

Monday
1 Apr *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
2 Apr 9.15am Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St
10am Dixon House Devotions (Marge)
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 PI
7pm Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd
7.30pm Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St

Wednesday
3 Apr **10-11.30am Parish Health Advisor in Quiet Room**
12 noon Dixon House Trust Board meeting & lunch in Parish Centre
3.30pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall

Thursday
4 Apr 3.30pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
5.30pm Music Practice in Church
5:45pm Soulfood at 35 Karoro PI with pizza (note earlier time for this week)
7.30pm PARISH AGM in Trinity Lounge

Friday
5 Apr 10-11.30am Kids n Coffee in Trinity Centre
Aftn/evng SETUP FOR MINI-FAIR
5.30pm Menz at Monteiths (and Ladies)
7pm The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd

Saturday
6 Apr **9.30-11.30am PARISH MINI-FAIR**

Sunday
7 Apr 1.30pm Social Walking Group meet at church to car pool

Services Next Weekend: 6 & 7 April 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 10am: Extended Holy Communion



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
30 & 31 March 2019
Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus

Theme for this weekend: Discipleship begins before Conversion

Readings for this weekend: Acts 16:11-15 (p.1431); Matthew 8:23-27 (p.1232)

Prayer for the Day: Gracious Lord, How grateful we are that You were working in our lives long before we recognized You as our Saviour. Help us to see where you are working in other people's lives and join You in Your work of growing disciples of Jesus. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Thoughts from a Bike Seat (Pete White)

Readings for next weekend: Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:13-16

- **PARISH AGM THIS THURSDAY**
7.30pm in Trinity Lounge

NOMINATIONS

Vestry - Margaret Baillie, Diana Fensom, Ian Hawes, Sarah Hawes, David Lankshear, Jason Lister, Roy Munn, Gordon Wilkins, Julie Williams, Margaret Woollett, Tony Woollett.

People's Warden - Diana Fensom

ANNUAL REPORT & BUDGET

The Annual Report is available along with the proposed budget are available in the foyer. **One copy per family unit, please.** To save paper, some notes to the budget and a motion of general business has been included on the next page.

- **PARISH MINI-FAIR THIS SATURDAY**
9.30-11.30am

Please see notices inside.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our heartfelt congratulations to Jeffrey Hawes who has won first place in the Dairy Trainee of the Year Award for the West Coast and Top of the South Region 2019. At the awards ceremony last Saturday he also won the Merit Award for Community and Industry Involvement, and the Merit Award for Communication and Engagement. He will go on to attend the national finals in Wellington in May, and have various roles as an ambassador for Dairy NZ over the next year. Well done Jeffrey!

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our sincere condolences to Margaret Weatherall on the death of her brother, Laurie North, of Arrowtown this week. Please hold Margaret & Peter and all of the family in your prayers at this time.

Last Weekend: Attendance: 131 Offertory: \$3,873 (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

FLOWERS
 Jeanette & Rose

CHURCH CLEANING
Robyn White
Samantha Ennis


CHURCH MOWING
Russell Nimmo




Marge I commend the AGM reports to you and encourage as many of you as can attend the AGM this Thursday evening at 7:30pm. Even though there are no matters of the magnitude we had last year, it will be good to gather as a parish family to do the annual business and give thanks for what God has done over the past year.

A couple of things to note in the proposed budget—

• The proposed income from Direct Credits (item 110 on page 1) has been increased by \$10,000 from what was actually received last year. This is due to a steady increase in the offerings over the last few months.

• Gifts & Presentations (item 366 on page 2) should be changed to \$500.

• Our giving to specific missionary families (items 546 & 552) has been increased over last year to add a new family and increase the amount to the other two families we support due to cost of living increases.

• The proposed final deficit (half-way down page 3) should be corrected to \$5,695. We expect that most of that will be eliminated by clergy not having to use all of their allowances.

