

Monday
19 Nov
1pm OSL in Parish Centre
1-3pm Elder CARE in Trinity Lounge
7.30pm Lister's Home group at 5 Ida St
7.30pm Tricia & David's Home group at 359 Main South Rd

Clergy day off Parish Office closed

Tuesday
20 Nov
9.15am Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St
10am Dixon House Devotions (Pat Cogger)
10.30am Tuesday Friends in Parish Centre
12 noon Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre
12.45pm Pastoral Care Meeting in Parish Centre
3-4.15pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
4.15-5.15pm Crossroads Dance in CHURCH
6.30pm 3DM at 35 Karoro Place
7.30pm Samara's Home Group in Parish Centre
7.30pm Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St

Robin in Greymouth

Wednesday
21 Nov
10am Wednesday Women in Parish Centre
3-5.30pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall

Robin in Greymouth Marge arrives home from USA

Thursday
22 Nov
9am Bible in Schools at Paroa
3-6.30pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
5.30pm Music Practice in church

Robin in Greymouth

Friday
23 Nov
10-11.30am Kids n Coffee in TRINITY HALL
7pm The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd

Robin in Westport

Saturday
24 Nov

Robin in Westport

Sunday
25 Nov
1.30pm Walking group meet at church to car pool

Robin in Westport

Services Next Weekend: 24 & 25 November 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
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



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
17 & 18 November 2018
Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus

Theme for this weekend: True Freedom

Readings for this weekend:

Isaiah 55.6-13 (p.940); Luke 15.11-32 (p.1341)

Prayer for the Day:

God you have given us a lodging in this world but not an abiding city. It is easy to be led away from you thinking we can find a greater freedom. We find however if we try that road, the freedom we thought we could find is not there. Through your word and the teaching of Christ we discover your road can be tough and demanding at times, we know that at the end of that road lies the eternal city. The city that you have prepared for us out of your great love for us. Amen

Theme for next weekend: Truth and Consequences

Readings for next weekend: Psalm 65:1-13; John 18:36-38

CELEBRATION DINNER TICKETS

For those of you who have not gotten around to coming into the office to get your tickets yet (and there are many of you!), you are welcome to **make your payment online** into account # 03-0846-0012777-00. Please put 'dinner' as your reference and include your name. **Then email the office** to tell Nicky you are booking. I will then get your tickets to you. The cut-off date for bookings is 1st December, so don't miss out! You've only got 2 weeks left to pay and book your tickets.

paid for online as above. Please put 'memories book' as your reference and include your name. Then **email the office** to tell Nicky you are ordering one. The cut-off date for pre-orders is 30 November. After this the book will cost \$20.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

There are some Bible Society cards available at \$8 for 12 cards - 4 different designs. See Nicky Hawes or Robin if you would like a set or more.

PARISH MEMORIES BOOK

Robin's book of parish history in 1990's-2018 can be pre-ordered for \$15. This can also be

FLOWERS

Jane Nimmo

CHURCH CLEANING

Peter Wetherall
Deb Eatwell

CHURCH MOWING

Tony Woollett

Last Week: Attendance: 121 Offertory: \$ 4,133 (Total needed: \$3,200)
Total Earthquake funds donated up to end of October 2018: \$214,307
Earthquake donations received in October 2018: \$3,308
Note: Earthquake Funds received in November will be reported by mid December



Robin Writes

Marge has had a wonderful few days with her triplets, who are in first year university (college). It is a Christian College, and for the four year degree they need to take a spiritual paper each semester. Currently they are studying the gospels. It brings back memories for Marge who used to lecture in the Christian College of Oral Roberts University.

There have been a couple of things folk have noticed that are different in the church building now that we have returned.

Firstly, the pews do slip slightly on the carpet, so sometimes you find yourself in a rather cramped row. Other times you have a big gap instead. Vestry will tackle that question in a fortnight.

Secondly, there is a bit of an echo in the church. Most people don't find it a problem, but those using the loop system or sensitive hearing aids might need to experiment with some adjustment where that is possible.

There are two reasons for the echo. The modern paint has been designed to be more easily cleaned. They have made it more reflective, which of course creates the echo. Also, the carpet is not as absorbent as the softer carpet was. Vestry will discuss it.

