

Monday 24 Feb Clergy day off Parish Office closed
1pm OSL in Parish Centre

Tuesday 25 Feb
10am Dixon House Devotions (Marge)
2pm Ladies Fellowship Group in Trinity Lounge
7pm Hawes Home Group at 118 Coulson Rd
7.30pm Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St

Wednesday 26 Feb Ash Wednesday Nomination Forms due by today
12.10pm Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service at St Patrick's
2pm AAW at Cobden Anglican Church
7pm Marge's Young Adults meet at church first for Ash Wednesday service
7pm Ash Wednesday Service at Holy Trinity
7.30pm Robin's Home group in Parish Centre
7.30pm Lavers' Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd

Thursday 27 Feb 5.30pm Music practice in Church

Friday 28 Feb 10am Kids n Coffee
7pm The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd

Saturday 29 Feb 3pm Wedding of Henry Hole and Jenny Pym in Holy Trinity

Sunday 1 Mar 7pm Alpha in Parish Centre

Services Next Weekend: 29 Feb & 1 Mar 2020

SATURDAY:

6pm Communion (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

SUNDAY :

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

10am Oasis (7-11yr olds) & Sunday School (4-7yr olds) in Trinity Hall

10am Family communion (Songs and hymns)

2pm Holy Communion

KUMARA 10am Extended Holy Communion



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
22 & 23 February 2020**

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

Theme for this weekend: What's Life without Adventure?

Readings for this weekend: Genesis 12:1-7 (p.13); Matthew 4:18-22 (p.1225)

Prayer for the Day: Lord God, you call each of us to go on an adventure with you. Jesus help us to be open to your calling. Holy Spirit give us the courage to take up the challenge, so your glory will show forth. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Lent Series 1: Jesus' temptations and our temptations

16 Feb-24 May—ALPHA (Sundays 7pm)

26 Feb ASH WEDNESDAY
12:10pm--Ecumenical service at St. Pat's
7pm --Service at Holy Trinity

5 Mar—Parish AGM (7:30pm)

6 Mar—World Day of Prayer at HT (2pm)

1-2 Apr—Raffle Days at New World

4 Apr—Mini Fair 9:30-11:30am

4-13 Apr—Holy Week (services TBC)

10-13 Apr—Youth Easter Camp

5-6 June—Dave Mann Seminars at Cobden

20 June—Thanksgiving Social (7.30pm)

July—Marge & Robin on Annual Leave

1 Aug—Promise Keepers in CHCH

Oct 15-17—Synod at Blenheim South

11-12 Nov—Raffle Days at New World

13-15 Nov—Weekend Visit of Bp Steve

14 Nov—Parish Fair

2 Dec—Community Carols at Regent (7pm)

13 Dec—Children's Nativity Play (10am)

20 Dec—Lessons & Carols

24/25—Christmas Services

PRAY FOR THE JOHNSONS

Baby Annalise's surgery was successful and she is now able to digest very small amounts of milk. She has been confirmed as having Downs Syndrome and will need ongoing specialist care.

Simon writes:

"In the first instance please continue to pray that her feeding will continue to improve and that she will digest the milk well.

The second area of prayer would be that her heart doesn't have any major imperfections. At this stage the Doctors are hopeful that the minor holes that are showing, will repair themselves.

This has been a very intense couple of weeks for us all but we are hopeful that with the right care and support, an ongoing environment of love and all of your prayers and support, we can all become more gracious, loving and understanding as Annelise's journey becomes a part of ours as well." (See updates on notice board.)

FIRE EVACUATION TRIAL

We will hold a trial evacuation at each of our weekend services within the next 4 weeks.

Key points to remember:

- Move quickly, by nearest exit, to the footpath of Frickeleton St
- Wait on the footpath until fire wardens block Frickeleton St, and then we will all move across to the cenotaph.
- **If you have a walker**, go down the ramp and **wait** on the Hokitika side of the footpath on Tainui St at the end of the ramp.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This Tuesday at 2pm in Church Lounge. This is open to all ladies and will kick off our year with a Communion Service and planning our year's events. Please bring ideas. We will also discuss the upcoming Women's World Day of Prayer and the status of our AAW groups being in recess.

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS



Helen & Raewyn

CHURCH CLEANING

Janine Boote & Judy Boland



CHURCH MOWING

Kelvin Ritchie



Last Weekend: Attendance: 162 Offertory: \$3,725 (Total needed: \$3,625)
Total donations received for 186 Main South Rd Project so far: \$18,259
Donations contributed to 186 Main South Rd Project in January: \$2,631
Donations received in February will be reported by mid March



Marge Lent is about so much more than simply giving up chocolate. This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday--the day the Church begins the season of Lent--six and a half weeks leading up to Easter. It is a season of repentance and renewal as we walk with Jesus towards the cross and resurrection.

Traditionally, the Church has used three spiritual disciplines to help focus us on this journey: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. That is why you often hear people ask, "What are you giving up for Lent?"

