

Monday  
21 Oct                      *Clergy day off*                      *Parish Office closed*  
1pm                      Order of St Luke in Parish Centre  
**1-3pm**                      **Elder CARE afternoon tea in Trinity Lounge**  
**7.30pm**                      **Tricia & David's Home Group at 359 Main South Rd**

Tuesday  
22 Oct                      **10am**                      **Dixon House Devotions (Robin)**  
**2pm**                      **AAW Fellowship Group in Trinity Lounge**  
3.30-6pm                      Crossroads Dance Group  
**7pm**                      **Hawes' Home Group at 1 Felix Campbell St**  
7.30pm                      Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St

Wednesday  
23 Oct                      3.30-6.30pm                      Crossroads Dance Group  
**2pm**                      **AAW at Cobden Church**  
**6pm**                      **Young Adults Group at 35 Karoro Place**  
**7.30pm**                      **Lavers Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd**  
7.30pm                      Robin's Home Group in Parish Centre

Thursday  
24 Oct                      9am                      Bible in Schools (Launchpad) at Paroa School  
3.30-6.30pm                      Crossroads Dance Group  
5.30pm                      Music Practice in Church  
**6.45pm - 8pm**                      **SoulFood at 35 Karoro Place.**

Friday  
25 Oct                      10am                      Kids 'n Coffee  
3.30-5.30pm                      Crossroads Dance Group  
7pm                      The SHED Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd

Sunday  
27 Oct                      6.30pm                      The Way Youth Service at The Shed 186 Main South Rd  
**7pm**                      **ALPHA Course in Parish Centre**

**Services Next Weekend: 26 & 27 October 2019 Labour Weekend**

**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**                      **Afternoon Worship**  
**6.30pm**                      **The Way Youth Service at The SHED (186 Main South Road)**

**KUMARA**                      **No service**

Prayer Requests to Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara**  
**19 & 20 October 2019**  
***Blessed to be a Blessing***  
***Growing Disciples of Jesus***

**Theme for this weekend:** Resilience Part 1:  
The Desert Experience - Treasure it!

**Readings for this weekend:** Genesis 16:4-14 (p.17); Mark 9:43-48 (p.1290)

**Prayer for the Day: Lord God, you use every type of situation to help us grow and mature in faith, in love, in trusting You, and becoming better followers of Jesus. May Your Holy Spirit empower us to blossom through the tough times of life. Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: Resilience Part 2:  
What are the voices that speak in your head?

Readings for next weekend: Exodus 14:10-14; Matthew 3:16- 4:4

**ONLY 3 WEEKS UNTIL THE PARISH FAIR!!!**

**PARISH FAIR HELPERS NEEDED**

The Fair is always such a fun time working together. We are looking for stall helpers for this year's Fair. There are bound to be lots of changes from last year, so please make alterations on the job sheet in the foyer, adding or deleting your name.

**We particularly need help with Manchester, Baking, Children's Games, and Crafts.**

**BAKING FOR THE FAIR**

We will also be needing contributions of baking for the very popular cake stall at the Fair. These can, of course, be made fresh nearer the time, or baked soon and frozen until needed.

**LUNCH FOOD FOR THE FAIR**

We need a variety of hot food to sell for lunches at the Fair. If you have an idea of something you would like to cook, please chat to Robin.

**PARISH FAIR - TRASH 'N TREASURE**

In just 3 weeks the annual Parish Fair will be happening again! So it's time to do your annual spring clean and bring any good quality no-longer-needed goods to the parish garage to be sold at the Fair. Items needed include kitchenware, books, furniture, manchester, clothing, toys, sports equipment, tools, etc - anything that's useful. We appreciate all donations and are glad that together we can also provide this service to the community.

Last week: Attendance: 104 Offertry: \$ 2,891 (Total needed: \$3,580)  
Total donations received for 186 Main South Road Project so far: \$8,298  
Donations contributed to 186 Main South Rd Project in September: **\$3,135**  
Donations received in October will be reported by mid-November

**FLOWERS**  
 Jane

**CHURCH CLEANING**  
Janine Boote & Judy Boland  


**CHURCH MOWING**  
Lewis Bell  




**Marge** Goodness!  
Where has  
the year  
**Writes** gone? Its  
hard to

believe that November is almost upon us while winter refuses to completely relinquish its grip. However, the calendar continues to tick along in spite of the weather.

With the arrival of November comes the start of the end of year activities for schools, families, businesses, church, and our community. It won't be long before the shops are decorating for Christmas, the ads start ramping up, and the "number of shopping days left" countdown becomes a regular feature in the media.