I have appreciated being in the parish for two weeks in a row. The next time that happens is towards the end of January. I so look forward to being back with you long term. Love, Robin

HOW'S IT GOING?

We looked at two special people at the time of the Judges. The first was Samson. He had a birth that was predicted by an angel, who told his parents how he was to be brought up as a Nazerite. That meant he was not to have beer or wine, and must not get his hair cut.

This reminded us of a New Testament man in a similar situation. The birth of John the Baptist was also predicted by an angel, with similar instructions. He too was a Nazerite. His ministry was very powerful and effective, because he faithfully obeyed God and boldly spoke as God gave him understanding.

Samson, on the other hand, messed up. He did things his own way and ignored God's leading. In the end it brought him disaster, but he partially redeemed himself at his death.

It raised the issue for us of prominent Christians who fall away from God's laws, and mess up. We discover that when God gives a gift, He genuinely GIVES it. We may be very embarrassed at the way some world renowned healers have behaved. But God still lets them keep the gift. Which is just as well, or our sinful ways would mean none of us would have any special gifts!!

Samuel was the great prophet, yet the Israelites ignored him and demanded a king. Once the Israelites took the Ark of the Covenant into battle, thinking God would never let it be taken. It was. They treated it like a lucky charm, like we sometimes do with "touch wood" and "cross fingers".

How are we going 3,500 years later?

VESTRY

A reminder that this month vestry will be meeting on Thursday 29th November.

CHURCH VACUUM CLEANERS

We have two vacuum cleaners for the church. One is kept in the cleaning cupboard, and the other is now kept in the cupboard under the stairs in the foyer. This is to make it easier to access the cleaners.

JOHNSON'S PRAYER REQUEST

Simon has sent an up to date newsletter which can be viewed in the foyer. ***They urgently ask for prayer that they will meet their financial support goal by the end of November.*** They need to raise another \$10,000 support for 2019 by then, in order for OMF to give them clearance to return to Taiwan in January as planned. For more details, see their newsletter.

AAW MEETING

AAW meets this **Wednesday 21 November at St Thomas' Runanga.** It will commence with a Eucharist **at 2pm**, followed by the Annual General Meeting. A small plate for afternoon tea. Subs will be due; \$20, or \$28 with Circle.

MAWHERA AAW

The Annual General Meeting of Mawhera AAW will be held **at St Thomas' Church, Runanga on Thursday 29th November commencing at 11am.** The Commissioning Service will take place following lunch. The Diocesan President, Mrs Diane Higgins will speak after lunch. After the speech there will be an opportunity for members to chat to Dianne and to discuss any concerns they have about the future of AAW. Afternoon tea will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Holy Trinity ladies are invited to attend this meeting whether they are still members of AAW or not.

THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

As part of getting our Church out into the community it has been proposed that we have a stall at the **Merry Little Christmas Market on the 16th of December.** We invite the creative members of our congregation to donate items suitable eg handmade gifts or

decorations, cards, artwork, crafts etc. Alternatively an item for a food hamper to be given away as a spot prize would be great. Let's spread a little joy in the true meaning of Christmas. **For details please contact Lisa Houghton on 762 5366.**

The above was an idea that developed from Marge's sermon when we returned to the church building at the end of October..

OUR DAILY BREAD

New copies of this devotional booklet are available in the foyer. Please help yourself. A gold coin in the offerings bag would be appreciated to help cover costs. If you are regularly getting your copy of Our Daily Bread from here, please consider filling in the form in the middle of the booklet and sending it away so that you receive your own copy to your doorstep regularly.

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."

GRATEFUL THANKS

The Blood Service are most grateful to our faithful band of ladies who help care for those who have given blood, by making cups of tea, or giving juice and biscuits. Of course, their greatest gift is their scintillating conversation. Special thanks to Margaret Baillie who organises the team. This is another way in which the church ministers to the community.

2019 PARISH PRAYER CALENDAR

The Parish is looking to produce a Parish Family Prayer Calendar for 2019. David Hastings is planning to produce it if there is sufficient interest.

See a sample on the table in the foyer and put your name on the sheets provided if you wish to be included.

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