

Monday 27 Jan Clergy day off Parish Office closed

Tuesday 28 Jan 10am Dixon House Devotions (Marge)

Wednesday 29 Jan

Thursday 30 Jan 5.30pm Music practice in Church  
6pm Vestry dinner and meeting at Roy Munn's

Friday 31 Jan

**Services Next Weekend: 1 & 2 February 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 Extended Holy Communion**

**NEW YEAR GREETING FROM THE NETHERLANDS**

Some of you at the 10am service might remember a tall young Dutchman by the name of Willem Voeder, who worshipped with us when he was on a working holiday in Punakaiki. He sent a card to the parish which arrived last week and is posted on the foyer notice board. It reads -

*For the Parish of Greymouth - God's blessing is upon you!*

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

*From the cold and drizzling Netherlands, I want to wish all of you happy and blessed days and all the best for 2020. I'll never forget you all!*

*Greetings, Willem Voeder*

**Prayer Requests to:** Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

**FLOWERS**



Carol

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Julie Ritchie  
Julie Williams



**CHURCH MOWING**

Roger Lavers




**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara**  
**25 & 26 January 2020**  
***Blessed to be a Blessing***  
***Growing Disciples of Jesus***

**Theme for this weekend: Foundlings**

**Readings for this weekend: Exodus 2:1-10 (p 71); Galatians 4:4-7 (p 1512); John 1:9-13 (1362)**

**Prayer for the Day:**

**Saviour God, thank you that you reached into our lives to save us. Help us to respond to your love and grace through the power of your Holy Spirit, with which you have blessed our daily lives. Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: Keeping Promises - The Presentation of Jesus & Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Readings for next weekend: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 2:22-40

**VESTRY THIS THURSDAY**

Vestry will meet **this Thursday at 6pm** at Roy's house, 22 Parfitt Place. Please bring \$5 for a fish and chip dinner. The meal will be followed by a regular vestry meeting.

**WORD FOR TODAY**

New installments of this daily devotional booklet covering February, March, April 2020, are available in the foyer. Please help yourself. A gold coin donation in the offering bag would be appreciated to help cover costs.

**OASIS RESTART - FEB 9 AT 10AM**

The first term's theme is "Royalty" as the kids will look at many kings and queens of the Old Testament culminating in Jesus. The team is excited and ready to go. Parents, please make every effort to regularly bring your children as this is an important part of their discipleship journey.

**ANGLICAN MISSIONS—PARTNERS IN PRAYER 2020**

This booklet covers different areas of the work of missions around the world that is supported by the Anglican Missions Board. It has a different topic for each day of the month. A number of parishioners have picked up a copy.

However, there are a number of spare copies in the foyer. If you would like one, help yourself to a copy, but do let Robin know that you have taken one.

The prayer booklet is useful for those who pray regularly for different groups or missions. It is also useful as information about what the Anglican Mission Board is doing. It is also helpful if you lead intercessions sometimes, and want some background information.

Last Weekend: Attendance: 111 ; Offertory: 3,849 (Total needed: \$3,625)  
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



**Marge** Robin and I enjoyed our mini break last week and are grateful to Nicky, Dave and Roy for keeping things ticking along here while we enjoyed some family time in Takaka.

The summer holiday period is almost over and soon our various groups will be back in action. Do keep an eye out for the restart dates of your group(s).

With the restart of the new year, there are two areas of ministry for which we are looking for volunteers. One is someone to take a 20 minute devotion at Dixon House once a month on either the third or fourth Tuesday at 10am. The second is for volunteers to join a roster to provide a simple programme for our pre-schoolers in the crèche during the Sunday 10am service during term time. The programme has been prepared and still allows for free play, but also includes bible stories and structured activities to help our little ones learn about Jesus and give opportunities for their parents to be fully involved in the service. Please chat to me if you feel yourself attracted to either of these important ministries.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

**HOW'S IT GOING?**

What makes a good Anglican?

First and foremost, a good Anglican is a sincere follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. This means they are genuinely trying to live the life shown and taught by Jesus, and doing so empowered by the Holy Spirit.

In the reading from Amos 5 we saw that, even though God gave His people rules for sacrifices, the sacrifices without a lifestyle of justice and fairness were worthless. God wants us to take **all** that He teaches seriously.

There are a number of traditions that Anglicans have developed over the years. We must be careful not to put them ahead of discipleship and lifestyle. Here at Holy Trinity we use a number of symbols, such as the banners on the front wall, and candles on the altar. They are very secondary to being good followers of Jesus!

An important distinctive of being an Anglican has to do with our attitudes to others. Put simply, we are an inclusive church. This means we welcome everyone, regardless of race, background or even faith. We believe that the Holy Spirit will gradually draw them into faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that they will want to become good disciples of Him. However, to be in a leadership position within the church, folk need to demonstrate by their faith and life style that they genuinely are believers.

It can be fairly accurately said that this inclusiveness makes for a messy church.

How are you coping with our messy church?

**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.

**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.

**Lavers' Home Group**

Starts on Wed 12th Feb at 7.30pm meeting on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month.

**Tricia & David's Group**

Likely start date is Monday 17th February at 7.30pm

**Tuesday Friends Study Group**

Starting on Tuesday 11 February at 10:30am meeting on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month

**Hawes' Home Group**

Starting on Tuesday 11 February at 7pm, meeting on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month

**Marjorie's Home Group**

Provisional start date is Tuesday 11th February at 7.30pm.

**Marge's Young Adults Group**

Starting on Wednesday, 12 February at 7pm

**Kids 'n' Coffee**

Restarts Friday 14 February at 10am

**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.

**TRIAL FIRE EVACUATION**

We are 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, sidespeople 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 one hour sessions so that everyone can attend one of them at a time that suits them in early February.

**The seminars will be in the Parish Centre**  
**Sunday 9 February at 7:30pm—8:30pm**  
**Sunday 16 February 11:45am—12:45pm**

**STAGE ROOM OFF THE HALL**

This room is used for the storage of Kids 'n Coffee items, Old Time Dancing equipment, Rose Society paraphernalia, Poutini Waiora weekly exercise materials, ladders, and various other pieces of equipment used by regular users of our hall.

As a result we are trying to avoid children pulling out Kids 'n Coffee equipment, and leaving a shambles. We have also had some materials from other groups go missing.

Therefore, we have put a bolt at the top of the door, easily reached by adults. Please keep this latched. We request that the room is used only by those whose equipment is stored there, and only those authorized to use the equipment do so.

Of course, if a production is taking place on the stage, then the room will need to be used for stage access, but we ask that adults supervise children carefully.

**EASTER INSTALLATIONS AT COBDEN**

Cobden-Runanga Anglican Parish are getting creative and inviting people from the different churches to contribute installations around the theme of Easter. These can be static works of art such as sculpture, paintings, or photos, or interactive, musical, or whatever. We will install these at the Church of the Resurrection in Cobden over Holy Week.. The community will be invited to come and visit. Contact Tim Mora 768 9605 or [timmora@xtra.co.nz](mailto:timmora@xtra.co.nz) if interested.

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