

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS week 2

Monday 15 Jul	1pm 1-3pm	<i>Clergy day off</i> OSL in Parish Centre Elder CARE afternoon tea in Trinity Lounge	<i>Parish Office closed</i>
Tuesday 16 Jul	10am 10.30am 12 Noon 12.45pm 7:30pm!!	Dixon House Devotions (Pat Cogger) Tuesday Friends in Parish Centre Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre Pastoral Care Meeting in Parish Centre 3DM at 35 Karoro Place (NOTE CHANGE IN TIME FOR THIS WEEK!)	
Wednesday 17 Jul	NO!! NO!! 7pm	Young Adults Group during school holidays Robin's Group during school holidays OASIS TEAM Meeting at the Parish Centre	
Thursday 18 Jul	12 noon 5.30pm 7.30pm	Minister's Association lunch at Cobden Anglican Music Practice in Church Vestry Meeting in Parish Centre	
Friday 19 Jul		<i>Parish Office Closed</i> Marge and Robin at Clergy Training Day in Nelson	
Saturday 20 Jul			
Sunday 21 Jul	1.30pm	Walking Group meet at church for a local walk	

Services Next Weekend: 20 & 21 July 2019 (final weekend of the school holidays)

SATURDAY:

6pm Communion (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

SUNDAY :

8am Holy Communion (Quiet & reflective, no music. Finishes by 8.50am)

NO!!! NO!! Oasis (7-11yr olds) & Sunday School (4-7yr olds) in Trinity Hall

10am Family Communion (Songs and hymns)

2pm Holy Communion

KUMARA 10am Morning Worship



FLOWERS



Jeanette
& Rose

CHURCH CLEANING

Deb Eatwell
Hilda Van Wyk



CHURCH MOWING

Kelvin Ritchie



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara 13 & 14 July 2019

*Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus*

Theme for this weekend:

The Difference Between Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Readings for this weekend:

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (p.1543); Matthew 5:23-26 (p.1227)

Prayer for the Day: God of infinite mercy, grant that we who know your pity may rejoice in your forgiveness, and gladly forgive others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Why is it so important to forgive?

Readings for next weekend: Romans 12:14-21; Matthew 6:7-15

EQ STRENGTHENING UPDATE

As you can see from the report at the bottom of the page, the retirement of our earthquake strengthening debt is getting very close indeed. We fully expect the debt to be repaid sometime in August. How we give thanks and praise to the Lord for His hand on every aspect of this project and thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way at any time over the last five years.

In line with the unanimous decision of the AGM in April, it is time to invite the parish to prayerfully consider giving towards the retirement of our mortgage on 186 Main South Road (The SHED and Youth Worker's house). If the rate of giving towards the earthquake strengthening continued for the mortgage, the mortgage could be paid off within a year. We also have a number of expensive maintenance needs at the 186 property.

This is an invitation and no pressure will be brought to bear on anyone to give towards the "186 Project." Vestry unanimously agreed at its June meeting that the end date for this fund-raiser be set at December 31, 2020 whether or not the full amount was raised.

Should you be interested in giving towards the 186 project you may use either the "Special Projects" Envelope, if you give via offering envelopes, or special 186 envelopes can be prepared for you (contact Parish Office) or through online banking to our Westpac account—

Holy Trinity Church
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Reference 186

Those currently giving to the EQ project may continue to do so with no changes and we will assume anything marked EQ will be intended for 186 once EQ debt is paid.

Last week: Attendance: 116 Offertory: \$3,408 (Total needed: \$3,580)
Earthquake donations received in June 2019 (less tithe): \$2,557

Approximate amount owing on Earthquake Strengthening loan: \$3,400
EQ Donations for July and updated loan balance will be reported by early August.



Marge I have
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Writes absorbed
with the
c r i c k e t

over the last month and a half. Of course I have biblical support for being a fan. Remember, the Bible starts in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning!" And, in light of Jimmy Neesham's amazing catch against India in the semi-final, there is Exodus 4:4, "He put out his hand, and caught it." Let me know if you can think of any biblical quotes that would relate to the amazing run out of M S Dhoni by Martin Guptill.