I want to thank Vestry for the good work they have done this year and give a special thanks

to Peter Wetherall for his work as Vicar's Warden these past 4 years. He has been such a help to us as we have worked through Health and Safety issues and his motion at the 2014 AGM that we tithe off our giving to the Earthquake Strengthening Project has turned into such a blessing. I will be appointing a new Vicar's Warden at the AGM.

We have received one notice of motion for General Business and it is on the next page.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

The Parable of the Four Soils is usually interpreted as the various responses to the Gospel as regards initial conversion. However, we saw last week that even we who have welcomed the Gospel into our lives and put our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, have hearts that contain all four soils. God brings His word to us throughout our Christian journey. Sometimes our hearts are hard to it and we don't let it take root. Sometimes we welcome God's word initially, but when it becomes too hard to do or be what He wants, we quit that part of our journey. Sometimes we welcome God's word and then let ourselves be distracted. And sometimes, we let it take root and bear fruit.

As we begin as a parish to think more intentionally about "Growing Disciples of Jesus", we need to begin with our own response to God's word and be very aware of the various soils in our own hearts and do something about them.

So, what is God saying to you?
And what are you going to do about it?

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TRASH AND TREASURE FOR MINI FAIR

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 MINI FAIR

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.

COMBINED WORSHIP NIGHT

Greymouth Elim Church are hosting a combined worship night at 6.30pm this **Sunday 31st March in the Grey Main School hall**. See poster on noticeboard.

VISITING SPEAKERS

Cobden Anglican are hosting Ben and Micah-Joy Williams who will be speaking on the power of love and evangelism at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9 April in the Cobden Anglican Church on Richmond St. All are welcome. See notice board in the foyer for further details.

JOHNSON FAMILY

Simon and Helen's latest newsletter can be read on the missions board in the foyer. They are settled back into church life in Zhongpu Taiwan. The new local Taiwanese pastor and his family are fitting in well with the church. Helen has much more energy and is more involved in leadership of various ministries within the church. Simon has hurt his neck and is currently wearing a neck brace and has been advised not to run anymore. Henry and Eva are enjoying their new English speaking school, and Esme is adjusting to a Chinese speaking kindergarten. Please keep them in your prayers. Their specific prayer requests can be viewed in their newsletter.

SHED HELP NEEDED

The Shed is looking for adults with a heart for young people and who enjoy their company.

Age is no barrier to being involved; a lot of young people don't have grandparents and love it when we have leaders in that age range. We also need helpers who can do some of the behind the scenes things and those who are happy to wear an orange vest and carry a torch and help with security. All will need to be police checked and go through the SafeHere modules, but it's not too demanding. Please contact Nicky Mora at 768 9605 or nickimora@xtra.co.nz if interested.

POVERTY CYCLE UPDATE

I completed the challenge last Saturday (March 23rd) having ridden 1,002kms. My plan was to then take a week of rest and complete the second part of the challenge by riding from Ross to Greymouth via the West Coast Wilderness Trail (an extra distance of 136 kms) on Saturday the 30th. The very large storm this week damaged parts of the trail to the point of closure. So, this ride has now been postponed until late of April. Thank God I had completed the 1000kms before the storm.

My fundraising total now stands at \$5481, praise God!

Cheers, Pete

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR AGM

The following motion is supported by Vestry and will be moved by Trevor Morrison and seconded by Roy Munn.

Whereas, the Earthquake Strengthening project is expected to be paid off by March 2020 (2-3 years earlier than expected due to the Lottery grant), and

Whereas the mortgage on 186 Main South Road will be about \$40,000 at the end of 2019,

It is moved that before the earthquake loan is fully repaid, the parish be invited to consider continuing to contribute in a similar manner to pay off the mortgage on 186 Main South Road.

NOTE: With a similar level of generosity as the Earthquake Strengthening project, the parish could be debt free by the middle of 2021.

Prayer Requests to: Ngairé Fisher 768 6505