

**COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2; PERHAPS CHANGING MIDWEEK**

Monday 24 Aug	<b>NO!!</b> 3.30pm	<i>Clergy day off Parish Office closed</i> NO!! OSL in Parish Centre Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
Tuesday 25 Aug	<b>NO!!</b> <b>NO!!</b> <b>NO!!</b> <b>NO!!</b>	<i>Nicky on Leave—Marge and Robin to cover Office today</i> NO!! Dixon House Devotions NO!! Ladies Fellowship Group NO!! Hawes' Home Group this week NO!! Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St this week
Wednesday 26 Aug	12 noon 6:30pm 7.30pm <b>7.30pm</b>	Soup and Toast in Church Lounge Young Adult's Group at 35 Karoro Place <b>if Level 1, otherwise Church Hall</b> Robin's Home Group in Parish Centre <b>if Level 1, otherwise Ch. Lounge</b> <b>Lavers' Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd</b>
Thursday 27 Aug	3.30pm 5:30pm 7.30pm	<i>Marge in Nelson for CPE Training</i> Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall 10am Music Practice <b>IF WE ARE AT LEVEL 1</b> Confirmation Class at 35 Karoro Place
Friday 28 Aug	<b>10am</b> 7pm	<i>Marge in Nelson for CPE Training</i> <b>Kids 'n' Coffee IF WE ARE AT LEVEL 1</b> The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd

**Services Next Weekend: 29 & 30 August 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 No Service**

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

**FLOWERS**



Carol

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Tony & Margaret  
Woollett



**CHURCH MOWING**

Trevor  
Morrison



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

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

**Theme for this weekend:** Jesus is Better—Part 1

**Readings for this weekend:**

Hebrews 1:1-4 (p.1559); John 1:1-14 (p.1362)

**Prayer for the Day: Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we often miss out on the best by clutching to the lesser. May we have hearts that yearn to know You more that we may see You as You truly are. And may we find in You alone the satisfaction of our deepest needs and desires. In Your matchless name we pray. Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: Conversations Part 3: Enquire, Don't Disagree

Readings for next weekend: Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 14:1-6

**PARISH DIRECTORY**

The latest updated version is now available for anyone who would like a copy to take. If you wish to contribute towards the cost, you can put a \$1 in the collection.

There are FOUR sections to the directory.

The first is the list of parishioners by surname, with relevant contact details.

The second is the list of all parishioners by First Name. This is very useful when you know someone's Christian name, but not their surname.

The third is the parish organisation, showing who is responsible for the many tasks and roles that make this place hum. It is worth taking glance at this.

The fourth section is on the back page and has the contact details for all the Christian Churches in Greymouth, as well as the Rest Homes and the Funeral Directors.

**KEEPING DIRECTORY UPDATED**

Please let Robin know of any changes in your contact details such as email, cell phone, address, etc.

From time to time we will put the changes in the newsletter so that you can write the changes in your directory.

**REFERENDA DISCUSSION SESSIONS**

Lyn Heine is planning to hold discussion sessions over the next few Tuesday afternoons to explore the referenda topics. They will be in the form of looking at the issues involved; what the different perspectives are; and what are the questions they raise for us as people of faith. **1.30pm Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September at Greymouth Uniting Church.** All welcome.

Last Weekend Attendance: 102

Offertory: \$3,568 (Weekly Total needed: \$3,625)

Total donations received for 186 Main South Rd Project so far: \$29,735

Donations contributed to 186 Main South Rd Project in July: \$2,455

Donations received in August will be reported by mid-September



## Marge Writes

Not knowing what the government's decision will be on Monday regarding COVID-19 Alert levels, I have done the best to lay out this week's parish calendar on

the back page. Please contact the leader of any group if you have questions concerning whether or not a particular group/event will be taking place.

You may have noticed that the banner at the front of the church is green at the moment. In fact, it has been green for quite a long time and will be green for some time yet.

Green is the Church colour of "Ordinary Time". Ordinary Time doesn't include any exciting festivals like Christmas or Easter or Pentecost. Ordinary Time is the season of growth which is probably why green is this season's colour. But growth is often slow. Remember the kindergarten activity of planting a bean seed and checking every few minutes to see if anything had happened? But, give it a few days and you see new growth that happened while you weren't watching. As we keep with our spiritual disciplines (e.g. bible reading, prayer, praise, service, gathering together, etc.) we are slowly but surely being transformed and one day we look with surprise and delight at the new growth that has taken place. May this be a season of new growth for us all.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

### HOW'S IT GOING?

What is Truth? This is a question Pilate asked Jesus, but didn't wait for an answer. It's a question that impacts us as Christians now in a way it didn't 30 years ago.

