

Monday		<i>Clergy day off</i>	<i>Parish Office closed</i>
11 Mar	1pm	OSL in Parish Centre	
	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall	
Tuesday			
12 Mar	9.15am	Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St	
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Dixon House Devotions (Marge)</b>	
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Funeral in the Church for Ryan Mead</b>	
	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Young Adults at 35 Karoro Place</b>	
	7pm	Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd	
	7.30pm	Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St	
Wednesday			
13 Mar	<b>10am</b>	<b>Dixon House Communion Service (Robin)</b>	
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Granger House Communion Service (Robin)</b>	
	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall	
	<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Lavers' Home group at 18c Serpentine Rd</b>	
Thursday			
14 Mar	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall	
	5.30pm	Music Practice in Church	
	<b>6.45pm</b>	<b>Soulfood at 35 Karoro Place</b>	
Friday			
15 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			
16 Mar	<b>11am</b>	<b>Uniting Church Fair @ the Uniting Church, Heaphy St</b>	
Sunday			
17 Mar	1.30pm	Social Walking Group meet at church to car pool	

**Services Next Weekend: 16 & 17 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** Morning Worship

**DUE TO THE FUNERAL OF KATHLEEN JEFFERIES THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON (10 MARCH), THERE WILL BE NO SOCIAL WALKING GROUP EVENT THIS WEEK. WE WILL RESUME ON THE 17th.**

**FLOWERS**



Helen & Jeanette

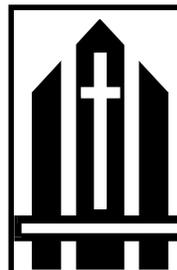
**CHURCH CLEANING**

Deb Eatwell  
Hilda Van Wyk



**CHURCH MOWING**

Lewis Bell



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara  
9 & 10 March 2019**

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

**Theme for this weekend:** Living with Uncertainty

**Readings for this weekend:**

Philippians 4:4-7 (p.1527); Mark 1:9-13 (p.1274)

**Prayer for the Day: Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness; give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit; and as you know our weakness so may we know your power to save; especially in times of uncertainty or anxiety, steady us through Jesus Christ our Redeemer we pray. Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: Good Soil and Good Seeds Makes Good Fruit

Readings for next weekend: Galatians 6:7-10; Luke 8:4-15

**AGM REPORTS**

Would all those who lead ministries within the parish, please get your AGM reports for 2018 into Nicky at the parish office no later than Tuesday 19 March? The parish AGM is on 4 April this year, and the AGM Reports booklet needs to be published by 22 March. Thank you.

**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.

**GOOD NEWS**

We completed our accountability report for the Lottery Facilities Grant, and returned \$33,818.99 plus GST to them, as we were not allowed to use any of the grant for the church. They have since contacted us and

said that we could include the cost of work done on the wall dividing the church and the lounge and Music Room. CYB have costed that to be \$34,107.40. This figure has been accepted by Lottery, and eventually the \$33,818.99 will be returned to us. There is a lot of paperwork still to be completed. What this means is that, when it is returned, the **outstanding loan to the diocese will drop to only \$40,000. Praise the Lord!**

**TRASH AND TREASURE**

We are looking for items that we can sell at the Mini Fair on Saturday 6 April. We are looking particularly at furniture, kitchen items, garden equipment, books, jewellery and various other odds and ends.

We are **NOT** selling Manchester or clothes. Items can be stored in the Parish Centre garage. Bring these any time there is someone at the parish centre, or if you know how to open the garage.

Money raised will be for the Johnsons.

Last Weekend: Attendance: 139 Offertory: \$3,768 (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** T h e Christian **Writes** Church over m a n y

centuries has developed a rhythm of remembering aspects of the faith at particular times of the year.

The common ones are Easter and Christmas.

On Wednesday this week we observed Ash Wednesday, which is the start of the period called LENT. This period of about 40 days before Easter is reminding us of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, as Satan challenged Him.

We use Lent now to help us focus more specifically on Jesus and our walk with Him. To do this we have three disciplines. One is fasting - things that we give up-favourite treats, technology, tv, social media, whatever would help us the most to practice discipline in our lives.

The second focus is our character and habits. Are there changes that the Holy Spirit is challenging us to make e.g. the way we speak, priorities in life, etc or good habits to pick up?

The third focus is giving. It is a natural time for us to reassess our regular contributions to church and various organisations. It is also a time to do something special for those in need.

**Our Lenten Appeal this year is for three projects:** 1. The Anglican School in Nazareth, Israel where Muslims and Christians learn together. 2. The Institute in Jordan for deaf

and blind students. 3. Providing water tanks in Fiji. A special envelope is enclosed and can be placed in the offering bag at any service through Easter. Happy Lent!

### **HOW'S IT GOING?**

Who you are, is who God calls.

You are today the person God is inviting to join in His great story. His-story.

In Exodus 2, we see God shaping Moses to be exactly who he needs to be. Moses' story echoes our own lives. He is shaped by the actions of others, by his own choices, and just by being himself. Shaped for God's call.

His mum put him in a basket, and he was found by a princess. Moses contributed nothing to these events. Yet we know that God was shaping him for a call that would involve action in Pharaoh's royal court.

Moses stuck his nose into an argument that was not his own, and murdered someone. Yet we know that will cause him to flee life in the palace for a humble existence in the wilderness. God's call requires this experience too.

Moses gets involved in another altercation, this time standing up for the oppressed without violence. This provides him a family and introduction to nomadic culture.

Everything in our life is not ordained by God, but everything in our life can be used by God to shape us for the call upon our lives. The call to join with God, as His anointed Daughters and Sons, to bring His story into the world's story.

So, how's it going?

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

### **BAKING & PRODUCE**

For the mini-fair on 6 April, we would appreciate donated items of baking, preserves and produce. Proceeds will contribute to new kneelers at the communion rail. These items can be delivered to the Parish Centre that week or the Trinity lounge on Friday afternoon 5 April. Thank you.

### **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.**

### **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.

### **ECUMENICAL WORSHIP NIGHT**

Greymouth Elim Church are hosting a combined worship night at 6.30pm on Sunday 31st March in the Grey Main School hall. They say, "Our heart is to see the West Coast churches and community all connecting as one voice in worship to our God. It's an open invitation and we would love to see you there!" See poster on noticeboard.

### **DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of **Issy Beckwith, Eddie Evans** (cousin of Jean Webber and Maureen and Libby Truman), **Kathleen Jefferies** (whose husband, Charlie, built the Vicarage, now Parish Centre, in 1970). These funerals were held at various places this week.

Our sincere condolences go out as well to the family and friends of **Ryan Mead** who died by tragic accident and whose funeral will be held at Holy Trinity Church at 11am on Tuesday. Ryan was the husband of Anna (nee Honey) father of Connor and Sophie, and son-in-law of Kate and Keith Honey.

Please hold all these who grieve in your prayers.

### **TEARFUND POVERTY CYCLE UPDATE**

I have had a great first week clicking up the kms although it's certainly not been all easy going. Even made it in the paper, although not my idea, but all for a good cause. The totals so far are 300kms ridden (700 to go); \$2302.00 raised. Praise God! Bring on week two and thank you all so much for your support.

Cheers, Pete

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