

Monday
13 Jan

Clergy day off

Parish Office closed

Tuesday
14 Jan

Wednesday
15 Jan

Thursday 12 Noon Ministers' Association shared lunch to farewell Fr Peter
16 Jan 5:30pm 10am Music Practice in the Church

Friday
17 Jan

Saturday
18 Jan

Services Next Weekend: 18 & 19 January 2020

SATURDAY:
6pm Communion (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

SUNDAY :
8am Holy Communion (Quiet & reflective, no music. Finishes by 8.50am)
10am Family Communion (Songs and hymns)
2pm Holy Communion

KUMARA 10am Morning Worship

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR ON LEAVE

Nicky is on annual leave this week (13th-17th).

While she is away Robin will carry out any important functions that are normally done by Nicky.

The Parish Office will be open as usual from Tuesday to Friday from 9am to 1pm.

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**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
11 & 12 January 2020**

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

Theme for this weekend: The Baptism of Jesus

Readings for this weekend: Isaiah 42:1-4 (p.921); Matthew 3::11-17 (p.1224)

Prayer for the Day: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son; grant that we who are baptised into his name, may give up our lives to your service, and be found worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: What do you think makes a good Anglican?

Readings for next weekend: Amos 5:21-24; John 4:19-26

**WHEN ARE SOME OF OUR GROUPS
RESTARTING?**

Most of the Home Groups and monthly meetings begin in early February, after the Waitangi Day celebrations.

In particular:

Inner Healing Training Seminars

These monthly meetings in the Parish Centre are on the second Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm to 9pm, starting Tuesday 11 February. These are open to anyone who wants to grow in this area of ministry.

Marge's BTC Graduate's Gathering

Starts again at 7am on Tuesday 14 January.

Robin's Home Group

Starts on Wednesday 12th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This is open to anyone who wants to study the Bible and grow in faith.

Many other Home Groups

The details of their starting dates will be given over the next few weeks.

TRIAL FIRE EVACUATION

As mentioned in October, we will be required by the Fire Service to hold a formal evacuation trial at one of our services in February or March this year.

Details of what everyone needs to know will be given in a few weeks time. However, those with key responsibilities such as Oasis leaders and Worship Leaders at any of our four weekend services have special responsibilities if there is a fire or a trial evacuation.

It is very important that each of these people learn of the key points and what they need to do if they are involved when it happens. There will be two or three one hour sessions so that everyone can attend one of them at a time that suits them in early February.

Last Weekend: Attendance: 88; Offertory: 3,247 (Total needed: \$3,580)
Total donations received for 186 Main South Rd Project so far: \$15,628
Donations contributed to 186 Main South Rd Project in December: \$2,025
Donations received in January will be reported by mid February

FLOWERS



Paula
& Liz

CHURCH CLEANING

Dorothy &
Norm Wilkins



CHURCH MOWING

Trevor
Morrison





Marge The writer of Proverbs wrote, "A merry heart does good like a medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones." Reader's Digest always included a joke

page in each publication called "Laughter, the Best Medicine." Laugh therapy is often encouraged along side traditional medicine to help people reduce stress, release endorphins, relax the body, and diffuse anger all of which assists the body to heal.

There are so many sad things going on in the world at the moment (and for some of us in our own lives) that I thought a good old-fashioned belly laugh might be just what we needed—not to forget the problems, but to help us cope.

So, for this week's column, I thought we could take a good dose of humour. The following are actual bloopers from church newsletters. I hope they make you laugh.

With love, blessings, and laughter, *Marge*

1. Sunday morning sermon: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' Sunday evening sermon: 'Searching for Jesus.'
2. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
3. Don't let worry kill you off- let the Church help.

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4. Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
5. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
6. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
7. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
8. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
9. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
10. Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow.
11. The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon
12. This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
13. The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
14. God is good. The vicar is better.

15. Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.
16. The school drama group will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church hall on Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
17. Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
18. Don't miss the Young Wives' Victorian Evening next month. It will be a fun night and some of the women will wear clothes.
19. The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours!'
20. Correction: The following typo appeared in our last bulletin: 'Lunch will be gin at 12:15.' Please correct to read '12 noon.'
21. Remember the church jumble sale. We have a gents three-speed bicycle, also two ladies for sale, in good running order.
22. Bertha Belch, a missionary, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church. Come and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

ALPHA COURSE 2020

We were very pleased with the way that running Alpha on a Sunday evening worked out in 2019 and so will be offering it again beginning on Sunday, 16 February through to the end of May. Brochures available in the gold Christmas newsletters and on the table in the foyer. Be praying about who you might invite.

SHARING YOUR FAITH

Being able to share our faith is something we all know we should be able to do, but often do not feel confident.

Dave Mann (coordinator of The Hope Project) is gifted in helping people learn how to share their faith. Cobden Anglican Church is hosting Dave Mann on June 5-6. This event

is open to all the churches in Greymouth. The seminar will run Friday evening (5 June) and during the day on Saturday (6 June). Dave will also be preaching at Cobden and Runanga churches on Sunday (June 7).

I would encourage you to seriously consider putting this in your diary. It will included in our 2020 Parish Event Calendar to come out later this month.

HUTSON FAMILY

Shaun and Sharon have sent through a new newsletter. A copy is available for you to read on the Missions Board in the Foyer.

HOW'S IT GOING?

The visit of the wise men teach us much about acting on our beliefs.

Being astronomers as well as astrologers like most of the world at that time, they were astonished to find a new bright star appear. Where it appeared in the sky indicated that a new king was born and the country was Israel.

They had the courage to trust that this was a true message from God, and so arranged their long camel train trip from probably Persia to Israel. The Bible seems to suggest that they did not see the star again in their travels, and so logically went to Herod's palace to enquire.

Once they knew the Messiah was expected to be born in Bethlehem, they set off again and were thrilled and excited to see the star. This time it led them supernaturally and even pointed to the very place where Jesus was to be found.

The gifts they gave were gold (indicating a king), frankincense (a priest) and myrrh (a death). Their visit was an incredible sacrifice, both in expense and in risking their reputations if there was no king!

God's sacrificial gift was of Himself, born as a human being as Jesus, and living a perfect life that ended on a cross as the one perfect sacrifice for our sins.

The heart of the Christian Faith is indeed one of sacrificial giving, in every aspect of our lives. This is especially true in our marriages and close relationships.

So, how are you doing?