

Monday
6 May *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 and David's Home Group at 359 Main South Rd**

Tuesday
7 May 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
8 May **10am** **Dixon House Communion Service (Robin)**
11am **Granger House Communion Service (Robin)**
3.30pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
7.30pm **Lavers' Home Group at 7 Fernbrook Close**

Thursday
9 May 3.30pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
5.30pm Music Practice in Church
NO!! **SoulFood (recommences Thursday, 13 June)**
7pm **Vestry Meeting in Parish Centre**

Friday
10 May 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

Sunday
12 May 1.30pm Social Walking Group meet at church to car pool

Services Next Weekend: 11 & 12 May 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 **No service**



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
4 & 5 May 2019
Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus

Theme for this weekend: Grace Restores

Readings for this weekend: Acts 9:1-20 (p.1417); John 21:1-19 (p.1400)

Prayer for the Day: Lord Jesus, We are as Peter; we lose our nerve and deny you in the time of trial. Calm our anxiety, heal our cowardice, take away our shame, and make us free that we may truly follow you and be disciples who make disciples. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Less of me, more of Jesus

Readings for next weekend: Luke 24:38-39; John 20:19-23;

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Christina Veale** (Saturday 6pm congregation) for her recent attainment of a Certificate in Business Administration (Level 3) from Tai Poutini Polytechnic.

Congratulations also to **Ivy Dash** (Sunday 10am congregation) for attaining the New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 4) and being awarded the Gregory Eastwood Memorial Award for Practical Excellence. Ivy will be taking up a post as a chef in Australia later this month.

embraced by the Good Shepherd?

On the weekend of the 21-23rd of June, Ellel Ministries with Paul Robertson and Jillian Larsen will be joining us to explore how rejection came into the world and how in a Fallen world we can become fixed in our false beliefs about our own acceptability. If you struggle with rejection, low self esteem and a sense of lostness that's affecting the wholeness of your life, then this weekend is probably for you.

Friday 21st June 7-9:30pm

Sat 22nd June 9-5:30pm

LOST AND FOUND - GOD'S REMEDY FOR REJECTION

To know that we are unconditionally loved will change our sense of well-being. When we accept Jesus as our Saviour we are fully part of God's family. So why do we find it so hard to accept this truth even as Christians? Why do we sometimes feel as if we are still lost sheep who need to be found and

Cobden Church of the Resurrection, 40 Richmond St., Cobden.

Cost \$45 (\$25 for Cobden folk. Subsidies also available if needed). BYO lunch. Register with Tim Mora 027 204 8560, 03 768 9605, timmora@xtra.co.nz

FLOWERS



Jeanette and Rose

CHURCH CLEANING



Dot & Norm Wilkins

CHURCH MOWING



Lewis Bell

Holy Week: Attendance: 124 Offertory: \$3,408 (Total needed: \$3,580)
Earthquake donations received in March 2019 (less tithe): \$3,346
Approximate amount owing on Earthquake Strengthening loan: \$33,000
EQ Donations received in April, and updated loan balance will be reported by mid May



Marge Writes

Robin and I want to thank everyone for their care and concern for Robin and ask you to continue to pray for him.

The histology report came through this week and we were informed that the cancer in the bladder is at an early stage (PT1). That's the good news as it is very treatable. However, Robin will have to undergo the same procedure again on June 11th in order to confirm that diagnosis. If the second diagnosis is also PT1, then he will undergo a chemotherapy regimen over the next three years.

The urologist did not want us to change our holiday plans so we will begin our annual leave, as planned, after the services next weekend.

Again, thank you for your many expressions of love and support. And, as they say, "watch this space."

With love and blessings,

Marge

A LETTER FROM STEVEN, one of our sponsored Watoto children

*Dear Greymouth & Kumara Anglican Parish,
Thank you so much for the letter I have received letting me know about you.*

Thank you for God's work you are doing faithfully to sponsor young people like me. I will also have to make sure I help someone when I finish school.

I am doing very well right here at Watoto Suubi. God has really blessed us. I thank Him for His provision that we do lack nothing. He brought people like you in our lives.

