

Monday  
25 Feb      *Clergy day off*      **Parish Office closed**  
1pm      OSL in Parish Centre  
3.30pm      Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall

Tuesday  
26 Feb      9.15am      Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St  
**10am**      **Dixon House Devotions (David Hastings)**  
**2pm**      **Ladies' Fellowship Group in Trinity Church Lounge**  
3.30pm      Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall  
**7pm**      **Young Adults Group at 35 Karoro Place**  
7pm      Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd  
7.30pm      Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St

Wednesday  
27 Feb      3.30pm      Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall  
**2pm**      **Cobden-Runanga AAW at Cobden Anglican Church**  
**7.15pm**      **Lavers' Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd**

Thursday  
28 Feb      *Marge and Robin away by early afternoon to Nelson for Electoral College*  
3.30pm      Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall  
5.30pm      Music Practice in Church  
**6.45pm**      **Soulfood at Parish Centre (note different time and place for this week)**

Friday  
1 Mar      **Parish Office Closed** *Marge & Robin in Nelson for Electoral Synod*  
10-11.30am      Kids n Coffee in Trinity Centre  
**2pm**      **World Day of Prayer (Uniting Church)**  
3pm      Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall  
**5.30pm**      **Menz at Monteiths (and ladies)**  
7pm      The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd

Saturday  
2 Mar      *Marge and Robin away until late afternoon for Electoral Synod*

Sunday  
3 Mar      1.30pm      Social Walking Group meet at church to car pool

**Services Next Weekend: 2 & 3 March 2019**

**SATURDAY:**

**6pm**      **Communion** (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

**SUNDAY :**

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

**9.55am**      **Oasis (7-11yr olds) & Sunday School (4-7yr olds) in Trinity Hall**

**10am**      **Family Communion** (Songs and hymns) **and Admission to HC.**

**2pm**      **Holy Communion**

**6.30pm**      **The Way Youth Service at The Shed 186 Main South Rd**

**KUMARA**

**10am**      **Extended Holy Communion**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Services **Wednesday 6 March**  
**12.10pm** Ecumenical Ashes service at Holy Trinity Church  
**7pm** Holy Trinity Church with ashes



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara**  
**23 & 24 February 2019**  
***Blessed to be a Blessing***  
***Growing Disciples of Jesus***

**Theme for this weekend:** Shaped Through our Journey

**Readings for this weekend:**

Ephesians 5:1-2 (p.1521); John 13:12-15 (p.1388)

**Prayer for the Day:** Lord Jesus, as we journey through life, help us to genuinely seek you, so that we may know you deeper and become more and more like you. Thank you for walking beside us every step of the way. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Who You Are is Who God Calls

Readings for next weekend: Exodus 2; John 18:15-27; Acts 9:1-9

**AGM REPORTS**

Would all those who lead ministries within the parish, please get your AGM reports for 2018 into Nicky at the parish office as soon as possible? The parish AGM is on 4 April this year, and the AGM Reports booklet needs to be published by mid March. Thank you.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER THIS FRIDAY**

This year the **Uniting Church** will be hosting and organising. Please note that it will begin at **2pm this Friday, 1 March** and be followed by tea and a biscuit.

**GUEST PREACHER FOR 2/3 MARCH**

Next weekend Greymouth Baptist Pastor, Shaun Hutson, will be our guest preacher. The Hutson family will be joining us at each of our services to share the call on their lives to leave Greymouth and serve as missionaries overseas with "Interserve".

**LILY BULBS**

The Uniting Church are doing their annual fundraiser, selling lily bulbs again. Order forms are available in the foyer. Please help yourself and order directly from Helen McMillan. Orders must be in by 9th March.

**ELECTORAL COLLEGE**

Please hold this process of electing our new bishop in your prayers. A service will be held at the Nelson Cathedral this Thursday evening and the College will sit all day on Friday and Saturday morning. Please pray that the College members will discern the one that God is calling to this role. Marge and Robin should be back in time for the Saturday 6pm service.

**ADMISSION TO COMMUNION**

It is our delight to admit Kate Gopalla to Holy Communion at 10am this weekend, with a number of relatives coming from overseas. Please support her in prayer.

**FLOWERS**  
 Jeanette & Rose

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
 Anne Bernard & Robin Kingston

**CHURCH MOWING**  
 Roger Lavers

Last Weekend: Attendance: 165    Offertory: \$3,487 (Total needed: \$3,200)  
Amount owing on Earthquake Strengthening loan: \$73,426  
Earthquake donations received in January 2019 (less tithe): \$4,312  
EQ Donations received in Feb and updated loan balance will be reported by mid March



# Marge Writes

Things happened all of a sudden this past week as regards Robin's health assessments and we feel we now have enough information to give you an accurate picture of what we are facing.

Robin has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. A CT scan on Monday, confirmed the presence of a tumour in his bladder, but it also showed no evidence of cancer having spread to anywhere else.

He will see a urologist for the first time on March 13 and have a procedure on 9 April. Two weeks after that we will be told what further treatment will be needed, if any.

