

Monday
28 Jan

Clergy day off

Parish Office closed

Tuesday
29 Jan

Hall & lounge floors being sanded and varnished: please keep out!

9.15am Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St
10am **Dixon House Devotions (Barry Smithson)**
6:30pm **Induction of Rev Matt Watts as Vicar of Buller (St. John's, Wesport)**
All are welcome

Wednesday
30 Jan

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Thursday
31 Jan

Hall & lounge floors hardening: please keep out!

5.30pm Music Practice in church

Friday
1 Feb

Saturday
2 Feb

Sunday
3 Feb

Services Next Weekend: 2 & 3 February 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 **Holy Communion**

KUMARA

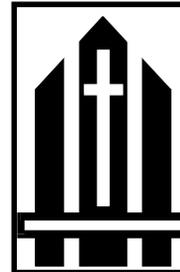
10am **Holy Communion followed by Vestry**

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Sis Holmes who passed away on Friday in Christchurch. Sis was a regular worshipper at the Sunday 7pm service. Her husband, Fred, became a Christian at the time he had cancer, and was very clear with visitors that he had found a genuine faith. They moved to Christchurch shortly before Fred died about 25 years ago.

FORMER PARISHIONER RETURNS

Dave Shaw and son, Henry, are moving back to Greymouth from Blenheim next week. Their address will be 20 Stirling Drive. Dave has been prominent on sausage sizzles. He also did a lot of electrical work around the church about 20 years ago.



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
26 & 27 January 2019**

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

Theme for this weekend: One Small Step to Changing the World

Readings for this weekend:

James 2:14-26 (p.1576); Matthew 25:34-40 (p.1265)

Prayer for the Day: Lord Jesus, the problems of the world are so big, its so hard for us to comprehend how we could make a difference with so many in such great need. Help us to be open to opportunities to be able to make a difference even if for just one. May you encourage us to take our faith and turn it to action for you. Amen.

Theme for next weekend:

Barnabas - son of encouragement

Readings for next weekend:

Acts 11:20-26; John 15:11-17

HALL & LOUNGE FLOORS

This Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the hall and lounge floors will be being sanded and varnished. Therefore please keep completely out of these areas during this time. Thank you.

CLEANING ROSTER

Would all those on the cleaning roster please collect your named copy for 2019 from the foyer.

MOWING ROSTER

Would all those on the mowing roster please collect your named copy for 2019 from the foyer.

PRAYER PARTNERS DIARIES

Would all those who usually use this Anglican Mission prayer booklet, please collect your named copy for 2019 from the foyer.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Following the theft of our old church laptop last year, Lisa Houghton is diligently recreating the database of all our library books. It would assist greatly if you could please

- Remember to record in the borrowing book when you take out a library book
- Return books into the basket provided
- Please do not rearrange the books
- Please do not move any section dividers

Thank you for your help while this mammoth task is underway!

UNAVAILABILITY DATES

It's time for Marge to start thinking about the next service roster. If you serve on the roster in any of our weekend services, please let Nicky know when you are unavailable between Mar 1-June 30 so she can input that data before Marge begins.

Last Weekend: Attendance: 129 Offertory: \$3,595 (Total needed: \$3,200)

Total Earthquake funds donated up to end of December 2018: \$220,963

Earthquake donations received in December 2018: \$3,431

Note: Earthquake Funds received in January will be reported by mid February

FLOWERS



Paula
& Liz

CHURCH CLEANING

Dot & Norm
Wilkins



CHURCH MOWING

Kelvin Ritchie





Marge Writes

Robin and I had a lovely mini break this past week as we got a

number of things done around the house and watched cricket and tennis. This week things begin to return to normal pace in the parish as groups that have been on break begin to restart. Do keep an eye on the calendar page on the back of the newsletter over the next few weeks to see when your particular home group/fellowship group kicks off for the year.

This Sunday (Jan 27th) is Robin's final Sunday serving in the Buller parish. The new vicar, Revd Matt Watts, will be installed this Tuesday evening at 6:30pm at St. John's Westport. Many of the folk in the Buller parish have written or phoned to say how much they have appreciated Robin's interregnum ministry these last seven months and thanked me and you (the parish) for releasing him from here to serve there part-time. I also want to thank you for the many ways you have supported us.

The Psalmist wrote--

*The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
And those who know your name put their trust
in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who
seek you. (Psalm 9:9-10)*

What a wonderful promise to begin the year. May we all grow in our trust in and seeking of the Lord this year.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

It's easy to give the Lord our thanks and praise when everything is going well or when He has rescued us from a difficult situation. But, it is a real struggle when life throws a curve ball and we must live in the interim between God's promise and its fulfilment.

The Psalms are the Prayer Book of God's people, often with instructions to set them to music. Here in these 150 poem/prayers we find hymns of thanksgiving for God's saving acts of the past, songs of trust, poems of simple praise to God for his majesty and the wonder of His creation, and poems extolling the virtue and benefits of following of God's ways. The word translated "psalm" in English means hymn of praise and the psalm types that I have just listed could be described as "praise in a major key".

Interestingly, however, the majority of the psalms are laments, poems filled with sorrow, pain, frustration. In these prayers, the psalmist cries out to God for help while still in the throes of agony. The language is honest and vivid. And yet coming through the tears are words of trust and faith in the goodness of God. The lament psalms are, like the other psalms, hymns of praise, but "praise in a minor key."

The Psalms teach us to make our prayers real and honest in good times and bad. The Psalms also teach us to praise the Lord in good times and bad. The Psalms are still the Prayer Book of God's people and we should not hesitate to use them as our own prayers.

So, how's it going?

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.

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.

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

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. Please note that all cabins have now been allocated, and there are only camp sites available (Powered and Non-Powered).

WORD FOR TODAY

The new edition of the Word for Today devotional booklet is available in the foyer.

2019 PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday 6 Feb at 11am

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

Please help yourself to a copy. A gold coin donation in the offering bag.

BAR FRIDGE WANTED

If anyone has a used bar fridge for sale, please contact Sydney on 029 123 3747.

THE HERALD NEWSLETTER ERROR

Please disregard the item in the Cobden-Runanga newsletter regarding an open meeting to meet one of the candidates for Bishop. This is a meeting for synod reps only. Apologies from Tim for the error.

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