

Monday 26 Nov	1pm	<i>Clergy day off</i> OSL in Parish Centre	<i>Parish Office closed</i>
Tuesday 27 Nov	9.15am 10am 2pm 3-4.15pm 4.15-5.15pm 7pm 7pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	<i>Robin in Greymouth</i> Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St Dixon House Devotions (David Hastings) <b>AAW Fellowship Group in Trinity Lounge</b> Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall Crossroads Dance in <u>CHURCH</u> <b>Young Adults at 35 Karoro Place</b> <b>Hawes' Home Group at 118 Coulson Rd</b> Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St	
Wednesday 28 Nov	10am 3-5.30pm 7.15pm	<i>Robin in Greymouth</i> Wednesday Women in Parish Centre Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall <b>Lavers' Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd</b>	
Thursday 29 Nov	9am 11am 3-6.30pm 5.30pm 7pm	<i>Robin in Greymouth</i> Bible in Schools at Paroa <b>Mawhera AAW AGM at St Thomas' Runanga</b> Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall Music Practice in church <b>Vestry meeting in Parish Centre</b>	
Friday 30 Nov	10-11.30am 7pm	<i>Robin in Westport</i> Kids n Coffee in TRINITY HALL The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd	
Saturday 1 Dec		<i>Robin in Westport</i>	
Sunday 2 Dec	1.30pm	<i>Robin in Westport</i> Walking group meet at church to car pool	

**Services Next Weekend: 1 & 2 December 2018**      *Westland Anniversary Weekend*

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Communion</b> (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)
<b>SUNDAY :</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Quiet & reflective, no music. Finishes by 8.50am)
	<b>NO!!</b>	<b>NO!! OASIS in Trinity Lounge</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Family Communion</b> (Songs and hymns)
	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>The Way Youth Service at The Shed, 186 Main South Rd</b>
<b>KUMARA</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Extended Holy Communion</b>



## Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara

### 24 & 25 November 2018

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

**Theme for this weekend:** Truth and Consequences

**Readings for this weekend:** Psalm 65:1-13 (p.739); John 18:36-38 (p.1396)

**Prayer for the Day: Sovereign Lord, thank you that you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help us to lead lives that show others the Way, that reflect the Truth and show forth that Life. Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: Major Truths from Minor Prophets—  
Zechariah: How to Accomplish what God Calls Us to Do

Readings for next weekend: Zechariah 4:6-10; Mark 11:23-24

**CELEBRATION DINNER TICKETS**  
This is the **FINAL WEEK** to buy your dinner tickets.

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. Or bring your money into the Parish Office and get your tickets. The cut-off date for bookings is 1st December, so don't miss out!

**PARISH MEMORIES BOOK**  
This also the **FINAL WEEK** to pre-order your copy of Robin's book at the discounted price.

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

**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.

**CONVERGENCE CAMP FEB 15-17 2019**  
This is essentially a Diocesan Family camp put on by the Nelson deanery. Feedback from the past couple of years is really positive. It is held at Bethany Park in Kaiteriteri. The speaker for 2019 is Spanky Moore from CHCH who is excellent. Brochures on the table in the foyer.

**FLOWERS**



Jeanette & Rose

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Peter Wetherall  
Deb Eatwell



**CHURCH MOWING**

Kelvin Ritchie



Last Week: Attendance: 149    Offertory: \$ 3,538 (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



## Marge Writes

Most of you will have probably heard by now that the church was broken into between its locking last Sunday evening and its unlocking on Monday morning. Internal locked doors and cupboards were pried open and unlocked cupboards were also gone through. It is apparent that the thieves were primarily after cash, but also took the computer and some items from the Ladies' Guild cupboard. The police were informed and investigated the scene. My thanks to Robin and Roy for quickly sorting out the necessary repairs.

I must admit that when Robin told me the news (I was still in Texas), I became quite angry and queasy. And, after arriving back in Greymouth, I also realized that some fear was creeping in. This is not the first time I have experienced theft in one form or another and each time I find I have to battle these same emotions.

Perhaps you, too, have felt this way particularly in light of the spate of recent robberies in our town.

So, as followers of Jesus, what is to be our response to situations like this?

I arrived back into Greymouth on Wednesday evening and on Thursday morning joined in with my regular Bible study group. We are currently looking at 1 Peter and Thursday we focused on chapter 3. 1 Peter 3:9 hit me right between the eyes. It reads, "Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing,

because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."

I love God's word and the way that it speaks into our lives and the transformation it can bring when we obey it. As soon as I read that verse I knew that God was challenging me to forgive the perpetrators and pray an appropriate blessing prayer for them.

This does not mean that I think that what they did was okay or that they should not reap appropriate consequences, quite the contrary. But, I am refusing to hold angst against them for what they did and preparing myself to show appropriate love if that opportunity arises. Not easy to do, I admit, but right nonetheless, I believe.

When I shared with Robin what the morning reading had been, he told me he, too, had been through a similar process.

How about you? It is my prayer that as a community of Jesus followers we can shine with His light into the present darkness.

Another verse the Lord brought back to my mind was 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and self-discipline."

Great to be back with you!

With love and blessings, *Marge*

### INSURANCE RECKONING

Would those of you who gave to either Missions, Earthquake Strengthening or Bishop Richard's gift last weekend, please see Marge so that an accounting of what was stolen in last weekend's robbery can be made for insurance purposes.

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**Parish Health Advisor:** Marjorie Newcombe, Ph/Fax 03 768 7299

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

### 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.

### 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 suitable items (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.**

### VESTRY

A reminder that this month vestry will be meeting this Thursday 29th November at 7pm.

### 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."

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### LADIES GUILD

The last Ladies Guild meeting for the year is our Christmas meeting on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We meet at Marjory's home at 1.30pm** for a Christmas message, communion and afternoon tea. Bring along a small party plate of food. All past and present members welcome.

### TUESDAY FRIENDS

Tuesday Friends will meet for lunch at the **Bonzai at 11.45am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

### VOICE FOR LIFE

The Voice for Life AGM will be held at **2pm this Sunday 25 Nov at St Patrick's Parish Centre**. After a short meeting we will have dessert and coffee or tea (provided), and watch the movie "Hush", a documentary on the long-term effects abortion is having on women. All are welcome.

### PRAYER FOR MARCH FOR LIFE

**Saturday 8 December 3pm in St Patrick's Church**. Everyone who is concerned about Life, Faith and Family is invited to the Rosary Crusade to pray in unison for our country. The March for Life will be taking place in Wellington that day at 2pm as well.

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