

Monday  
28 Oct                      Clergy day off                      Parish Office closed  
**Public Holiday - Labour Day**

Tuesday  
29 Oct                      **10am        Dixon House Devotions (Barry)**  
**11.30am    Tuesday Friends lunch at Bonzai**  
3.30-6pm    Crossroads Dance Group  
7.30pm       Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St

Wednesday  
30 Oct                      3.30-6.30pm    Crossroads Dance Group  
**7pm         Young Adults (35 Karoro Pl) - NOTE NEW START TIME**  
7.30pm       Robin's Home Group in Parish Centre

Thursday  
31 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  
1 Nov                      10am          Kids 'n Coffee  
3.30-5.30pm    Crossroads Dance Group  
7pm             The SHED Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd

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

**Services Next Weekend: 2 & 3 November 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 Road)**

**KUMARA    10am Extended Holy Communion**

Prayer Requests to Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

**FLOWERS**



Jeanette  
& Rose

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Anne Bernard &  
Robin Kingston



**CHURCH MOWING**

Tony Woollett



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara  
26 & 27 October 2019**

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

**Theme for this weekend:** Resilience Part 2:

What are the Voices that Speak in your Head?

**Readings for this weekend:**

Exodus 14:10-14 (p.89); Matthew 3:16- 4:4 (p.1224)

**Prayer for the Day: Lord, we keep hearing voices speaking to us in our minds. Some are still those of our parents. Some voices are those who hurt us, and some are those of faithful encouragers. Help us, Holy Spirit, to recognise what you are saying to us, and react appropriately. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: Saints Wanted: Dead or Alive

Readings for next weekend: Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 19:1-10

**MOTORCYCLE RACING**

We have a team of helpers staffing the gates this weekend. They are raising funds to support the Johnson family as they return to New Zealand and take up a post with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) to promote the work in foreign countries.

**THE CHURCH SERVICES ROSTER**

Copies are available in the foyer covering the months of November through February. If you serve in any capacity on the roster, do make sure you locate your copy and check it carefully, as you may be rostered for a role this coming weekend! Also, apologies for any mistakes. Please try and arrange a swap for any weekend you are unable to do the rostered ministry. If you are unable to make a swap, let Marge know.

**DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

Our sincerest sympathies to John Melse and family at the passing of John's wife, Maureen, this past Tuesday. Maureen was an English teacher and deputy principal at Greymouth High School for many years and respected by students and colleagues alike. She and John were married for nearly 50 years and were utterly devoted to one another. For the past 5 years or so, John and Maureen have faithfully attended the Saturday 6pm service here at Holy Trinity. Maureen's funeral was held at Holy Trinity Church on Friday. Please hold John, David (son), Gina (daughter-in-law) and extended family in your prayers at this time.

Last week: Attendance: 129    Offertory: \$ 4,097 (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



## Marge Writes

Last week I wrote to encourage us to invite Jesus into the preparations for the Christmas season which has, unfortunately, become such a stressful time for so many. I wrote about it in October, because, if we wait much longer, we will suddenly find ourselves caught up in the demands of the season with no thought out plan of how we will spend our money and our time.

This week I ask you to ponder giving Jesus a birthday gift this Christmas.

Many years ago my mum and dad began a tradition of asking the Lord what He would like for a birthday present. They were aware that they were thinking about gifts for their children and grandchildren and wanted to give something to Him as Christmas was, after all, the celebration of His birth. And so they would pray each year to see what He might like. Each year they would make a gift to someone they thought Jesus had led them to bless.

Last Saturday, as I was writing my weekly column, that memory of mum's and dad's generosity and love for Jesus popped into my head and I thought I would share the idea with you to ponder and pray about. I'm going to do the same. May our Christmas ponderings be filled with joy and grace.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

### HOW'S IT GOING?

Two weeks ago we looked at a train journey being like our life, with the tunnels being the tough times. This week we likened our tough times to being like going through a desert-- hot, dry and uncomfortable.

When Hagar ran away from her mistress, Sarai, because of the dreadful way in which she was being treated, an angel of God came to her in the desert and said, "Go back to Sarai and stay there." God challenges us often to hang in there through the tough times and not to run away.

How to cope in these desert times (e.g. money worries, ill health, death, tough relationships, etc) can be based around the word HOPE.

H:HELP. We get that from other Christians and from God. Wise to keep going to church and Home Group, even when we are feeling stressed. Don't push them away.

O: OPPORTUNITY. It is when we have to make changes in our lives that we discover new possibilities, providing we keep our eyes open and remain positive.

P: PRAY. Talk honestly with God about your feelings and emotions. The psalms have some brilliant examples of how others have done that.

E. ENDURE. Hang in there. Stickability is often required, unless safety issues apply. Be as faithful as the dog in Japan called Hatchiko, whose statue is beside Shibuya Station (listen to Robin's sermon on website or Google "Hatchiko" to hear/read the story).

So, how's it going?

### HUTSON'S REFLECTIONS

Shaun has sent some very interesting reflections on cross cultural differences and the spiritual situation where they are. You can read these on the missions board in the foyer.

### TUESDAY FRIENDS (OCT 29)

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

### 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.

### WORD FOR TODAY

The next devotional booklet covering November - January is out. Copies are available in the foyer, please help yourself. A gold coin donation in the offering bag would be appreciated to help cover costs.

### BIBLE SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Robin now has packs of 12 traditional Christmas cards from the Bible Society. They are available for purchase at \$8 per pack. Please see Robin, or come into the Parish Office if you wish to buy some.

### DIOCESAN SYNOD SNIPPETS

Synod had a very strong family feel to it this year. It was particularly nice not to have to debate highly contentious issues though there was not unanimous agreement on several motions. The main decisions that were made were:

- Parishes are free to continue to apply to the various gaming trusts
- Our pledge to the Anglican Missions Board for 2020 will require each parish to increase their commitment by 10%. (This will be reflected in our 2020 parish budget to be debated at our AGM next year)
- A statement to encourage a rethinking of the changes in the abortion law currently before Parliament was crafted and sent to appropriate MPs.

Our new bishop, Steve, is full of energy and vision and all of us at synod were excited and inspired.

### ONLY 2 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 Baking, Children's Games, Books, Clothing 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 2 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.

### 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 staff 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.

### MORNING TEAS AT THE FAIR

Anyone willing to make some scones and sandwiches? Chat to Robin..

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