

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2

Monday
31 Aug 1.30pm Clergy day off Parish Office closed
3.30pm OSL in Parish Centre
Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall

Tuesday
1 Sep **NO!!** **NO!!** Dixon House Devotions
10.30am **Tuesday Friends in TRINITY LOUNGE**
12 noon **Prayer meeting in TRINITY LOUNGE**
12.45pm **Pastoral Care meeting in TRINITY LOUNGE**
NO!! **NO!! Social Craft Group in level 2**
6.30pm **3DM at 35 Karoro Place**
7.15pm Hawes' Home Group via Zoom
NO!! **NO!! Marjorie's Home Group**

Wednesday
2 Sep **NO!!** **NO!! Parish Health Advisor Clinic in level 2**
12 noon Soup and Toast in Trinity Lounge
6:30pm Young Adult's Group in **TRINITY HALL**
7.30pm Robin's Home Group in **TRINITY LOUNGE**

Thursday
3 Sep 3.30pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
NO!! No!! Music Practice
7.30pm Confirmation Class at 35 Karoro Place

Friday
4 Sep **NO!!** **No Kids 'n' Coffee**
5.30pm **Fellowship at Monteiths**
7pm The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd

Services Next Weekend: 5 & 6 September 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 Extended Holy Communion

PARISH LIFE AT LEVEL 2

Just a few reminders:

- Weekend services will meet —
 - Stay home if sick
 - Communion - bread only
 - 1m distancing
 - No physical contact
 - Contact Tracing details
 - Use hand sanitizer
 - No after church teas
- 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 ZOOM, Church Lounge or Hall for your group.
- Masks are encouraged, but not required.



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
29 & 30 August 2020**

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

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

Readings for this weekend:

Colossians 3:12-17 (p.1532); Luke 14:1-6 (p.1339)

Prayer for the Day: O Lord, you long for us to be kind, thoughtful and caring in our conversations. You often used questions so that you could later show your understanding with an illustration or story. Your questions were so thought provoking. Help us to be genuinely interested in what other people think, so that our love for them is sincere, and that we want the very best for their spiritual wellbeing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Jesus is Better: Part 2

Readings for next weekend: Hebrews 2:5-3:1; Luke 2:25-32

A MAJOR COMPUTER GLITCH

Both the office computer (Nicky Hawes) and Robin's computer stopped downloading emails from the start of this past week, 25th August. This means that if you sent them an email, they have been unable to see it or read it. Please contact them some other way. At this stage the problem is still not fixed, as we have no idea what the problem is. Marge's is still working.

So, if you wish to communicate with Nicky, office or Robin, please use either cell phone, or landline. Marge's email still works!

A HEBREWS CHALLENGE

Reading a book of the Bible in one sitting is a very good way to get a feel for the flow of the book. Since we are doing a series on Hebrews on alternate weekends, I (Marge) would like to challenge us all to sit down sometime this week and read through the book of Hebrews. It will probably take 45 minutes to 1 hour. I would also encourage you to watch the Bible Project Hebrews summary on YouTube.

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS



Jane

CHURCH CLEANING

Janine Boote &
Judy Boland



CHURCH MOWING

Dave
Lankshear



Last Weekend Attendance: 106

Offeritory: \$3,549 (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

Pauses.

I am currently travelling to Nelson every fortnight for two days of training in the art of pastoral conversation. One of the things I am learning is the

value of pauses—moments of sustained silence in a conversation. I tend to want to jump in with my thoughts when it appears someone has finished his or her thought. After all, conversations are two-way by nature, right? But there is value, particularly in a pastoral conversation, to allow space for a person to process further what thoughts may be coming to their mind. I don't find the silence easy to sit with. I feel an internal pressure to say something.

God, on the other hand, seems very at ease with pauses. His "resting" on the 7th day of creation; the silence of heaven when the 7th seal is opened in Revelation; Jesus pausing for two days before going to Bethany in response to Mary and Martha's request that he come and heal their brother Lazarus; the three day pause between the crucifixion and resurrection.

I'm learning important things can happen in the pauses of conversations as I leave space for the Holy Spirit to work.

May we learn to be comfortable with pauses especially when we seem to want God to hurry up.

With love and blessings, Marge

HOW'S IT GOING?

Author Sarah Arthur composed a summary poem of Hebrews 1:1-4 (the focus of last week's sermon) that describes the complete and final message God spoke through His Son, Jesus. I print it below—

"Long ago..."

What an odd way to begin.

No "dear beloveds..."

no exhortations or personal notes.

Just Theology 101

answering the ultimate question—

"Can God be known?"—with

a resounding yes!

He has revealed himself first

through the prophets,

mouthpieces of the Almighty,

frail and imperfect messengers;

but now—oh, now!

In these last days there nothing

but glory,

nothing but God himself

revealed in his own likeness, begotten

as his own thumbprint,

an autobiography, line for line

spelling Son.

No stream of verbiage

from a messenger in the desert;

no page after page

of ink spotted judgments;

simply one Word—

Son (salvation)—

and then silence.

May we, as we journey through Hebrews, be convinced of the greatness of Jesus and remain faithful to Him.

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 25th August and 1st and 8th September at Greymouth Uniting Church.** All welcome.

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.

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"* Psalm 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.

PARISH HEALTH ADVISOR

Marjorie will **NOT** be having her clinic during level 2. It will resume in level 1.

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 note the changes in your directory.

BARNABAS FUND

New copies of the Barnabas Fund prayer diaries are available in the foyer. Please help yourself. These are a great tool to guide your prayers for the persecuted church worldwide.

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

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

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