

Monday		<i>Clergy day off</i>	<b>Parish Office closed</b>
25 Mar	1pm	OSL in Parish Centre	
	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall	
Tuesday			
26 Mar	9.15am	Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St	
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Dixon House Devotions (Robin)</b>	
	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Women's Fellowship Group in Trinity Lounge</b>	
	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall	
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Young Adults at 35 Karoro Place</b>	
	7pm	Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd	
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Hawes' Home Group at 16 Stanton Cres</b>	
	7.30pm	Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St	
Wednesday			
27 Mar		<i>Marge in Nelson for BTC Trust Board Meeting</i>	
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Hospital Chapel (Robin)</b>	
	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall	
	<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Lavers' Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd</b>	
Thursday			
28 Mar	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall	
	5.30pm	Music Practice in Church	
	<b>6.45pm</b>	<b><u>NO SoulFood this week</u></b>	
Friday			
29 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			
30 Mar		<i>Robin in Westport for Healing of Memories Seminar</i>	
Sunday			
31 Mar	1.30pm	Social Walking Group meet at church to car pool	

**Services Next Weekend: 30 & 31 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)

**2pm** Holy Communion

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

**KUMARA** No service



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**23 & 24 March 2019**  
***Blessed to be a Blessing***  
***Growing Disciples of Jesus***

**Theme for this weekend:** Good Soil and Good Seeds Make Good Fruit

**Readings for this weekend:** Galatians 6:7-10 (p.1514); Luke 8:4-15 (p.1323)

**Prayer for the Day: Jesus the sower, whatever I am today, whatever the mix of path, rock, thorns or soil, help me to become good ground for you, for your word and for your presence. Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: Discipleship begins before Conversion

Readings for next weekend: Acts 16:11-15; John 6:60-71

**TRASH AND TREASURE**

We are looking for items that we can sell at the **Mini Fair on Saturday 6 April** to support the Johnsons. 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 or tvs. 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.

**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.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

If you use the envelope system for your offerings, please collect your named set of new envelopes from the foyer. This set will take us through until September.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

This Tuesday, 26 March at 2pm in the Church Lounge, Helen Rzepecky will be our guest speaker to share information about Advance Planning. This is a very important topic and she will be explaining how you can go about letting your family know your wishes in the event you are unable to make decisions. **This month the group is open to everyone—men and women—because of the importance of the information.**

**SHED HELP**

Please see the Cobden-Runanga Herald insert for a description of some very important needs for the SHED.

**FLOWERS**



Jane Nimmo

**CHURCH CLEANING**



Tricia Hird  
Val Bowater

**CHURCH MOWING**



Kelvin Ritchie

Last Weekend: Attendance: 221 Offertory: \$3,953 (Total needed: \$3,580)  
 Earthquake donations received in February 2019 (less tithe): \$4,096  
 In addition, the \$33,819 of the \$100,000 Lottery Facilities grant we returned because of how we understood the restrictions on use of the funds, were given back to us to be applied to the cost of strengthening the shared wall between the church and lounge.  
**Approximate amount owing on Earthquake Strengthening loan: \$36,000**  
 EQ Donations received in March, and updated loan balance will be reported by mid April



## Marge Writes

On Monday Robin and I had the opportunity to finally see the film *The Green Book*. I am so glad that circumstances kept us from seeing it earlier for it was far more powerful to me in the aftermath of the Christchurch mosque shootings.

Like you I have been pondering a lot about what happened on March 15th. I hope we are all also letting the Lord search our own hearts and revealing where we may have bias, prejudice, bigotry towards anyone.

Watching *The Green Book* showed how easily a prejudice against people who are not "like us" can seep into our culture and personal views. It also encouraged me to seek the courage to challenge with gentle firmness when someone does or says something that reveals bigotry in any form. And if I say or do something, I hope there will be someone to challenge me. Keeping silent is no longer acceptable. I highly recommend the film to you if you haven't already seen it.

Our community prayer vigil last Saturday in place of our usual 6pm Communion service was a beautiful event and I was so touched that a Muslim family felt they could come and be supported by those who gathered. However, the hard road is to every day gently challenge the thoughts and expressions that so easily slip into our minds, out of our mouths or the mouths of others.

With love and blessings, Marge

### BARNABAS FUND PRAYER GUIDE

The horrific events in CHCH last week remind us also of the persecution of Christians throughout the world. We have received a number of copies of the Barnabas Fund Prayer Guide for March/April and these are available on the table in the foyer. The Barnabas Fund seeks to encourage persecuted Christians throughout the world. Feel free to take one to use in your personal prayer times.

### MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Three weeks ago we had a family share with us the call God has placed on their heart to go as missionaries to a country that is hostile to Christianity in order to assist with discipling indigenous pastors and doing many practical things to help the people. For reasons of security no details can be put in the newsletter. However, if you were touched by their story and want to support them, please put your name and email address on the form on the table in the foyer and the mission agency who is sending them will be in touch with you about how you can support them. If you signed up to receive their newsletter, that was for that purpose only and no one will be contacting you about giving because of that sign-up. If you do not have an email and want to support them, please talk to Marge.

### NOMINATIONS SO FAR RECIEVED

Vestry—Margaret Baillie, Diana Fensom, Ian Hawes, David Lankshear, Jason Lister, Gordon Wilkins, Julie Williams, Margaret Woollett, Tony Woollett.

People's Warden—Diana Fensom

**REIMINDER—Nominations close this Wed**

### TEARFUND POVERTY CYCLE UPDATE

Great week's riding this past week, the weather has been amazing. I have managed to ride every day and clocked up 301kms for the seven days. So my total now stands at 841kms ridden, so 159 to go. Fundraising stands at \$3350, amazing aye, God is good. If you would still like to donate then it would be great if you could do so soon as the end of the month is fast approaching, also if donating by cheque then please make out to cash.

Cheers from a very tired Pete

### 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.

### 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 not be

discussed or voted on. Our AGM reports, 2019 proposed budget and notice of motions will be available next Sunday, 31 March.

### 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jennifer Hawes on the announcement of her engagement to Caleb Loef. A number of us met Caleb over the Christmas holidays. Please keep this couple in your prayers as they prepare to commit their lives to one another.

### DIOCESE NOTICE FROM MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Following the mosque terror attacks, the Diocese has asked that we include the following in our newsletters:

The following information is from the Ministry of Health website. Anyone is able to access these services if they are feeling distressed as a result of the incident in Christchurch. It doesn't matter if you don't live in Christchurch or haven't been personally affected - these services are for everyone.

"If over the following days and weeks, distress or stress symptoms are escalating, or you feel you are not coping, early access to help and professional support is important. Your GP is a good starting point, or for support with grief, anxiety, distress or mental wellbeing, you can call or text 1737 – free, anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – to talk it through with a trained counsellor."

### THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Robin, Dave and Lewis for transporting three remaining Blaketown church pews to the Bruce Bay Marae. These were given as a gift in gratitude for the marae's hospitality to us. Four chairs were also gifted to the Arahura church. Thanks, also, to Robin for water blasting the outside hall walls and fence and to Dave for repainting the fence behind the hall.

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