

Second week of school holidays

Monday 8 Oct		<i>Marge and Robin away at Leadership Conference</i>
Tuesday 9 Oct	9.15am 10am NO!!	<i>Marge and Robin away at Leadership Conference</i> Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St Dixon House Devotions (Kaye Brown) NO YOUNG ADULTS GROUP THIS WEEK
Wednesday 10 Oct	10-11.30am 10am 11am	<i>Marge and Robin away at Leadership Conference</i> Parish Health Advisor in Quiet Room Dixon House Communion Service (David Hastings) Granger House Communion Service (David Hastings)
Thursday 11 Oct		<i>Robin in Buller</i>
	5.30pm 7-9pm	Music Practice in Hall Consultation 1 for Electing new Bishop (see insert)
Friday 12 Oct		<i>Robin in Buller</i>
Saturday 13 Oct		<i>Robin in Buller</i>
Sunday 14 Oct	1.30pm	<i>Robin in Buller</i> Walking group meet at church to car pool

Services Next Weekend: 13 & 14 October 2018

last 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

FREEDOMS PETITION

The Barnabas Fund has noted how historic freedoms such as freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and academic freedom are increasingly under threat in the UK and is concerned that the same may soon follow here in NZ. Therefore, the Barnabas Fund has initiated a petition calling for a formal government review of how well the seven fundamental aspects of freedom of religion are being protected in New Zealand today. A copy is available on the table at the back of the church if you wish to read more or sign.



MOWING

Dave
Lankshear



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
6 & 7 October 2018**

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

Theme for this weekend: Major Truths from Minor Prophets -
Zephaniah: Purifying Fire brings Songs of Joy

Readings for this weekend:
Zephaniah 3 (p. 1196); Luke 15:8-10 (p. 1341)

Prayer for the Day: Holy and merciful God, open our eyes to see and turn away from any pride that keeps us from fully trusting and following you. And as you save us, may our fears be quieted by your love, and may we hear you singing songs of delight over us. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Major Truths from Minor Prophets -
Obadiah: The Danger of Pride

Readings for next weekend: Obadiah 1:1-4; Mark 7:14-23

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Val Boote and particularly to her daughter Janine Boote, granddaughter Jessica and sister Jeanette Keith who are part of our parish. Val was a committed member of the Saturday 6pm congregation, Wednesday Women Study Group, AAW, Flower Guild and church cleaning roster. Val's funeral was held at the Trinity Centre on Friday.

Sympathies also to Liz and Jeremy Ewan and Russell, Jane and Jonathan Nimmo on the passing of their cousin Tom Nimmo whose funeral was on Friday in Richmond.

GIFT FOR BISHOP RICHARD

Vestry agreed that the parish will give Bishop Richard and Hilary a monetary gift towards their retirement when they are with us in December. Anyone wishing to make a

contribution may either drop it off at the Parish Centre or place it in the weekend offering bags clearly marked "For Bishop Richard."

PARISH HEALTH ADVISOR

Marjorie will hold her monthly clinic this **Wednesday 10 October from 10-11.30am in the Quiet Room**. Feel free to drop in for a check-up and some friendly advice on health related matters.

EQ STRENGTHENING UPDATE

Carpet laying was able to get started ahead of schedule AND will continue next week. The parking lot around the buttresses has been prepped for the asphalt which will be poured when the suppliers do a mix and the weather is right. Everything is go for the shift back into the church on Labour Day, Oct 22nd. Please see notice on page 3 for details of the working bee.

Last Week: Attendance: 101 Offertory: \$ 3,113 (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

I've been receiving many positive comments

from people of the wider community regarding the way the church looks now

that the bulk of the strengthening work is done. What they are most delighted with is the way that the work is hidden from sight. Even the visible buttresses are considered a plus to the design of the building and look like they belong. I know a few people don't like the buttress colour, but I've had more positive comments than negative. The reason for the colour is that it matches our accent colour around the building and it will assist folk from backing cars into them. One person even noticed the cross for the first time because the buttresses drew their attention to the wall.

I think there is an analogy in this with the way that the Lord works to strengthen us in preparation for the tough times of life. So much of what He does is a hidden work as we spend time in His word, time in prayer, time with each other to allow Him to correct us, shape us, strengthen us so that when a time of shaking comes, we will have the stuff to remain faithful and true.

Our buildings are now much more able to withstand a seismic shaking. May we, too, be doing the things that allow the Holy Spirit to do His hidden strengthening work in us that will be made evident by the ways in which we respond when the tough times come.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

Last weekend Pete showed us that the book of Judges written nearly 3,000 years ago is amazingly relevant to us today. The book covers the repeating saga of how the ancient Israelites, now settled in the promised land, would grow apathetic and fail to remain faithful to God and his ways. As a result, God allowed Israel's enemies to attack and plunder. The people would repent and cry to God for help and God would raise up a leader (judge) who would drive out the enemy. While the leader lived, the people remained faithful to God, but when the leader died, they forgot God again, returned to their wicked ways and the cycle repeated.

Pete elaborated on some of the causes of Israel's failure and the attributes of people God raised up as judges and left us six questions to ponder—

1. In what ways do you feel pressured to compromise your faith and values?
2. Can you recognise yourself with second-hand generation syndrome (i.e. Apathy)?
3. In what ways do you step out in faith, allowing God to use your uniqueness for His glory?
4. What are your goals? Do they include faith in God?
5. How/where is God using you to impact others?
6. Are you paralysed by inactivity or have you got momentum in your Spiritual journey?

So—

What is God saying to you?

And what are you going to do about it?

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

WORKING BEE LABOUR DAY

If there are any folk around on Monday, 22 October, you could help in any of the following ways from 9am to 12.30pm

- Moving pews (we have a trolley to help!)
- Dusting and polishing
- Providing cups of tea and refreshments for helpers
- Getting everything ready in the church for the first service on Saturday, 27 October.

FAIR HELPERS

There are a number of vacancies. The provisional list is in the lounge for folk to check. Please add your name where you would like to help, cross it out if you are not available, or add a new idea that you would like to initiate. Queries to Robin.

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