

First week of school holidays

Monday 1 Oct	Clergy day off	Parish Office closed
Tuesday 2 Oct	9.15am 10am 10:30am 1.30pm!! 6.30pm	<i>Robin in Tahuninui for Healing of Memories Ministry</i> Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St Dixon House Devotions (Carol Reedy) Tuesday Friends Study Group in Parish Centre Ladies Guild in Parish Centre <u>NOTE EARLIER START TIME!</u> 3DM at 35 Karoro Place
Wednesday 3 Oct	11am	<i>Robin in Tahuninui for Healing of Memories Ministry</i> Hospital Chapel (Marge)
Thursday 4 Oct	5.30pm	<i>Robin in Tahuninui for Healing of Memories Ministry</i> Music Practice in Hall
Friday 5 Oct	5.30pm	<i>Robin in Greymouth</i> Menz at Monteiths (and Ladies)
Saturday 6 Oct		<i>Robin in Greymouth</i>
Sunday 7 Oct	1.30pm	<i>Robin in Greymouth</i> Walking group meet at church to car pool

Services Next Weekend 6 & 7 October 2018 *middle 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**

10am Family Communion (Songs and hymns)

2pm Holy Communion

KUMARA 10am Morning Worship

OUR VERY OWN "GOOD SORT"—NATHAN JOHNSON

Friday's Greymouth Star carried the story of how our very own OASIS member, Nathan Johnson, donated a ride on toy tractor he had won at the recent Agfest that eventually made its way to a very deserving child. Well done, Nathan!! May we all learn from your example of generosity and kindness.



MOWING

Russell Nimmo



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
29 & 30 September 2018**

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

Theme for this weekend: Judges—Still Relevant?

Readings for this weekend:

Judges 2:1-5 (p.301); Matthew 6:19-21 (p.1229)

Prayer for the Day: Gracious God, Help us to remember how bad things become when we turn our backs on you. Please, Lord, remember your promise to forgive and restore our relationship when we cry out to you for help. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Major Truths from Minor Prophets—

Zephaniah: Purifying Fire brings Songs of Joy

Readings for next weekend: Zephaniah 3 (whole chapter); Luke 15:8-10

ROSTER UNAVAILABLE DATES

Our current roster finishes at the end of October. Would all those on the services roster please get your unavailable dates for the period 1 November to 28 February, to Nicky at the Parish Office ASAP. Thank you. Marge would like to begin work on this roster shortly.

150 + 1 CELEBRATION

Remember to come and buy your tickets for the 150 + 1 celebration meal (December 9th at 12:30pm in the Trinity Centre). **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. From this Monday, tickets will also be made available to the wider diocese and community.

OCTOBER PRAYER LEAFLETS

These will be available in next week's newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Pete and Robyn White on the birth of their fourth grandchild—Olivia Grace Reading last week. Marge got to see the little bundle at Kids 'n' Coffee on Friday and she was fast asleep in her mother's (Kimberly) arms. Her big brother Mason couldn't wait to tell Marge about his new sister.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are **very short** of helpers to serve drinks for Blood Donors.

If you are able to **help for an hour** on Wednesday 14th November between the hours of 2pm to 6.30pm

or Thursday 15th November between the hours of 8am to 10.30 am, please contact Margaret Baillie on Ph 768 5993 and leave a message.

This is a great way to help your community!

Last Week: Attendance: 117 Offertory: \$ 3,702 (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



Marge Writes

My thanks to everyone who covered for me while I went to USA to take my mother's funeral. It was a lovely service and time with family.

I particularly want to thank David Hastings for preaching and celebrating over the two weekends I was away and to Robin for overseeing the running of the parish in my absence.

Unfortunately, I picked up a bug toward the end of my travels and so have avoided doing any pastoral visiting this week as I did not want to pass it along to anyone else. However, Robin and others have caught me up on most everyone and I will have an opportunity to do some visiting next week.

It is good to be back with you.

