

Monday 15 Jun *Clergy day off Parish Office closed*
1-3pm Elder CARE afternoon tea in Church Lounge
1.30pm OSL in Parish Centre
7.30pm Tricia & David's Home Group at 359 Main South Rd

Tuesday 16 Jun
10am Dixon House Devotions (Julie Williams)
10.30am Tuesday Friends in Parish Centre
12 noon Prayer meeting in Parish Centre
12.45pm Pastoral Care meeting in Parish Centre
6.30pm 3DM at 35 Karoro Place
7.15pm Hawes' Home Group at 118 Coulson Rd

Wednesday 17 Jun
4-6pm Crossroads
6.30pm Young Adults Home Group at 35 Karoro Place
7.30pm Robin's Home Group in Parish Centre

Thursday 18 Jun
12 Noon Ministers' Association meeting at Cobden Anglican
5.30pm 10am Music Practice
7.30pm Vestry meeting via ZOOM

Friday 19 Jun
5pm--9pm CAIRA Training at Uniting Church
7pm The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd

Saturday 20 June
9am-4pm CAIRA training at Uniting Church

Services Next Weekend: 20 & 21 June 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
6.30pm The Way Youth Service at The Shed 186 Main South Rd

KUMARA 10am Morning Worship

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
13 & 14 June 2020
Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus

Theme for this weekend: How Grateful are You?

Readings for this weekend: Psalm 100 (p.770); John 1:10-17 (p.1362)

Prayer for the Day: Father God, sometimes we forget or take for granted your grace to us. Forgive us through Jesus. Help us to live our lives with an attitude of gratitude for all that you are and all that you have done for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Social Justice Part One

Readings for next weekend: Galatians 3:26-29; Matthew 7:1-2

LEVEL 1 - BACK IN ACTION

As we are now in Level 1, most groups are returning to normal. Please check the back page of this newsletter to see if your group is on this week.

VESTRY AGENDA

Vestry meets this Thursday at 7:30pm via ZOOM. It was decided during lockdown that Vestry would meet via ZOOM in the winter months. Agenda items include:

- ◆ Care Clusters for the future
- ◆ Getting internet into the church
- ◆ Telephone and fibre connections to Parish Centre
- ◆ Financial update
- ◆ Parish Web Page
- ◆ Parish Social Evening

ROSTER UNAVAILABILITY DATES

Marge must begin working on the next roster this week. Would those who serve on the service rosters and have not already sent through their unavailability dates for July 1-October 31, please do so by this Tuesday. Please send through to Nicky at office@greymouthanglican.co.nz. Alternatively, they could be dropped into the Parish Centre letter box at 201 Tainui St.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 7 July-4 Aug** - Marge & Robin on annual leave Mon-Fri & minimal duties Sat-Sun
- 15 Aug** - Parish Social Evening
- 14 Nov** - Parish Fair
- 20-22 Nov** - Bishop's Visit and Confirmation
- 2 Dec** - Community Carols at the Regent
- 13 Dec** - OASIS Nativity Play

Last Weekend Attendance: 104 in Church, 9 in Zoom
 Offertory: \$3,837 (Weekly Total needed: \$3,625)
 Total donations received for 186 Main South Rd Project so far: \$25,002
 Donations contributed to 186 Main South Rd Project in May: \$2,480
 Donations received in June will be reported by mid July

FLOWERS



Carol Reedy

CHURCH CLEANING



Anne Bernard & Tricia Hird

CHURCH MOWING



Kelvin Ritchie



Marge Writes

Worship services return to normal this weekend. No more masking tape to mark out 1 meter distancing. No more requirements to offer only bread at communion. No more ban on morning or afternoon teas. No more disinfecting between services.

