

Week 1 of school holidays

NOTE: Unless your group shows as meeting during the school holidays, It almost certainly isn't. Most Home Groups try and have a break during the holiday period. If in doubt if your group is meeting, please ring your leader.

Monday
30 Sep 1pm Clergy day off Parish Office closed
Order of St Luke in Parish Centre

Tuesday
1 Oct 10am Dixon House Devotions (Marge)
10.30am Tuesday Friends in Parish Centre
1.30pm Ladies Guild in Parish Centre
6.30pm 3DM at 35 Karoro Place

Wednesday
2 Oct 10-11.30am Parish Health Advisor in Quiet Room

Thursday
3 Oct 5.30pm Music Practice in Church

Friday
4 Oct 5.30pm Monteiths informal fellowship gathering

Sunday
6 Oct 7pm Alpha in the Parish Centre

Services Next Weekend: 5 & 6 October 2019 (School Holidays middle weekend)

SATURDAY:

6pm Communion (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

SUNDAY :

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

NO!! Oasis

10am Family Communion (Songs and hymns)

2pm Holy Communion

6:30 The Way Youth Service at The SHED (186 Main South Road)

KUMARA 10am Holy Communion and Vestry



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
28 & 29 September 2019

Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus

Theme for this weekend: Spirituals (Peter Wetherall)

Readings for this weekend: Zechariah 9:16-17 (p 1208)

Colossians 3:1-4 ,15-17 (p 1532)

Prayer for the Day: Almighty God equip us through your Spirit and the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, to lead lives that reflect Your grace. Help us to serve others that Your Name may be praised and our own hearts strengthened.

Theme for next weekend: Why do we worship God?

Readings for next weekend: Job 1:1-12; Job 1:13-22 (NOTE: no gospel reading)

RIGHT NOW MEDIA LAUNCH

Hopefully all of you who have email received an invitation to sign up with RightNow Media streaming service as a gift from the parish. If you did not receive an invitation, it may be because we do not have your current email address. Please speak to Marge or Robin if you want go sign up, but did not receive an invitation.

A number of you have accepted the invitation and we hope your are enjoying exploring what is available to you.

We are allowed to invite others who are "indirectly affiliated" with our parish. Marge will be speaking to the RightNow Media folk in Texas next Thursday to get clarification on what "indirectly affiliated" means. So please hold off on inviting any others to join in until you hear from Marge as we want to honour our contract.

UNAVAILABILITY DATES

If you serve on the weekend service roster, please forward your unavailability dates for 1 Nov 2019 - 29 Feb 2020 to Nicky at office@greymouthanglican.co.nz. Marge will begin working on next roster in a couple of weeks. Many thanks for your prompt replies and your willingness to serve the church in this way.

THE SHED OCTOBER CAMP

Please pray for Nicki Mora and her team as they complete the detailed planning for the camp that starts on Tuesday 8 October at Hanmer Springs. This is a major adventure, and we are thrilled that they can have their own camp this year, as the timing of the Diocesan Youth Camp was not suitable for Greymouth. Hopefully next year we will be able to join in again if the dates and timing can be adjusted to how they have been in past years.

Prayer Requests to Joanna Lorimer—027 380 2989

Last week: Attendance: 118 Offertory: \$ 3,202 (Total needed: \$3,580)
Donations contributed to 186 Main South Rd Project by end of August: \$5,163
Donations received in September will be reported by mid-October

FLOWERS



Paula & Liz

CHURCH CLEANING

Tony & Margaret Woollett



CHURCH MOWING

Dave Lankshear





Marge Writes

Over the last few weeks Robin and I have been hearing about some of the effects that God's Word is having in people's lives. Sometimes it has been

the passage being preached on during our weekend services. Other times it has been as folk have been reading the Bible on their own or discussing things in home groups.

This is so exciting because God's Word is alive and powerful and as we open ourselves to listen and obey, it can have amazing results.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews put it this way, "God means what he says. What he says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey. Nothing and no one is impervious to God's Word. We can't get away from it—no matter what." (Hebrews 4:12-13 from The Message paraphrase).

So I encourage you to regularly immerse yourself in the Scriptures by worshipping regularly where the Word is preached, reading the Bible on your own, making use of the RightNow Media materials, and studying with a small group. The key is, that when God speaks to us through His Word, we do something about it.

With love and blessings,

Marge

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HOW'S IT GOING?