I really hope you enjoyed Uganda when you came to build schools and houses in Watoto. I also joined church to serve as a media member. I have come to discover that we do not do God a favour by serving Him, but it is His favour upon us to serve Him. In other words, it is not that we have to serve, but we get to: it is a privilege.

School is going well for me. Now that I am in S4 and looking forward to National Exams, which we call UCE, I tend to be more serious than I've always been, hence most of my time I spend it at school. I really pray that my goals for this year will come true, especially the one for UCE and computer knowledge.

I am so privileged to have this chance to write to you once again.

May the Almighty God bless you.

Love,

Sekanjako Steven

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WORD FOR TODAY

New copies of this devotional booklet have arrived this week. Please help yourself to a copy from the foyer. A gold coin donation in the offering bag to help cover costs would be appreciated. Apologies for them not arriving in time for last weekend's services, but there were postal delays with the three public holidays in a space of a week.

HOME GROUP OPPORTUNITY

Samara's home group has room for new members and they invite you to come along and see if you'd like to be involved. They meet at 7pm on Tuesday nights at 97 Marsden Rd. Transport from within town can be arranged. Contact Dave 021 069 3465 for more information, or just turn up.

LADIES GUILD

The May meeting for Ladies Guild is this **Tuesday 7th at 1.30pm** in the parish centre. Rochelle Dash from the Pink Possum is our guest speaker. All welcome.

ICE CREAM CONTAINERS

We are wanting to replenish our supply of ice cream containers. We are looking for square containers which are either white or light blue, and we do not want lids. If you have any of these containers to contribute, please leave them in the foyer. Thank you.

CELEBRATE MESSIAH

Zohar Gonen from Celebrate Messiah will be speaking this coming Saturday, May 11th at 7pm at Cobden Anglican Church, 40 Richmond St. Cobden. His topic will be the Jewish Understanding of the Messiah and Modern Israel and Biblical Prophecy. Zohar is a Messianic Jew who works with Celebrate Messiah. On Sunday, at the Cobden-Runanga Parish services, he will be preaching on "I am not Ashamed of the Gospel."

SOLIDARITY WALK

A number of folk from unions, churches and the Green Party will participate in a "solidarity walk" THIS Sunday 5 May starting from the Ballance Street entry of Coal Creek Walkway anytime between 1pm-2:30pm and walking to the Coal Creek Falls. Organisers said people can walk for a variety of causes and is an opportunity for people to say they care.

HOW'S IT GOING?

On Easter Sunday evening, the disciples were afraid and meeting behind locked doors. Jesus suddenly appears in the room. Into the shock and fright of the disciples, Jesus speaks, "peace be with you." Then He invites them to touch and feel His hands and side. Jesus breathes new life in them, just as God breathed life into Adam during creation.

One disciple wasn't present at Easter Sunday. During the week, the disciples tell Thomas that Jesus is alive! They have seen and touched Him. But Thomas doesn't believe his friends. He wants to see and touch Jesus for himself.

The following Sunday, the disciples are meeting again behind locked doors. Again Jesus suddenly appears. He knew about Thomas' disbelief and so answers it directly. He invites Thomas to touch and feel, then challenges him to believe. Thomas responds, "my Lord and my God."

Two things we can get from this encounter:

1. Doubts – Thomas doubted and so do we sometimes. Just as God directly answered Thomas' doubts, so He wants to answer ours too. Because He loves us. Let's share our testimonies, encouraging and helping each other to believe. It also strengthens our faith. As Jesus said, "Blessed are those who believe without seeing me." In other words, based on the testimony of others, we can believe.

2. Locked doors – God knows what we've locked up and closed our minds to. He wants to minister to us in that area. Will you allow Him to breathe on you and give you His peace?

What is God saying to you about your doubts and locked doors? What are you going to do about it? Will you let Him bring healing and wholeness?

Last weekend we sat in silence for two minutes to being this conversation. Allow the conversation you started with Him last week to continue.

Prayer Requests to: Ngairé Fisher 768 6505