HOWEVER, there are a few precautions that we will continue to observe in our gatherings because the country is at Level 1 not Level 0 and many in our congregation remain vulnerable to respiratory diseases--

- Please do not come to church sponsored gatherings if you are **sick**. If you appear sick, you will be asked to go home.
- We will continue to note who **attends** our services in order to assist Public Health with contact tracing in the event of a second wave of COVID-19. Contact tracing records will be destroyed after 1 month.
- You are encouraged to keep a **personal diary** of your movements and who you meet should contact tracing be required. To this end we have applied for a QR code so that those with smart phones and the

government contact tracing app can scan to keep a record of where they've been. The QR codes for the church and offices buildings will be put up on display as soon as they arrive.

- Please continue to be diligent about **washing hands** for 20 seconds.
- Hand sanitizer will be kept available for your use as you enter the building if you wish. **All** who assist with communion will need to sanitize their hands when coming to serve (sanitizer is available on the credence table next to the altar).
- Please continue to **cough and sneeze into your elbow**.
- If using the **kitchen facilities**, please follow posted instructions for **cleaning surfaces**.
- **PLEASE DO NOT BE OFFENDED** if someone does not want to shake hands, hug or get too close. We have many in our congregations whose immune systems are vulnerable and, with the cold and flu season upon us, must take extra precautions.

With love and blessings,

Marge

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WORD FOR TODAY

The Word for Today devotional booklets for May, June, July are available in the foyer. Please help yourself. A gold coin donation in the offering bag would be appreciated to help cover costs.

THE WITNESS

There are still copies of our Diocesan magazine, The Witness available in the foyer. Please help yourself. This was published just before lockdown.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

The Diocese began emailing out a weekly newsletter during lockdown to those serving in leadership roles in parishes (clergy and lay). The Diocese asked parishes to send it out to all parishioners. It includes an encouraging message from Bishop Steve, news from Rachel Boyack the Diocesan Health and Safety Co-ordinator, Sue Fallow the Diocesan Children and Families Enabler, Graham O'Brien the Diocesan Ministry Educator, and Brad Wood the Diocesan Youth Enabler, along with general news from around the Diocese.

With the exception of Bishop Steve's message, the information is pretty specialised and targets leaders/organisers of specific ministries.

It is our understanding that clergy, Vestry members and those who are leaders of specific ministries (e.g. Children's Ministry) are receiving these directly from the diocese.

Marge raised with Standing Committee the issue of too much information too often being passed on to the average parishioner and there may be a change in frequency and content for the general parishioner. We'll see.

In the meantime, the Parish Office will no longer be forwarding out the weekly missive to all parishioners. **HOWEVER**, if you would like to continue viewing it, it can be accessed through the Diocesan website: www.nelsonanglicans.com and clicking on *Updates* or you can subscribe to receive the newsletter directly from the diocese by email. *To subscribe, please email:* comms@nelsonanglican.org.nz and request that your personal email be put on the diocesan update email list.

HOW'S IT GOING?

When I reflect on the number of stars in the sky, I am amazed at how many I can see. I also know there are many more that I cannot see with my naked eye.

I discovered that there are also a lot of grains of sand in a teaspoon. When someone calculated the approximate number of grains of sand in all the beaches in the world, the number turns out to be about the same as the number of stars in the universe.

This God who created both the sand and the stars is obviously incredibly complicated and clever. Therefore, it is no surprise if it turns out that God is a complex person who is very hard for us to understand. God has revealed to us that He is ONE God, yet also three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is ONE yet THREE at the same time.

This is too complex for me to understand. In the Christian Faith it is more important that we believe before we understand, as God is too complicated to understand first!

When we pray to God, we can pray to either God, or Father, or Jesus, or the Holy Spirit, as each is the One true God. As you talk to one, you are talking to all, because they are all one!

The Holy Spirit particularly helps us to become in character more like Jesus. I am keen to grow in patience.

Patience is having the right attitude while waiting.

To grow in patience, I first need to make a deliberate and fixed decision to do this. With that decision in place, I find that the Holy Spirit helps me to grow through providing situations, and giving me the ability to have a good attitude while waiting.

So, do you believe that God is one yet three? In which area are you growing like Jesus?