

**Greymouth and Kumara Anglican Parish**  
**Lockdown Newsletter 2**  
**5 April 2020 - Lockdown Day 11**

**MARGE WRITES**

What a joy it was last night and this morning to see so many of your faces again via our two ZOOM Worship services. In total we had 97 people joining in (plus a few cats and dogs). It was such a blessing to see so many wanting to gather together to be with one another and to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. The feedback that we received just proved once again that Jesus keeps His promise to never leave us or forsake us. He is with us in our bubbles and when we reach out to other bubbles through letter, phone, email, and even ZOOM church. It is so good to know that nothing can separate us from the presence and love of God.

If you tried but were unable to connect to either of our ZOOM services, please ring us sometime this week and we may be able to coach you for next time. Robin did email a written version of his sermon and has put an audio copy on the website.

To those of you who will be receiving this newsletter by NZ Post, we have not forgotten you and will continue to send you a copy of the newsletter, sermon, and other enclosures that may help you during this time.

Doing church is certainly different these days, but being the church never changes. That is, staying connected to the Lord, connected to each other, and connected to those who don't yet know Jesus continues, but sometimes how we go about our connectedness does change. May you find creative and meaningful ways to connect in all three directions during this lockdown time.

With deep affection, Marge

**THANK YOUS**

Thank you to Nicky Hawes who is working from home on a number of administrative tasks for the parish and for preparing this month's prayer leaflet which is enclosed/attached and is on the website under Newsletters.

Thank you to everyone who is reaching out to people at this time via phone and social media to encourage one another.

Thank you to those looking after the vulnerable by picking up food or meds.

Thank you to the many of you who are working in essential services.

Thank you to Maureen Truman, Samara Ewan and Adele Wilkins for their participation in our first ZOOM services.

## **CARE CLUSTERS**

Hopefully, everyone is being contacted by phone or other means for a chat from their Care Cluster leader at least once a week. If not, please let us know as we may have a contact detail error.

Also, if you would like to contact someone in the parish, but you do not have their contact details, please ring or email Marge or Robin.

## **OFFERINGS**

We have had a number of queries about how to give during this lockdown period if you normally give cash in the plate or via the envelope scheme. The simplest way is to give through online banking if you have that capability and make either one off donations or set up an automatic payment schedule which can be changed at any time. If online banking is not an option for you, then just save up your gifts until we can again gather in person. Please DO NOT put anything in the Parish Office letterbox.

If you want to give via online banking our bank account details are--

Account Name: Holy Trinity Church

Account Number: 03 0846 0012777 00

Please use the Particulars, Code, and Reference sections to direct your giving (e.g. Offering or Missions or 186).

Thank you for being concerned about the parish finances at this time. We totally understand if people need to make adjustments in their giving because of changes in financial circumstances as a result of the lockdown.

## **HOLY WEEK**

After a day off on Monday, Robin and Marge will put their minds to how we might remember Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter in this time of lockdown and let you know.

In the meantime, please join in with the diocese in the Prayer and Fasting in Holy Week schedule that was sent out separately.

Check the new diocesan website at [www.nelsonanglicans.com](http://www.nelsonanglicans.com) website for Holy Week "activities" happening around the diocese that you may be able to join in via ZOOM or some other platform.

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