Last weekend we looked at Jesus' parable about the Dishonest Servant and were amazed at his conniving ingenuity to guarantee his future when he was fired for mishandling his employers resources.

Jesus then turns to His disciples and charges them to have the same zeal and ingenuity to pursue goodness and holiness as this servant sought his security and comfort in this life. He goes on to challenge us to use our material wealth (which we cannot take with us) to make friends who will welcome us into heaven (e.g. Using our resources to help the poor and spread the Gospel). Learn, Jesus charged, to be faithful in the small things and we will be entrusted with greater things because we cannot serve both God and money. May we all learn to hold that with which we have been entrusted loosely ready to invest in the Kingdom at our King's command. So, how's it going?

COURSE ON "EMPOWERED TO EVANGELISE"

Elim Church is running a six week course designed to train believers to effectively lead people into relationship with God through the gospel of Jesus Christ:

Weeks 1 & 2 The Message

Weeks 3 & 4 The Messenger

Weeks 5 & 6 The Power

The course will be held at the Greymouth Baptist Church on Sunday evenings from 6pm—8pm beginning this Sunday, 29th Sept, through Sunday 3rd Nov. It is being run by Dr Neville van Eerten of the Elim Church.

LADIES GUILD

The October meeting is on **Tuesday 1st at 1.30pm**. Gather at the Parish Centre for a short meeting and then **if the weather is OK** we will have a **picnic afternoon in Dixon Park**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DEVOTIONS AT DIXON HOUSE

Our parish takes responsibility for leading devotions at Dixon House every Tuesday morning from 10am to 10.20am. We do this on a roster basis, and we are looking for a few more volunteers to help monthly. We have a pianist available.

It involves having a little talk suitable for the residents, and having one or two prayers and singing a couple of hymns/songs from their hymnbook. Total time is about 20 minutes.

If you think this is something you could do as a Christian ministry, do chat to Marge.

ALPHA COURSE REFRESHMENTS

We are looking for either a dessert or some home baking each Sunday evening at 7pm. Food can be brought to one of the Sunday services, and put in the church kitchen fridge, or brought along to the Parish Centre just before 7pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. We are catering for about **15** people.

There are still two spaces in November to fill.

KIDS 'N' COFFEE

Kids 'n' Coffee is a preschool play group on Friday mornings during term time. It is an outreach of our parish to provide a place for parents, grandparents and care givers to bring preschool children for a safe and fun filled play time. The parents are responsible to supervise their children, but we make sure the toys and activities are set up and put away, serve morning tea, and interact with the adults and children as appropriate.

If you are free from 9-11:45am on Fridays and think this might be a ministry in which you might like to be involved, please talk to Marge.

BTC STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Enquiries for part-time, full-time and internship-based study at Bishopdale College in 2020 are now open. Applications for scholarships from the St John's College Trust Board close 30 September for first semester study. If you are interested in finding out

more about options and funding available, visit www.bishopdale.ac.nz/prospectus, or get in touch with the College Director, Kate Tyler by calling 027 544 2208 or emailing kate@bishopdale.ac.nz. Study by video-link is available for those who don't live in Nelson.

ODD JOBS DONE - REASONABLE RATES

Gardening, lawn mowing, small painting jobs, tree cutting and trimming (chainsaw tickets), small carpentry work, fences etc. Contact Tony Woollett 768 4323 or 027 217 1271.

FIRE EVACUATION SCHEME APPROVED BY FIRENZ SERVICE

At last we have our evacuation scheme approved, which has taken a few months of discussion and negotiation. There are some key requirements that we will need to follow through on.

1. About every six months we will need to have a trial evacuation of the church at one of our services. As we have four weekend services, it means that each service will only need the evacuation drill about once every two years.
2. About once every three or four years we need to have a refresher course for those in any leadership role in any of those four services, so that they know and understand their responsibilities during a fire drill.
3. We need to send a report after each evacuation to the Fire Service, giving the exact time it took to clear the buildings completely.

Robin's thought.

We plan to have a training time of about one hour towards the end of January/early February 2020 for the service leaders. We will ensure we repeat the training so that folk have a choice of time to attend.

The first evacuation will take place before the end of March.

If you have any thoughts on any of the above, please chat to Robin.

POTS FOR FAIR

NEEDED— small plastic pots (8 and 10 cm square pots) and 6 cell pots. These are for seedlings and plants for the fair. Please bring any you may have lying around that are surplus to need and put on the table in the back of the foyer. Many Thanks!