

Monday 21 Jan	6:30pm	<i>Clergy day off Parish Office closed</i> Kaye Brown's Birthday Celebration in the Hall—bring a supper plate and own drinks (see notice inside)
Tuesday 22 Jan	10am	<i>Marge and Robin taking day in lieu Parish Office closed</i> Dixon House Devotions (David Hastings)
Wednesday 23 Jan	7.15pm	<i>Marge and Robin taking day in lieu</i> Lavers' Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd
Thursday 24 Jan	5.30pm	<i>Marge and Robin taking day in lieu</i> Music Practice in church
Friday 25 Jan		<i>Marge and Robin taking day in lieu</i>
Saturday 26 Jan		<i>Marge in Greymouth, Robin in Westport</i>
Sunday 27 Jan		<i>Marge in Greymouth, Robin in Westport</i>

Services Next Weekend: 26 & 27 January 2019

SATURDAY:

6pm Communion (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

SUNDAY :

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

10am Family Communion (Songs and hymns)

2pm Afternoon Worship

KUMARA no service

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Graham Hutton who passed away on Friday in Perth at the age of 85.

Many long-standing members of our parish will remember Graham and his wife, Nell, when they were part of our parish many years ago. Graham was an enthusiastic convert to the Christian faith later in life and his faith remained strong through the rest of his life. He and Nell left Greymouth around 1992 when they shifted to Blenheim and later to Australia where Nell later died.

Before leaving Greymouth, Graham built the office in the vicarage garage that was used for many years by Margaret Baillie and now used by Dave Lankshear. This was a real work of love because Graham had real pain in his elbows at the time, and the hammering was painful. May he rest in peace.



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara

19 & 20 January 2019

*Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus*

**Theme for this weekend: Gems from the Psalms -
Psalm 40: Praise in Major and Minor Keys**

Readings for this weekend: Psalm 40 (p.722); Matthew 27:45-46 (p.1271)

Prayer for the Day: O Lord, in times of trouble, help us to wait patiently for you with praise on our lips and trust in our hearts. And when you deliver us from our troubles, may we not forget to thank and praise you, and testify to your goodness and faithfulness. May it be said of us that we delight to do your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray, who is both the example and enabler of a life of praise. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: One Small Step to Changing the World
Readings for next weekend: James 2:14-26; Matthew 25:34-40

CLERGY DAYS OFF THIS WEEK

Marge and Robin will be taking Tuesday - Friday off next week in addition to their normal day off on Monday. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, and then open for usual hours on Wednesday to Friday. Marge and Robin will be in Greymouth so can be contacted on their cell phones in the event of a pastoral emergency. However, please refrain from contacting them for any matter that can be handled by Nicky in the Parish Office or can wait for Marge to be back on deck on Saturday.

A NOTE OF THANKS

To all the parishioners of Greymouth,

So this is what retirement looks like - 12 hour days trying to see if it's possible to

accommodate 2 household contents into one (quite smaller) house!!

What a way to finish though - my final parish visit was to Greymouth, and what a visit; 150 years of ministry - celebration of the strengthening and refurbishment (which looks fantastic) - and farewell to the Bishop. It was a very emotional visit for Hilary and me because we have always been made to feel as though we are part of the furniture - we have loved our visits. You are an amazingly Christ-centred, God-glorifying parish. Thank you. And then the generosity of your gift. Hilary and I had ordered a new shed from Mitre 10 to provide us with storage and your gift exactly covered the cost of that shed - we are deeply grateful. You will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

With deepest love, Richard & Hilary Ellena

Last Weekend: Attendance: 137 Offertory: \$3,926 (Total needed: \$3,200)
Total Earthquake funds donated up to end of November 2018: \$217,532
Earthquake donations received in November 2018: \$3,225
Note: Earthquake Funds received in December will be reported by late January

FLOWERS



Jeanette & Rose

CHURCH CLEANING



Danny Cattell
Dave Lankshear

CHURCH MOWING



Tony Woollett



Marge Writes

Robin and I hope that you are all enjoying your summer and having opportunities to catch up on rest, family and friends. We have been enjoying the slower pace of January and beginning to feel quite rested ourselves after a very busy and stressful 2018.

God built into his creation a rhythm of rest and work and learning how to follow that rhythm in our fast paced culture is not easy, but pays heaps of dividends. May we all let the Lord help us keep the rhythm of rest and work daily, weekly and annually once the summer holidays have ended and we return to the routines of our family, work, and parish lives.

I received a lovely note of thanks and encouragement this week from Bishop Richard and Hilary which you will find on the front page of this newsletter. In it they make reference to the retirement gift that we as a parish gave them. I thought you might be interested to know that our gifts came to nearly \$1,000.