The word Lent actually means "Spring" such as the season of new life that follows on from winter. Lent, therefore is meant to be a time of new life. So how does a Lenten fast, lead to new life? I read something this week that certainly helped me. It came from the Fuller Youth Institute website--

Lent means subtracting something so that we--or perhaps God--can add something new. In other words, what happens in the void left by whatever we choose to give up? If we give up an hour of video games what do we do with those extra 60 minutes? If we give up lattes, what do we do with that money? Maybe it's adding true hunger, a hunger for spiritual growth. Maybe it's adding silence and stillness to a life full of noise and movement. Maybe we add prayer when we are usually silent toward God.

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Maybe God adds passion for serving the poor where we're usually self-absorbed.

Take some time over the next few days to ask God what He would like you to subtract from your life this Lent in order that He can begin something new. Then come to one of the Ash Wednesday services (see back page) to join with others to start the journey.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

COBDEN - RUNANGA AAW

The first meeting for the year will be held on **Wednesday 26 February at 2 pm in the Cobden Church.** New members welcome. Enquiries Lesta Smithson Ph 7627826.

HAWES' HOME GROUP

The Hawes' Home Group meets in Greymouth from 7-9pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. New members are most welcome. If you're interested in coming along to see if it suits you, contact Nicky in the Parish Office 03 768 7508. Next meeting is this **Tuesday 26 Feb at 7pm.** We are currently studying the season of Lent.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Greymouth's participation in this annual world wide event will be held on Friday, 6 March at 2pm at Holy Trinity Church. A cup of tea and biscuit will follow.

This year's meditations and prayers come from Christian women in Zimbabwe. This is an ecumenical event and, even though it is prepared and put on by women, it is open to all. This is a good opportunity to join with Christians from other churches to learn something of life and faith in Zimbabwe and join with others around the world in prayer.

ELECTORAL ROLL & AGM

Our AGM is on Thursday 5 March at 7.30pm in the Trinity Lounge. In order to stand for an office or vote at the AGM and any other special parish meetings that are held, you must be on the Parish Electoral Roll. The current roll is posted on the foyer notice board. If you are not currently on the Roll and wish to be, provided you are baptised and have been worshipping with us for at least 4 months, please fill in a yellow form which is available in the foyer and hand to one of the clergy or Nicky **by this Wednesday 26 February.**

NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination forms for Vestry Members, People's Warden and Synod Reps are in the foyer. **Nominations close this Wednesday, 26 February.** Elections will be held at our AGM on Thursday 5 March for the following roles:

Vestry (up to 10 people) - Vestry is responsible for overseeing the finance, property, and mission of the church in months between AGMs. Currently Vestry meets in the evening of the 3rd or 4th Thursday of most months.

Nominations received so far are: Margaret Baillie, Diana Fensom, Ian Hawes, Sarah Hawes, David Lankshear, Roy Munn, Tony Woollett, Margaret Woollett.

People's Warden - elected by the parish at the AGM. Along with the Vicar's Warden (who is appointed by the Vicar), the People's Warden has some extra responsibilities with regards to the Vicar, staff and parish. People's Wardens are members of Vestry and so this involves the monthly Vestry commitment as well.

Nominations received so far: Diana Fensom

Synod Reps (3 people) - responsible to take the opinions of the parish to the annual Diocesan Synod meeting with Marge and Robin. They serve for a 3 year term and are also part of Vestry. Synod involves being away one Thursday afternoon/evening and all day Friday and Saturday each year. This year's synod is 15th - 17th October.

Nominations received so far: Trevor Morrison.

Motions - Any motions to be considered need to be submitted to the Parish Office **by this Wednesday, 26 February.**

A MESSAGE FROM GREYMOUTH LIONS

The Greymouth Lions Club is no longer collecting wine bottle tops but are still collecting the tabs from aluminium cans to help Kidney Kids NZ. The Lions are grateful for the church's support. Please leave can tabs only in the labeled tin in the foyer.

HOW'S IT GOING?

When we study the Old Testament, we understand a lot more if we realise that a great deal of the events and teachings are to prepare us for the coming of Jesus.

This is especially true as we think of the Israelites being rescued from slavery in Egypt, crossing the Red Sea, receiving the 10 commandments at Mt Sinai, and then crossing the Jordan River into the Promised Land.

The Israelites in slavery represent us all before we began to follow Jesus. We were trapped in sin. God rescued the Israelites supernaturally, and took them across the Red Sea, causing the Egyptians to drown, and setting the Israelites free. The Red Sea crossing represents our baptism or dedication to the Lord.

The 10 commandments were given by God out of love for us. He wanted us to be spared the miseries that come in life by not following His way. He also gave sacrifices so that we can be forgiven when we do sin. The wandering in the desert represents us being trained to trust God and live according to His plans.

The crossing of the Jordan represents the time when we have experienced the Lord, and wish to be available to serve Him. That moment of true commitment is represented by confirmation, or baptism in the Holy Spirit or a major renewal of faith. We are saying that we are ready to follow Jesus by being light to the world, salt to the earth, and open to Jesus working supernaturally through us as we reach out to our community. This often involves personal sacrifice.

So, how are you doing?