With love and blessings,

Marge

BOOK OF PARISH MEMORIES FOR SALE

Robin has been working on a book to cover the parish years from the 1990's to 2018 to be ready for our 150th +1 celebration. It will not cover the history that was done so well in the previous two books, but will seek to cover the highlights from the last 30 years or so.

Vestry has set the price of the book at \$15 for pre-orders and \$20 after publication. It is expected to be available from the end of November. If interested in pre-ordering, please bring \$15 to Nicky at Parish Centre.

HOW'S IT GOING?

Strict Jewish Law in the time of Jesus was to be obeyed to the letter and a sinner was a person who failed to keep that law.

David Pawson in his tapes on "Unlocking the Bible" in talking about Luke's Gospel shared a lovely true-life story of how he was leading a bus tour in the Holy Land of English tourists and they had a Jewish driver and a Jewish tour guide on board. It was Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath day, and he was doing a biblical study with the tour group on board. He said we have two sinners on board with us today, one is the driver and the other is our tour guide. He then explained the context in which Luke, a Gentile (that is a non-Jew), who was a doctor by profession, wrote his Gospel. The translation of sinner meant any Jew who had failed to keep the Law of Moses was a sinner. The Law of Moses was clear, the Sabbath must be kept Holy, no work, and here were two Jews working on the Sabbath.

What would Jesus say?

I suggest you read Luke 6.1-11. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath. These two must feed their families. Compassion and concern and "Love your neighbour" were always foremost in Jesus mind. It would be worth pondering on the Jesus response when he was anointed by a sinful woman, Luke 7. 36-50. Remember "Let he who is beyond sin cast the first stone." Also "Judge not and be not Judged".

So, how's it going?

LADIES GUILD

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

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 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.

THE WITNESS

The latest edition of the Diocesan magazine 'The Witness' is now out and available at the back of the hall. Please help yourself to a copy.

MENZ AT MONTEITHS (& LADIES)

This **Friday at 5.30pm** the Men will meet for their monthly social gathering at Monteiths. Ladies—same time, different table! All welcome. This is an excellent opportunity to meet people from other congregations and to invite friends to just hang out and meet other people (who happen to be Christians).

JOHNSON FAMILY

Simon and Helen's latest newsletter is available on the table at the back of the hall. They have received their full medical clearances to return to Taiwan in January, and are up to 84% of their financial support needs. Please continue to pray for them.

GREYMOUTH STREET RACES

Each year we gather a team of people to help set up and pack down the fences for the Street Races on the Sunday of Labour Weekend. This is done as a fundraiser to support the Johnson family in Taiwan. If you would like to help out this year (on Sunday 21 October), or find out more details, please

contact Ian by text: 022 503 4935 or by email: ianhawes7@gmail.com

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.

FAREWELL

This weekend, at our 10AM service, we will farewell one of our long-standing parishioners, Jill Cogger.

We have thoroughly enjoyed Jill's singing as part of the 10AM music team when her schedule allowed her to be on the roster and also as part of the choir of Nine Lessons and Carols when we were still able to muster a choir together. More recently, we have been blessed by Jill's reading of the Scriptures.

Jill has done an amazing job as principal at Reefton's Sacred Heart primary school for the last several years and will be taking up the position of Deputy Principal at Rakaia Primary School from the start of next term.

Please hold Jill in your prayers as she transitions into a new chapter of her life.

UPDATE ON STRENGTHENING WORK

The project is nearly complete. All that remains is some tidying up of the back car park and electrics in the church. Also, with the fresh paint job in the church, Vestry agreed on Thursday to spruce up the iron work of the communion rails in both the church and chapel. Dave Lankshear is working on that at the moment. The wooden rail in the church was also re-oiled.

We are still expecting the carpet to be laid the week of Oct 8th and plan to make the shift of furniture back into the church on Labour Day (Monday, Oct 22nd). We are expecting the organ to be reassembled the week following Labour Weekend.

We are waiting for some final bills to arrive and, once they are in, we will publish a breakdown of the costs for you.

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