Centre 7.30pm Lister's Home Group at 5 Ida St	Parish Office closed Marge in USA
Tuesday 25 Sep	9.15am Robin in Greymouth 10am Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St 10am Dixon House Devotions (David Hastings) 2pm AAW Fellowship Group in Parish Centre 6.30pm Young Adults at 35 Karoro Place 6.30pm!! Marjorie's Home Group POT LUCK TEA at 9 Heaphy St 7pm Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd 7pm Hawes' Home Group in Parish Centre	
Wednesday 26 Sep	9am Robin in Greymouth 10am Bible in Schools at Grey Main School 10am Wednesday Women in Parish Centre 2pm AAW at Cobden Anglican Church 7.15pm Lavers' Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd	
Thursday 27 Sep	9am Robin in Greymouth 9.15pm! Music Practice in Hall NOTE EARLIER START TIME! 5.45pm SoulFood at 35 Karoro Place 7.15pm Vestry Meeting in Parish Centre NOTE LATER START TIME!	
Friday 28 Sep	10-11.30am Robin in Westport 7pm Kids n Coffee at the Uniting Church The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd	
Saturday 29 Sep	Robin in Westport	
Sunday 30 Sep	1.30pm Robin in Westport Walking group meet at church to car pool	

**Services Next Weekend 29 & 30 September 2018 first weekend of school holidays**

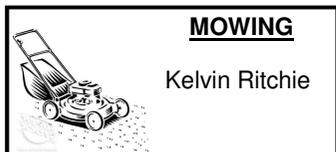
**SATURDAY:**

6pm Communion (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

**SUNDAY :**

8am Holy Communion (Quiet & reflective, no music. Finishes by 8.50am)  
NO!! NO 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**



Here is a punny joke worthy of David Hasting's standards:  
A hungry traveller stops at a monastery and is taken to the kitchen. A brother is frying chips. "Are you the Friar?" asks the traveller.  
"No. I'm the chip-monk," he replies.




**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara**  
**22 & 23 September 2018**  
*Blessed to be a Blessing*  
*Growing Disciples of Jesus*

**Theme for this weekend:** Saints and Sinners  
**Readings for this weekend:** Hebrews 13:1-8 (p.1572); John 8:7-11 (p.1377)  
**Prayer for the Day:**  
**Eternal God, you have always taken men and women of every nation, age and colour and made them saints; like them, transformed, like them, baptised in Jesus name, take us to share your glory. Amen**  
**Theme for next weekend:** Judges: Still Relevant?  
**Readings for next weekend:** Judges 2:1-5; Matthew 6:19-21

**150 + 1 CELEBRATION**

Remember to come and buy your tickets for the 150 + 1 celebration meal. **Tickets are available from the Parish Office** on a first come, first served basis. There is limited seating at the meal, so don't miss out. This week tickets are still only available to parishioners. From next week on, they will also be available to the wider community.

- Financial update
- Earthquake strengthening progress
- Setting price for the book about our parish over the last 25 years or so.
- Ideas for selling it, and number of copies to print
- Thoughts on how we farewell Bp Richard on 9 December
- Application for Youth Worker salary from Lottery Community
- Fair
- Loan conditions from the diocese for up to \$200,000 to cover all costs associated with the earthquake strengthening, carpet, painting etc.

**VESTRY MEETING CHANGE**

Due to Marge being away, the September vestry meeting has been moved to this **Thursday, 27 September in the Parish Centre at 7.15pm.**

- Some possible items on the agenda include:
- Application for grant from the West Coast Community Trust towards Youth Worker salary for 2019
  - Plans for the return to the church, moving of pews etc

Last Week: Attendance: 126 Offertory: \$ 2,959 (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

I am writing this early in the week, Wednesday, as I am back in Westport on Thursday morning. I will be really pleased when I am living in Greymouth seven days a week - probably not until January.

Marge said that the funeral went really well and they had some good family time. This was specially important as folk came from all over the USA. Marge will be back in Greymouth this coming Monday.