With love and blessings, Marge

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 an excellent communicator. Brochures are on the table in the foyer.

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HOW'S IT GOING?

When the Bible speaks of a person being "blessed" it is describing someone who is "happy, fortunate, to be envied". Psalm 1 gives the secret to living the blessed life. Last weekend we looked at this psalm in great detail and particularly the meaning of the key words: delight, law, and meditate.

It turns out that the person who is blessed is one that is influenced by the Word of God (both Scripture and Jesus) and not by the advice and attitudes of those who do not love the Lord and mock him and his ways.

The psalmist used some vivid words to describe what our attitude towards the Scriptures should be in order to experience "the blessed life." We are called to "delight" in the Word of God. That is, the blessed person is one who thrills to, is overcome with joy at, says "YES" with a fist pump to the Scriptures.

Furthermore, the person who will find their life blessed is one who "meditates" on the Word of God. This means to ruminate on it (think cow chewing her cud), chew/gnaw on it (think of a dog and its bone—gnawing, burying, digging up, and gnawing again), savour it (think of Marge and ribs from Houston's).

Of course, the delighting in and meditating on God's Word leads to making the choices that are in line with God's way (the Jesus Way) that then culminate in the happy, fortunate, enviable life that is captured by the word "blessed"—a life that is strong and fruitful like a tree planted by streams of water watched over by the Lord unlike the life of the wicked that will blow away like chaff and perish.

So, how's it going?

BIRTHDAY PARTY INVITATION

All parishioners are warmly invited to come to Kaye Brown's 29 years plus 504 months birthday party at **6.30pm this Monday 21st January in the Trinity Hall**. Bring a supper plate to share and your own drinks. Come and have some fun celebrating together.

HELP REQUIRED

NZ Blood will be in Greymouth on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February. They have extended their Thursday hours to 12 noon which leaves us short of volunteers to serve tea and biscuits to those donating blood. The hours we need help would be 10am to 11am and 11am to 12 noon. If anyone can help for these times or other times on our roster would you please contact Margaret Baillie on ph 768 5993.

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Thank you to all you wonderful people who have volunteered to be on this year's church cleaning roster. We are looking for one more volunteer to round out our numbers nicely. Please let Marge or Nicky know if you are available. With the super response that we have had, it looks like each team will be responsible for 3 fortnights per year. The roster will be ready for next weekend.

MOWING THE CHURCH LAWNS

The 2019 roster for mowing the church lawns will be ready next weekend. If there is anyone else who would like to be included in this, please let Marge, Robin or Nicky know early this week.

BOOK & CALENDAR

Robin's Memories book and the Parish Prayer Calendar are still available for sale in the foyer or from the Parish Office.

Memories Book \$20

Prayer Calendar \$5

If you are new to the Parish and would like to be included in the prayer calendar, please contact Nicky at the Parish Office.

For those who have IOU's, please pay in the appropriate box in the foyer at service times or at the Parish Centre during the week and tick off your name on the IOU sheet.

2019 PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday 6 Feb

Waitangi Day Community Picnic in Dixon Park

Thursday 28 February - Saturday 2 March

Electoral College in Nelson to elect new bishop

Wednesday 6 March

Ash Wednesday

12.10pm Ecumenical service at Holy Trinity
7pm Service in Holy Trinity Church

Thursday 4 April

Parish AGM at 7.30pm

Saturday 6 April at 9:30am

Mini-fair and garage sale run by Ladies Guild & Johnson's Home Support Group

Thursday 18 April

Maundy Thursday Reflection at 7:30pm

Friday 19 April

Good Friday Services at 10am & 2pm

Saturday/Sunday 20 & 21 April

Easter Services at normal service times

Saturday 9 November

Parish FAIR

Wednesday 4 December 7pm

Community Carols in the Regent Theatre

Dates to be determined after the ordination and installation of the next bishop of Nelson:

Confirmation

Children's Nativity Play

5 Lessons & Carols at Kumara

9 Lessons & Carols at Greymouth

CONCERT BY OBOE D'AMORE

A unique opportunity to hear baroque music by Bach, Handel, Pachelbel, Vivaldi and others played on period instruments by the international ensemble *Oboe d'amore*. The concert will be on Friday, 15 Feb, 7:30pm, at St. Patrick's Church. Adults \$45, Seniors \$35, Student \$20, under 14 free. Cash at the door or book at www.baroquemusic.co.nz. See poster on notice board in foyer for more details including some of the specific pieces to be performed.

Prayer Requests to: Ngaire Fisher 768 6505