

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2

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| Monday | | <i>Clergy day off Parish Office closed</i> |
| 7 Sep | 1pm | Elder CARE Afternoon Tea |
| | 1.30pm | OSL in Parish Centre |
| | 3.30pm | Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall |
| Tuesday | | |
| 8 Sep | NO!! | NO!! Dixon House Devotions |
| | 7.30pm | Healing of Memories Training Seminar in the <u>TRINITY HALL</u> |
| | 7.15pm | Hawes' Home Group via Zoom |
| | 7.30pm | Marjorie's Home Group <u>IN CHURCH LOUNGE</u> |
| Wednesday | | |
| 9 Sep | NO!! | NO!! Dixon House or Granger House Communion |
| | 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 |
| | 7.30pm | Lavers' Home group at 18c Serpentine Rd |
| Thursday | | <i>Marge in Nelson for CPE Training</i> |
| 10 Sep | 3.30pm | Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall |
| | 5.30pm | Music Practice in the church with Level 2 protocols in place |
| | 7.30pm | Confirmation Class at 35 Karoro Place |
| Friday | | <i>Marge in Nelson for CPE Training</i> |
| 11 Sep | NO!! | No Kids 'n' Coffee |
| | 7pm | The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd |

Services Next Weekend: 12 & 13 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 Afternoon Worship

6.30pm The Way Youth Service at The Shed 186 Main South Rd

KUMARA 10am NO SERVICE

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS



Jeanette & Rose

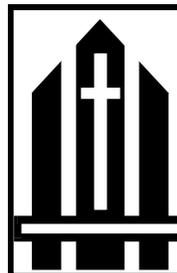
CHURCH CLEANING

Janine Boote & Judy Boland



CHURCH MOWING

Roger Lavers



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
5 & 6 September 2020**

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

Theme for this weekend: Jesus is Better Part 2--Our Champion

Readings for this weekend: Hebrews 2:5-11 (p 1560); Luke 2:25-32 (p 1311)

Prayer for the Day: Lord Jesus Christ, when we were lost in sin, you became our champion blazing the trail for our salvation and bringing us into God's family. Help us to never forget that you alone are the way, the truth and the life. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Is cannabis similar to alcohol?

Readings for next weekend: 1 Corinthians 6:18-20; Luke 12:42-48

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, hand sanitising, contact register 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.

SERMON TOPIC FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS

A number of people are raising questions regarding the two referenda on the ballot of the upcoming election. Therefore, Robin and Marge will be taking a break from their respective series (Conversations & Hebrews) for the next two weekends to consider how Scripture might guide our thinking on these matters. We have also ordered some materials that go into details about the individual Acts and their ramifications which we hope will arrive this week. Another resource we recommend is the talk that Graham O'Brien has been giving around the diocese on the End of Life Choice Act. Many of us heard him in Cobden recently and found it very helpful. If you missed it, the presentation he gave in Blenheim is available on the nelsonanglicans.com website. Click on Ministry Resources, then Marlborough Deanery Equip Weekend.

Last Weekend Attendance: 92

Offerory: \$3,805 (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

I want to thank you for your patience as we have had to adjust our various gatherings to comply with the Level 2 restrictions. Certainly my heart sank on Friday when

the Prime Minister announced another two weekends before the Alert Level would be considered again.

But I do understand, and I hope you do too, that it is possible to be contagious with COVID-19 for several days before symptoms occur and with Aucklanders free to travel again, we must continue to be vigilant especially for those among us who are particularly vulnerable to respiratory infections.

I felt last weekend that our morale was beginning to flag especially with having to practice physical distancing and no refreshments. Our greeting one another with handshakes and hugs and our fellowship over a cuppa is all part of our worship experience and it is hard to have to refrain for a bit longer.

But be encouraged, we are still family and there are many ways we can still connect with one another. Please feel free to stay after the services and chat with one another in the church as you maintain that ever vital 1m distance.

With love and blessings, Marge

HOW'S IT GOING?

Continuing with our theme of "conversations" I am aware how we can often feel the odd one out when those around us are talking about morals or even what they think about God and Christians. Our challenge is to cope with being different, but finding a way to respond.

We have three basic choices:

1. We can be confrontational and say "I disagree" or state our position that is clearly the opposite of what they were saying. This either causes an argument (not helpful), or it stops the conversation altogether.
2. We can say nothing, or "Oh" and keep silent. This doesn't lead to a conversation.
3. We can find something on which we can agree, or make a positive remark. Follow this with a question such as "What makes you think that?" or "Where did you get that idea?" or a genuine inquiring question.

However way out their comments, there is almost always something with which you can agree. For example: "I can see you have a real interest in spiritual things." or "You have a heart and empathy for those suffering."

Our conversations are designed to be loving and caring. We want the best for the person to whom we are talking, and arguments or strong confrontational responses only show us as arrogant or judgemental.

Keep asking the Holy Spirit to put a thought into your mind as to what response you can give, and what follow up, genuine question you can ask.

So, how are you practising using questions?

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 you all to sit down sometime in the next few weeks, if you haven't already, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

PARISH FAIR

We are working towards having our normal Parish Fair on 14 November, if alert levels allow. So, if you are spring cleaning and you have good items you no longer want, you are welcome to donate them to the Fair. All items can be left in the garage at the Parish Centre at any time.

MARJORIE'S HOME GROUP

Marjorie's Home Group will resume this Tuesday 8 September at 7.30pm **in the Church Lounge**.

COMPUTER GLITCH FIXED

Both Nicky Hawes office computer and Robin's computer are once again able to receive and send emails. With the help of Russell Nimmo, Paul Hibbs and David Donaldson in Canada, the problem was solved. Many thanks for their efforts.

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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