

Monday
4 Mar *Clergy day off* *Parish Office closed*
1pm OSL in Parish Centre
1-3pm **Elder CARE afternoon tea in Trinity Lounge**
3.30pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
7.30pm **Tricia & David's Home Group at 359 Main South Rd**

Tuesday
5 Mar 9.15am Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St
10am **Dixon House Devotions (Carol Reedy)**
10.30am **Tuesday Friends in Parish Centre**
12 noon **Prayer meeting in Parish Centre**
12.45pm **Pastoral Care meeting in Parish Centre**
1.30pm **Ladies Guild in Parish Centre**
3.30pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
6.30pm **3DM at 35 Karoro Place**
7pm Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd
7.30pm Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St

Wednesday
6 Mar **10-11.30am** **Parish Health Advisor in Quiet Room**
12.10pm **Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service in Holy Trinity**
3.30pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
7pm **Ash Wednesday Service in Holy Trinity**

Thursday
7 Mar 3.30pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
5.30pm Music Practice in Church
6.45pm **Soulfood at 35 Karoro Place**

Friday
8 Mar 10-11.30am Kids n Coffee in Trinity Centre
3pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
7pm The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd

Saturday
9 Mar
Sunday
10 Mar 1.30pm Social Walking Group meet at church to car pool

Services Next Weekend: 9 & 10 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 **Afternoon Worship**

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

KUMARA

10am **no service**



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
2 & 3 March 2019
Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus

Theme for this weekend: Who You Are, is Who God Calls

Readings for this weekend:

Exodus 2 (p.71); Acts 9:1-9 (p.1417); John 18:15-27 (p.1395)

Prayer for the Day: Father, you are the potter I am the clay. Jesus, you have shaped me through my whole life to be as I am. Holy Spirit, use me for that which you have made me.

Theme for next weekend: Living with Uncertainty

Readings for next weekend: Philippians 4:4-7; Mark 1:9-13

GUEST PREACHER

This weekend we welcome Greymouth Baptist Pastor, Shaun Hutson, as 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".

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 6 MARCH

There are two services this Wednesday. **12.10pm in Holy Trinity Church.** This is an ecumenical service with the use of ashes. **7pm Holy Trinity.** Short service with ashes.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

We extend our love and sympathies to Dave Lankshear on the sudden death (heart attack) of his daughter in law, Fay Taylor, in Gore this week.

PARISH HEALTH ADVISOR

Marjorie will hold her monthly clinic in the Quiet Room this Wednesday 6 March from 10-11.30am. Feel free to drop in for a check up and some friendly health related advice.

LADIES GUILD

Our March meeting is on **Tuesday 5th at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.** Program is being arranged. All welcome.

MOTIONS FOR AGM

If you wish to move a motion at the AGM, it must be submitted in writing to clergy or Nicky by 27th March in order to provide advance notice to the parish. Any matters raised without advanced notice will be passed on to the vestry **without** a vote.

FLOWERS



Paula & Liz

CHURCH CLEANING

Deb Eatwell
Hilda Van Wyk



CHURCH MOWING

Jim Findlay



Last Weekend: Attendance: 157 Offertory: \$3,646 (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

Robin and I are most grateful for the many expressions of support, love and prayers that we have received over the last few weeks. I know Robin feels self-conscious about being the centre of attention with his health issues. We are both aware of a number of other parishioners who are going through health issues, some far more severe than his.

Each Tuesday morning, at the Guild of St Raphael, a group gathers to hold in prayer those who we know are ill or facing significant challenges. Do feel free to pass along any names of those you know who need prayer. Also, anyone is welcome to join us to share in the prayers. See back page for details on time and place.

The last three days we have been in Nelson for the Electoral Synod in which we hope to have elected a new bishop for the Nelson Diocese. The announcement of the result of the election won't be made public for about another three weeks, as the nominee needs to be confirmed by members of the General Synod.

