

Monday		<i>Marge & Robin on annual leave</i>	<i>Parish Office closed</i>
13 May	1pm	OSL in Parish Centre	
	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall	
Tuesday			
14 May	NO!!	NO Guild of St Raphael (resumes 11 June)	
	10am	Dixon House Devotions (Janet Haddock)	
	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall	
	7pm	Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd	
	7pm	Hawes' Home Group	
	7.30pm	Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St	
Wednesday			
15 May	10am	Wednesday Women in Parish Centre	
	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall	
Thursday			
16 May	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall	
	5.30pm	Music Practice in Church	
	NO!!	SoulFood (recommences Thursday, 13 June)	
Friday			
17 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			
18 May	1.30pm	Social Walking Group meet at church to car pool	

Services Next Weekend: 18 & 19 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)

2pm Holy Communion

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

KUMARA 10am Morning Worship

Prayer Requests to: Ngaire Fisher 768 6505



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara

11 & 12 May 2019

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

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

Readings for this weekend: Luke 24:1-11 (p.1358); John 20:11-18; (p.1399)

Prayer for the Day: Lord, you are amazing the way you choose people who are insignificant in this world. You use them to do the most important of all tasks. Help us to accept that you can use each of us too, and do amazing things through your sinful followers, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Theme for next weekend: Servanthood

Readings for next weekend: James 3:13-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

PRIEST IN CHARGE

Rev'd David Hastings will be our Priest in charge from tomorrow through June 9th while Marge and Robin are on annual leave. He can be contacted by phone: 768 5440, or mobile: 021 267 4619, or email: hast1066@gmail.com

We wish Marge and Robin an enjoyable and refreshing holiday.

WORD FOR TODAY

New copies of this devotional booklet are available. Please help yourself to a copy from the foyer. A gold coin donation in the offering bag to help cover costs would be appreciated.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN GROUP

The Wednesday Women study group will resume this week, and will be looking at the book of James. Meeting on Wednesdays at 10am in the Parish Centre.

NEW HOME GROUP STARTING 19 JUNE

Robin will be starting an evening home group on Wednesday evenings each week, starting on Wednesday 19 June at 7:30pm. If you are interested, come along. We will meet at the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

40 HOUR FAMINE 7-9 JUNE

The SHED and Greymouth High School are once again joining together for World Vision's 40 Hour Famine. Each year teenagers across the country take up a challenge to raise money to help children in desperate circumstances somewhere in the world. This year they are wanting to help refugee children who have fled from South Sudan into Uganda, thousands of whom are separated from their families. If you would like to make a donation, see Marge after the service this weekend or Nicky in the office up until June 12th.

FLOWERS



Paula & Liz

CHURCH CLEANING

Julie Ritchie
Julie Williams



CHURCH MOWING

Tony Woollett



Holy Week: Attendance: 139 Offertory: \$3,524 (Total needed: \$3,580)
 Earthquake donations received in March 2019 (less tithe): \$3,346
Approximate amount owing on Earthquake Strengthening loan: \$12,000
 EQ Donations received in April, and updated loan balance will be reported by late May



Marge I like good surprises.

Writes The diocese has shifted to a new software program for managing and reporting parish accounts. While there

have been some teething issues which are still being worked out, the new system is designed to allow us in our parish office to have more immediate access to the status of our accounts. This week we were able to view more precisely where we stand in regards to our earthquake strengthening loan.

When Nicky saw the figure, she thought there was a mistake and asked Robin to check. Robin rang up the Diocesan Finance Manager to discuss and confirm the figure. We have been assured that the figure is correct and accounting for interest we only owe the Nelson Diocesan Trust Board around **\$12,000**. This should be paid off by the end of August.

Vestry, on Thursday upon hearing this news, decided to organise a parish celebration evening on Saturday, September 7th at 7:30pm in the Trinity Centre. Tony and Margaret Woollett will be organising the event. Book it in your diaries.

Please join me in giving thanks to our generous God for this marvellous news and once again I thank you for your generosity with what God has blessed you with. What a great send off for our holiday!

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

John's Gospel closes with an encounter that the resurrected Jesus has with His disciples on the shore of Lake Galilee. (John 21).

Seven disciples have been fishing all night and haven't caught a thing. Jesus, on the shore, instructs them to cast their net onto the other side and miraculously they catch 153 large fish and Jesus prepares breakfast.

After breakfast Jesus gently yet decisively deals with Peter who is still stinging from the fact that he denied knowing Jesus three times on the night Jesus was arrested after he had promised he would never forsake Him.

Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves Him—once for every denial. Peter affirms that he does love Jesus and three times Jesus affirms that there is a place for Peter in the Kingdom's work of caring for the flock (the church).

As we as a parish are growing in our understanding of what it means to "Grow disciples of Jesus", this encounter on the shore of Lake Galilee teaches us three important things—

1. We must follow Jesus directions in seeking to "net" new followers.
2. We must be transparent with our brokenness and allow Jesus to heal and transform us to minister well.
3. Jesus is not unattached to His church. Therefore, to love Jesus is to love His church—to care, nurture, protect her.

So, how's it going?

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.

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 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

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

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY IN CENTRAL ASIA

Training sessions with local pastors are going well (in Russian!). Business and micro-enterprise a essential tools for the pastors to build good relationships and effective ministry in their towns and villages. Please pray that the training will equip the pastors and help them to achieve a good balance between business and ministry.

A local Christian man has received some veterinary training and the Seed Project has enabled him to buy a pregnant cow. He and

his wife moved back to his home village where persecution has been very tough. Please pray that they will become established and respected in their village and his new vet ministry would thrive.

The family have had unexpected expenses lately which are not covered by their regular support. If you would like to make a donation to them, please put it in an envelope in the offering bag, clearly labelled 'missionary family in Central Asia', or contact the parish office for details.

Their second and third children are currently sitting exams, and the second is making plans to return to NZ after her graduation shortly. Please pray for them as a family in this time of transition.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Howard Case whose funeral was held at Holy Trinity on Friday.

Also, our love and sympathies to Nicki Mora whose sister-in-law, Emily, passed away after a battle with cancer.

Both of these people were in their early thirties and left behind young families. Please pray for all who are deeply grieving at this time.

JOHNSON FAMILY

Things have been tracking along quite well this month. We are getting the whole family involved in the park outreach now, which is fun. We had a very busy and successful Easter time with extra activities at church and the park and also a Baptism held on Easter Sunday. Helen and I have also been enjoying relating to existing friends and going a little deeper with them in terms of Gospel conversations - in fact one of Simon's friends, Mr. Fong, has been sharing about Jesus at the park with other Taiwanese people. Simon jokingly called him Missionary Fong.

We had a lot of new people along to witness the Baptism and it was a wonderful testimony from Shu Hua, about how God had gradually drawn her to himself, with initial contact with one of our colleagues at the park, an invitation for dinner, ongoing God incidents with friends who had become Christians and struggling with issues in her own marriage that eventually drew her to faith.

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