Marge and I went to the business breakfast last week to hear about the effects of "P" or methamphetamine. One of the facts we hadn't grasped so clearly before, was that it is by far the most addictive drug currently around, and it is in plentiful supply on the West Coast.

It is so addictive that it may be possible to stop after taking it once; but once you have taken two doses, you are hooked. It is harder to get off than heroine. Once trapped, the desire to use it more often for the high feeling increases. Because the drug becomes very expensive, the only way most people can pay for the habit is by theft or other forms of dishonesty.

I am not sure what we do about it, but it has certainly become a major epidemic in NZ and here in Greymouth.

Although I am often in Westport, I still pray daily for individual parishioners here. Blessings and prayer, Robin

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**Kumara Verger:** Joe Payn 736 9960, **Sharing Shed:** Nancy Holman 768 7704

### HOW'S IT GOING?

Whenever I think of Christian love I am reminded of one of the most moving experiences of Christian love I have experienced. Between Suva and Nasouri in Fiji is a home that is flowing in Christian love. When I was working in Fiji back in the late 1970s I visited this home on a number of occasions. It was run by the then Christchurch based Anglican order of the sisters of the church. Some of you may have heard of it, "St Christopher's Home". Even back then many of the sisters there were Pacific Islanders.

It was a home for mainly Indian children who were born to mothers out of wedlock and they were rejected by their families for this reason and even the mother was sent away from the family. These children were cared for and helped through their formative years and given skills.

The vivid memory I have is of these children singing with actions an old Sunday school favourite. "Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away. Love is something if you give it away, it comes right back to you. It's just like a magic penny, hold on tight and you don't get any. Lend it, spend it, give it away and it comes right back to you."

You could see on their faces how much the love shown to them was appreciated.

### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The annual CWCI West Coast Safari is coming around again next month. The Greymouth event will be a **women's breakfast at 9am on Saturday 13 October** at the Baptist Church. The cost is \$15 and bookings are required for catering purposes, to Shirley at: [smith1@kinect.co.nz](mailto:smith1@kinect.co.nz) or phone 768 5446. Brochures are available at the back of the hall. Please help yourself. All women are welcome. This year's speaker is Sharyn Fieten from Invercargill and her topic is "What's in a Name? Our, HIS Name, our new name." There will also be a Christian bookstall available at the meeting. This could be a great place to get your early Christmas presents.

### LADIES GUILD

The October meeting is on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre**. A fun afternoon that will keep you guessing! All welcome.

### UPDATE ON STRENGTHENING WORK

The scaffolding has now been taken down from the church, enabling us to see what the inside really looks like now.

- There are still a few patches of painting to be completed, which will be done at the same time as the columns are painted in about a fortnight.
- The floor in the church is being leveled with packing being placed above the concrete piles under the floor.
- The car park behind the church is being prepared ready for tar sealing.
- The columns have been sanded and plastered ready for painting.
- Considering the amount of heavy machinery and extensive work done in the area, the car park has been cleaned pretty well.
- The final job from the builders will be the cleaning of the inside of the church, foyer, crèche, lounge and passageways. Having seen the quality of the cleaning in the chapel, we can be very confident of a good result.

- Gordon Wilkins has done an amazing amount of work in replacing all the old lighting with modern fixtures. He has also replaced the old heaters with heaters similar to those in the hall.
- At this stage we have booked the laying of the carpet throughout the church, foyer and crèche for the week beginning 8 October.
- Roy Munn has been checking on progress at least twice a day, every day, while the strengthening work has been proceeding for the last four months.

### 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.

### BISHOPDALE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Details of courses for next year are available from the clergy. Some of these courses can be done by video conference from Greymouth. If you might be interested, do chat to Marge as soon as possible. Early bird rates apply until only the end of September.

### AAW

The Cobden-Runanga AAW group will be meeting in Cobden Anglican Church this Wednesday 26 Sept at 2pm. The theme is 'Seasons of the Year', and will be followed by a fun quiz. Holy Trinity AAW ladies are warmly invited.

**Prayer Requests to:** Ngairé Fisher 768 6505