With love and blessings,

Marge

TAIZE SERVICE

This form of prayer offers an invitation to come away from our busy lives and spend some quiet, restful time with the Lord.

This service of meditative singing, thoughts to ponder and prayer, will be at **St Patrick's Catholic Church, Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm.** Marge and Robin are certainly hoping to attend, as it is one of Marge's favourite services.

GREEN RUBBISH WHEELIE BINS

We are trying to find ways of simplifying taking all the garden waste and lawn clippings from the church and parish centre to the recycling depot at McLeans Pit. We have purchased a couple of large green wheelie bins that will be stored at the current rubbish pile area behind the Parish Centre. All grass clippings and small greenery should be placed directly into these containers. We can then load the trailer and dump them easily. Bigger branches will be kept out of the bins, left in the rubbish area and loaded on the trailer separately.

HAND TOWELS

Over the last couple of months our supply of hand towels has been disappearing. More recently our tea towel supply has also dwindled. If anyone has taken some home to wash, please could you return them as we are running out!

If you have spare hand towels or tea towels that you no longer need and would like to donate for church use, we'd really appreciate it.

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.

ELECTORAL ROLL & AGM

Our AGM is on Thursday 4th April at 7.30pm in the Trinity Lounge. In order to stand for an office or vote at the AGM and any other special parish meetings that are held, you must be on the Parish Electoral Roll. The current roll is posted on the foyer notice board. If you are not currently on the Roll and wish to be, provided you are baptised and have been worshipping with us for at least 4 months, please fill in a yellow form which is available in the foyer and hand to one of the clergy or Nicky by Wednesday 27th March.

NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination forms for Vestry Members and People's Warden are in the foyer. **Nominations close on Wednesday, 27th March.** Elections will be held at our AGM on Thursday, April 4 for the following roles:

Vestry (up to 10 people) - Vestry is responsible for overseeing the finance, property, and mission of the church in months between AGMs. Currently Vestry meets in the evening of the 3rd Thursday of most months.

People's Warden - elected by the parish at the AGM. Along with the Vicar's Warden (who is appointed by the Vicar), the People's Warden has some extra responsibilities with regards to the Vicar, staff and parish. People's Wardens are members of Vestry and so this involves the monthly Vestry commitment as well.

UNITING CHURCH FAIR

Our neighbours are having their annual fair on Saturday 16 March at 11am.

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.

HOW'S IT GOING?

God uses our journey of life to shape and mould us to become more like Christ. The instant will always be attractive, but true good things take time, like character, faith, leadership, friendship and love.

How do we grow more like Christ? Relinquish the controls. Get out of the driver's seat and sit in the passenger seat, so that God can do the driving. Graham Renouf says, 'Let go and let God!' We need to spend time with God, so that He has the opportunity to shape and mould us. Remember to pray, listen to God, read The Bible, worship, come to church and fellowship with other Christians, talk about your faith with others, be still before God, praise Him. We made a commitment to follow Jesus. How committed are we to spending time with Him?

What is Jesus like? Loving, patient, kind, gentle, humble, forgiving, speaks truth, trustworthy, compassionate, full of grace, faithful, self-controlled, ... This is who we are called to be like. Yes, it's hard, but Jesus is worth it! When we are willing, with help from the Holy Spirit, and as we spend time with God, we will develop and grow in these traits, and become more like Christ.

John 13:14, Jesus said, "I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you." The Bible is clear that as Christians we are to become more like Jesus - to imitate Him, to follow His example, and do as He has done. So, let's have the courage to go out and do what Jesus did.

The journey of life is a refining process that God takes us on, like driftwood on the beach, which is stripped, polished and bleached by the sea, sand, sun and wind. Sometimes, the tide comes up and washes some driftwood away, to continue shaping and polishing, then rearranging on another beach somewhere else. Life changes but God remains the same. His purpose in refining and shaping us stays the same - to become more like Christ. Are you letting God shape and refine you?

What is God saying to you about your journey?

What are you going to do about it?

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