The Christian Faith is built around certain key historical facts that we believe are true. Jesus was born about 2,000 years ago through a virgin birth, lived, died on a cross, rose again on the third day and 40 days later ascended to heaven, from whence he had come. As a result we believe Jesus is God, one of the three persons of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I used to think that, if I could convince people of the truth of this, they would believe and become followers and disciples of Christ.

To my astonishment I find that the majority of NZers tend to believe what suits them, whether it is true or not. Trying to convince people that something is true is no longer a good way forward.

In the last 6 years I have heard many times the expression "FAKE NEWS". Is this because reporters are deliberately reporting lies? My experience is that reporters try very hard to get facts accurate. They do make mistakes, but they don't deliberately try to mislead. So why Fake News? Purely because someone doesn't want to believe the facts!

That is why the best approach in our "sharing our faith" conversations is to ask questions, rather than only state what we believe.

So how are you doing using questions?

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**Vicar's Warden:** Jacquie Jones 027 576 8495, **People's Warden:** Diana Fensom 768 4942

**Parish Health Advisor:** Marjorie Newcombe, Ph/Fax 03 768 7299

**Kumara Verger:** Joe Payn 736 9960; **Other Kumara Contact:** Nikki Davies 027 308 4584

### 6TH ANNUAL HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

This annual conference is organised by the Buller Parish and takes place at St. John's Church Anglican Church in Westport. This year the speakers are John and Heather Hearne from the Anglican Church in Cheviot. They are passionate about seeing people come to Christ and grow in their relationship with him.

**Fri 25th September 7 - 9pm**

**Sat 26th September 9am to 4pm**

Bring or buy your own lunch.

Cost is \$25 (includes morning tea).

**Registration forms are in the foyer.**

Marge and Robin are planning to attend.

### DO YOU WANT OR NEED SUPERVISION IN YOUR WORK OR MINISTRY?

Robin is training to be a professional supervisor and needs someone on whom he can practise once a month or every two months. Because he is in training, it is FREE. It is genuine supervision and so can be for work or a role at church. Joanna Lorimer and Tricia Hird are also training, although they have more experience. Joanna is also looking for someone to supervise.

Initially this would be for just six months, with the option of continuing longer if desired by the person being supervised.

**Please chat to Robin if you might be interested.**

### A VIDEO EXPERIMENT

We will experiment this Sunday at 10am to video the service and sermon. Wayne Lorimer will bring his equipment and see how it goes, and what can be achieved by editing. We are exploring ways of being able to keep folk involved who are unable to get to church because of work commitments, distance travel, health issues etc. We are hoping that, if the experiment is successful, we will be able to obtain a grant from St John's College Trust Board to invest in the required equipment. These are early days, but since the lockdown we have become far more aware of the need to up-skill in the area of technology. More and more parishioners are becoming knowledgeable in this field, including those in their 80's and 90's.

### PARISH LIFE AT LEVEL 2

Here we are again! Just a few reminders—

- Weekend services will meet —
  - Stay home if sick
  - Communion with bread only
  - 1m distancing
  - No physical contact
  - Contact Tracing details
  - Use hand sanitizer
  - No morning/afternoon tea
- Church will be locked during the week except by arrangement. Spare newsletters will be in parish office.
- Home groups can meet as usual if social distancing and food protocols in place. Talk to Marge or Nicky if you want to book a ZOOM, Church Lounge/Hall for your group.
- Masks are encouraged, but not required.

### WEST COAST SAFARI

CWCI (Connecting Christian Women) is bringing the annual West Coast Safari to Greymouth on **Friday 18 September, 7pm at the Uniting Church**. Chris Cummins is our speaker this year. Her theme is "How to sleep through the storm - the journey from fear to faith" *Psalms 34*. There will be a Christian bookstall available and supper is provided. All women are very welcome. See the noticeboard for further details.

### STREET RACES

Every Labour Weekend we provide some volunteers to work in pairs and man the gates on the Sunday at the Greymouth Street Races. This is fundraising for the support of the Johnson family who work with OMF. If you would like to help out this year, please call Ian on 022 100 6080 **ASAP** because we have to secure our places, or they will be given to another organisation.

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**14 Nov**-Parish Fair

**20-22 Nov**-Bishop Steve and Watiri's Visit and Confirmation

**2 Dec** - Community Carols at the Regent

**13 Dec** - OASIS Nativity Play