Maybe it is not too soon for a gentle reminder to invite the Lord Jesus to rule over these next few months. Let's take time to ask Him how to pace ourselves, wisdom for how to set our budgets and strength to keep to them, insights into what invitations to accept and which to gently turn down, and how to keep the true meaning of Christmas in our preparations and celebrations.

May your preparations for Christmas be as blessed with the presence of the one who's birth we remember, as the day itself.

By the way, have you ever thought about giving Jesus a birthday present at Christmas? More about this next week.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

**HOW'S IT GOING?**

How does God get your attention?

Last week Pete captivated us with the story from Daniel 5 about King Belshazzar (King of Babylonia) and the disembodied hand that wrote a message of doom.

The message was one of impending disaster because King Belshazzar had grown proud and refused to worship the Lord God. He did this even though he knew that his father before him (the powerful King Nebuchadnezzar) had lost his mind for seven years when he grew arrogant and stubborn. When Nebuchadnezzar learned that indeed it was the Most High God who was in control his mind was restored.

God uses a variety of mediums to get our attention. A few from the Bible are: a talking donkey, a burning bush, visions, scripture, Jesus walking on water, and Paul going temporarily blind.

How does God get your attention?

Is it through something you've read, a sermon you've heard, something said in a conversation, prayer, a health scare, challenging circumstances, a kindness bestowed upon you?

The important thing is to recognize that God is communicating to us. The question is, are we paying attention? And when we recognize God's message to us, what do we do about it?

So, how's it going?

**RAFFLE TABLE ROSTER BEFORE FAIR**

This year the raffle for the Fair has been booked in for **Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th November AT THE WAREHOUSE**. We will man the table from 10am-4pm each day with pairs of people doing 1 1/2 hour slots each. The roster sheet for these days is in the foyer. **If you can help to fill a slot, please write your name into the roster.** Thank you.

**PRAYER CALENDAR WITH BIRTHDAYS AND PHOTOS**

Last year Rev'd David Hastings put together our first ever prayer calendar with individual photos and dates of birth. Robin is putting out an updated version for 2020, including all those who have joined the parish since then, and correcting any errors. These coloured calendars will be available in December at \$2 to cover the cost of printing. If you would like an updated photo, change of photo, or correction from this year's production, please contact Robin. He has a copy of the calendar for you to check details. If you have any thoughts on improvements, do tell Robin so that they can be incorporated.

**AAW LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

This group will meet in the Trinity Lounge **Tuesday 22 October at 2pm**. Lorraine will tell us all about her trip to Wimbledon.

**TUESDAY FRIENDS (OCT 29)**

The Tuesday Friends group will meet for lunch at the Bonzai at **11.30am on Tuesday 29 October**.

**SNIPPETS FROM VESTRY MEETING**

- Tony Woollett has filled in a number of areas in the car park with tar seal.
- We decided to purchase nugget bark from Greymouth Nurseries so that we can put a good layer over the current bark in the children's playground.
- Applications for funding towards the salary of our Youth Worker are to be made to the West Coast Community Trust and to the Lottery Community.
- Tony Woollett and Gordon Wilkins have looked at the issues to do with health and safety and working at heights.

- We are investigating possible new signage for our church, and Wayne Lorimer has come up with some innovative ideas.
- The vestry studied the first draft of our 10 year maintenance plan for the properties. If the continuing generous contributions remain at the present level towards 186 Main South Rd (The SHED), then we expect to have the mortgage paid off and major work on the house with a partial reroof and also fully insulated underneath and in the ceiling completed by the end of 2020.
- Sammi Smith has answered God's call to lead the team for Oasis, and has done all the preparation for this term's teaching. She is also organising a Nativity Play with the children and teachers to be performed on Sunday 15 December at the 10am service.
- We accepted a quote from Washrite to spray the south side of the church roof and walls and also all the walls of the hall to kill the lichen. This will be done within the next few months when there are long dry spells predicted! Killing the lichen and fungi will give much longer life for the paint work and the roofing colour-steel.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST—SAT 16 NOVEMBER**

Elim church is hosting a Men's Breakfast at 8am, Sat Nov 16th at The New Life Church. Cost is \$10 per person. Robin Kingston will be the guest speaker. Please RSVP to Henry Lawrence on 021 048 7530.

**WHAT'S COMING UP?**

**Saturday 9 November**  
Parish FAIR

**Wednesday 4 December 7pm**  
Community Carols in the Regent Theatre

**Sunday 15 December**  
**10am** Nativity Play  
**7pm** Nine lessons and carols

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