Okay, seriously, why am I such a fan of NZ cricket? Well, I think it is because of the attitude with which the boys play. Mike Hesson wrote for *Stuff* yesterday, "All the other sides have ego, the beauty of New Zealand is we don't. We're able to put in a workmanlike performance, albeit with some world-class players. The players aren't expected to be special. They're expected to do their job with freedom and expression that got [them] to this point...Williamson doesn't say, 'push your chest out' [rather he says] 'just be authentic in what you do and if you do that, we back ourselves to beat anybody on our day.'"

Hmmm. Be authentic. Discover your gifts. Use your gifts with humility. Be a team player. Sounds like a formula for hitting some sixes for the Kingdom of God. With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING

Is God perfectly good? How do you know?

Firstly, it seems logical to assume there is only ONE CREATOR, as the whole universe is covered by the same scientific laws of gravity and electromagnetic waves etc. This Creator is our GOD.

This is profoundly different to many other faiths that believe in more than one god.

The next question is "How do we know what God is like?" Most faiths answer that they have heard from God through a prophet. They often declare that their prophet is the greatest, or the only one with the truth.

The Christian Faith is profoundly different. We know what God is like because God came down to earth in Jesus. When Jesus teaches and acts, it is God who is teaching and acting. We also learn something about God through the prophets of old, like Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah etc.

Jesus clearly taught that ONLY GOD IS GOOD. That means that we know and understand what is good by what God does and teaches. We cannot say that God is not good, unless we don't believe what Jesus says!

God defines what is good. If God lets something happen, doesn't seem to answer our prayers, or we don't understand why something occurs, then it is because we have limited knowledge and understanding. We cannot say that God is wrong or bad. That would say we know better than God.

Do you know, therefore, that God is good?

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are planning to publish an updated Parish Directory in July. Please check your details on the list in the foyer and tick your name if it's all correct or make changes to update your contact details as necessary. Thank you.

MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS HYMNS

Come and enjoy an afternoon of singing snowy Christmas hymns together **THIS Sunday 14 July at 2pm in Cobden Church**. There will be a few items and the singing will be followed by afternoon tea. This event is being hosted by CWCI Westland. Everyone is welcome.

MISSION ACTION

This booklet is available for everyone. It is produced by the Anglican Missions Board, and gives an update on what is happening, and how our contributions are being used. Our parish contributes about \$13,000 annually.

PRAYER LEAFLET FOR DIOCESE

A light green card with the details of the leadership team in each parish in the Nelson Diocese has been produced. This is up to date and available for anyone who wishes to pray for the diocese, preferably on a daily basis. Cards are available in the foyer. Help yourself. If there aren't any left, see one of the clergy.

ORDINATION OF STEVE MAINA AS BISHOP OF NELSON

This very significant event in the life of our diocese takes place on Saturday 31 August at 9.30am in Christ Church Cathedral, Nelson. Because of the large number expected to attend, admission to the service and the lunch that follows will be **by ticket only**.

If you are interested in travelling to Nelson to be there for that service, please let the Vicar know. Once the

number of those who have been officially invited and will attend has been confirmed, our parish may get some seats allotted to us.

The final allocation of seats is likely to be made by the end of July, so do ensure you let Marge know well before then if you are keen to attend. Robin and Marge are going up on the Friday afternoon and returning on the Sunday afternoon.

PROMISE KEEPERS

This annual men's conference is on in Christchurch 2nd - 3rd August. This year's theme is "Courage - let's step forward together, enter into his presence, live out your destiny, for the Lord your God will be with you." Interestingly one of this year's speakers is Mike Hawke, the Dean of Nelson cathedral. Find more details and register online at www.promisekeepers.nz.

VESTRY

Vestry will meet this Thursday at 7:30pm at the Parish Centre. Agenda items will include—

- Financial Update including outstanding debts on the earthquake strengthening and 186 Main South Road
- Maintenance needs at 186 Main South Road
- Annual Health and Safety Review
- Church signage
- A streaming service designed for churches to access bible studies and Christian teaching on all manner of topics for all ages.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our heartfelt condolences to Robyn White and all her family on the passing of Robyn's very special uncle, Robert Wilson ("Uncle Rob") up in Nelson today (Saturday). Please hold the family in your prayers at this time.

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