We booked our annual leave back in early January for 13 May—8 June. We have been advised to not cancel the tickets as yet as Robin should be fit for travel by then. Of course an adjustment to travel plans may be required if further treatment is needed.

We are perfectly relaxed and at peace about the situation. Robin has no discomfort or pain and continues to work at his normal pace. We will keep you informed as appropriate.

We are both so grateful for your prayers, to the medical teams who have so quickly got on to this, and to the One who holds us in the palm of His hand.

Robin has also fully recovered from the TIA.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

## HOW'S IT GOING?

### **Why do so many people hate Christians?**

It has always been a puzzle to me why so many people reject the Christian Philosophy of life, even though they might reject the faith bits about Jesus and God etc.

When I have thought of NZ, having everybody following the Christian Philosophy would make this a wonderful country - a sort of Christian country. That was the idea behind "Christendom". But forcing something is not a good long term solution.

Other faiths are doing that in countries that have a large majority of one faith. The rules and laws are based on that faith, and anyone not following such rules is liable to severe punishment - regardless of whether people belong to that faith or not. This is particularly true of countries predominantly Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist or Atheists.

What aggravates these countries is that genuine Christians see themselves as belonging to two kingdoms. Their first loyalty is to Jesus as Lord; their second is to the country in which they live. That country therefore treats Christians with suspicion, often as agents of USA or some other perceived "Christian" country. Persecution is often relentless, just like in the early days of the church (35AD to 300AD).

Here in NZ we need to be careful not to aggravate the situation. We need to be polite, loving, caring and gentle in our responses. Trying to force others to do what we believe causes anger and opposition.

So, how's it going?

## DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL

The next 3 month edition of the Daily Bread devotional booklet is available in the foyer. Please help yourself. A gold coin in the offering bag to help cover costs would be appreciated.

## PARISH OFFICE

Due to Marge and Robin being away for the electoral college at the end of the week, and Nicky also being away on Friday, the parish office will be closed this Friday 1st March.

## LADIES' FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We meet this **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Trinity Lounge** for our first meeting of 2019. We will have a communion service and then our topic will be "Memories". Pat & Margaret will arrange afternoon tea.

## AAW GOLDEN JUBILEE

This will be held in Nelson Cathedral on **Saturday 30 March 2019 (9am - 5 pm)**. Cost is \$40 including lunch. Past members invited to also attend. Registration forms available from Lesta Smithson Phone 762 7826.

## COBDEN-RUNANGA AAW

The first meeting for 2019 will be at the Cobden Church this **Wednesday 27 February at 2.00 pm**. All Welcome.

## PETE WHITE'S POVERTY CYCLE

So the first of March is fast approaching.

Friday is the first day of my 30 day challenge to ride 1000km and, although a little daunted, I am really looking forward to it.

Fundraising is going amazingly well. My original aim was to raise \$1000 dollars for Tearfund's efforts to combat human trafficking. I am amazed that I have passed this target and, at the time of writing, am at \$1700. I will make weekly reports in the newsletter to keep you up to date with how I'm doing.

If you would like to sponsor me you can either go to <https://fundraise.tearfund.org.nz/event/poverty-cycle> and find and click on "Peter White" and pay with credit card or place cash/check into an envelope with "Tear Fund" or "Peter White" on the outside and put in the offertory bag at any service. Please leave a note inside with your name and address so I can get you a tax receipt; also please make

checks out to cash, if possible, as its easier to bank here and then transfer the money to Tearfund.

Donations accepted until end of March.

Cheers, Pete White  
0273354193 / 7687712 [prwhite@xtra.co.nz](mailto:prwhite@xtra.co.nz)

## LEADERS AND HELPERS NEEDED AT THE SHED

As we begin the year we are looking for and praying for new leaders and helpers to join the team. Maybe God has put The Shed on your heart this year, or you've thought about checking it out to see if you can help. We are looking for those who have a heart for God and for our young people, can cope with noise and have a good sense of fun. Or you might feel a call to support the programme by helping out with security or just helping on the night. I want to say here that age isn't a limitation for being a leader, young people need leaders of all ages and many young people don't have grandparents close to them. So if this fits for you definitely make contact with us and come along one night to check out what we do. If you feel you want to go further and we feel it's going to fit, we then begin the application process, which involves an application form, chatting with us and police checks.

Contact Nicki 768 9605 or email [nickimora@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nickimora@xtra.co.nz)

Please also continue to pray that God would call those who are meant to be part of the team and that they would answer that call.

## HELPERS NEEDED FOR EASTERCAMP FUNDRAISER

We are raising funds for kids to go to Easter Camp and for a bus to take them. We have been given the opportunity to pack in carpet and lay it down for Art in the Park and to pack it down again at the end. We need some strong helpers to bring the carpet in, the kids will help to lay it and then in reverse we will need helpers to take the carpet out. Help is needed on Fri the 1<sup>st</sup> of March from 3.15pm and then on Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 4pm. We appreciate all the help we can get for either one or both days. Contact Nicki 768 9605 or email Nicki at [nickimora@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nickimora@xtra.co.nz) if you can help or want more details.

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