

Monday 2 Sept		<i>Marge & Robin's day off</i>
Tuesday 3 Sept	5.30pm	Know Your Bible (KYB) in Parish Centre
Wednesday 4 Sept	8am 10am 11am 7pm	Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre Dixon House Devotions (Marge) Hospital Service (Marge) Lavers Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd, Kumara Junction
Thursday 5 Sept	2pm 7.30pm	Grief Support Group in Parish Centre Holy Spirit Group in Parish Centre
Friday 6 Sept		<i>Emily's half day off from noon</i>
	10am 7pm	Kids 'n Coffee Youth Group at the SHED, 186 Main South Rd
Saturday 7 Sept		<i>Emily's day off</i>
Sunday 8 Sept	12 Noon to 8pm	Rhythm & Grace Dance Practice in Hall

Services Next Sunday 8 September 2024

GREYMOUTH:

- 8am Traditional Holy Communion
- 10am Family service with Communion & Music
After Morning Tea—Prayer Meeting in Chapel
- 2pm Afternoon Worship
- 2pm Exploring the Christian Faith with Teenagers at The SHED


KUMARA: 4pm Making Space (Rach & Evan)

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989




FLOWERS
Helen & Raewyn

CHURCH CLEANING
Robin



CHURCH MOWING
Trevor Morrison



Last Weekend Attendance: 82 Offertory: \$3,963 (Total needed: \$3,700)
Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



HOLY TRINITY Church

**Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara**
1 September 2024
*Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing*

Theme: Idols and Us

Sentence: The psalmist wrote, “Against You, and You alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight...”

Readings: Exodus 20:1-3 (p 96); Matthew 4:1-11 (1224)

Prayer for the Day: **Gentle Father, show us our sins as they really are so that we may truly renounce them and know the depth and richness of your mercy. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Preacher: Marge Tefft

Theme for next weekend: Identifying and Defeating our Idols
Readings next weekend: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 4:1-11
Preacher next weekend: Marge Tefft

ELECTION OF PEOPLE'S WARDEN

With Ian Hawes departure to the North Island, there is a vacancy. There will be a special parish meeting for the election on Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm. In the Church Lounge. Nomination forms are in the foyer. The closing date for nominations to be given to one of the clergy is Monday 2nd September.

- To be signatories of all contracts and deeds executed in the name of Vestry

“BETSY” FOR SALE

For Sale. Nora Graves mobility scooter ‘nickname’ Betsy is for sale. Serviced annually by Y Mobility. Asking price \$7,000. (A new one would be \$18,000)
Contact Christina 021 118 8138

Duties of a Churchwarden:

- To be a key lay leader of the parish
- To be responsible for the operation of the parish during an interregnum or during the illness or incapacity of the vicar if no other clergy available.
- To have concern for the wellbeing of the Vicar and staff.
- To ensure the decisions of Vestry are carried out

BARNABAS FUND

The latest prayer booklet for September and October are available from the table in the foyer. **Help yourself.** It is a great way of keeping up to date with all that is happening around the world to Christians in dangerous situations.



Marge A very
Happy
Father's
Writes Day to
all the
men of our parish
whether you are
"dads" in the
traditional sense of the
word or not. All of you,
have opportunities to

play "fatherly" roles in a number of lives. This might be as an uncle, a neighbour, a coach, or as an older colleague at work who can serve as a mentor. So thank you to all you men who serve your families and others with a dad's heart and Godly wisdom.

If you are like me and your earthly father is no longer here, never forget that you are not fatherless. Paul wrote in Galatians 4:6, "And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, Abba, Father." Perhaps a loving thank you to your Heavenly Father today would be appropriate.

With love
and blessings,

Marge



HOW'S IT GOING?

The Apostle John is living in Asia Minor in the latter part of his life and overseeing a local community of Christians. Harmful influences are active to undermine their faith, so John writes to remind them of the truth of who Jesus is – fully God & fully man. John speaks to them from the Big God Story of who he believes Jesus is, and from his own personal Story of how he has experienced Jesus himself.

There are so many people wrestling with life & seeking for what will satisfy their souls in this town around us. We are called to share with them who Jesus is. Why is it so hard? Why do we feel like we fail often? There's stuff inside us (like trying to find approval from humanity) that gets in the way of us being capable of sharing authentically from the Big God Story and from our own personal Story & experience of Jesus.

Jesus is the answer for every deep need we have. His Spirit ministers to our heart the truth of who He is and who we are in Him. When we bring our inner wrestles to Him & let Him transform us, we become able to treat the people in front of us more like He would. We can practice bringing His life and love to them through our behaviour, actions & words!

So, how is it going?

OUR DAILY BREAD

Copies of this daily devotional from September through to November are available in the foyer. If you wish to give a gold coin donation towards it, please put it in the offertory basket.

FLOWER SERVICE

The annual Spring Flower Service organised by the Greymouth Uniting Church and The Salvation Army is being held on **Tuesday 10 September at 1pm in the Uniting Church.** Refreshments to follow.

We are cordially invited to come and bring a plate.

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR ST. JOHN'S

St. John's is looking for volunteer drivers to take people to medical appointments. Please contact Lisa at 027 309 6897 for full details.

BOOK REVIEW BY JOANNA LORIMER

Ever Since That Day is a coming-of-age story about Nova Samson and her teenage friends. Nova confronts love and loss at a young age which leads to questioning her faith in God. With the support of her family and friends Nova works through a lot of issues that other teenagers will be facing.

The author cleverly interweaves people pleasing, the generational effects of abuse, death, grief, coping mechanisms, fun and friendship into this story. It's lovely to read a novel which is set in New Zealand and reflects Auckland's beautiful landscape and kiwi culture.

Ever Since That Day is Emma Abrahams debut novel and we are fortunate to have been donated a signed copy for our parish library. For those who don't know, Emma is Trevor Morrison's very talented daughter. This novel is aimed at young adults but will also be enjoyed by adults of any age. I look forward to reading more of Emma Abrahams writing.

WORLD VISION SPONSORSHIP

Our parish has been sponsoring Getrude for about 3 years. She lives in Ngogwe, Uganda. The sponsorship really covered the district becoming better equipped. World Vision have completed their 10 year project there, and are now moving to Odupi community, one of the poorest in Uganda.

While World Vision was working in Ngogwe a number of factors changed—

- Parents reading with kids at home increased from 59% to 82%
- Young people suffering from physical or emotional abuse dropped from 85% to 26%
- Caregivers providing for their children's needs went from 32% to 94%
- Families with clean, safe water all year from 57% to 92%

Our new sponsored child in Odupi is **Kennedy, a 7year old boy.**

Our parish expects to keep sponsoring him and the local community for many years.

BELOW THE BELT—FAMILY HEALTH **On Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7pm in the Trinity Hall**

This is being sponsored by Soroptimist International of Westland.

Guest speakers are

Dr Vicky Robertson—Gynaecology
Chris Ward—Prostate Cancer
Wendy Gerritsen—My Ovarian Cancer Story
Andrea Riley & Megan Tahapeehi—Bowel Screening.

Jenny Hole wrote "It is suitable for both men and women. A number of couples came along to hear the speakers in Hokitika and found it very interesting."

Supper provided. Gold coin donation.

A PLEA FROM VOICE FOR LIFE

1. Please sign our petition to Repeal the 2020 Abortion Law (allowing babies to be killed up to and including at birth) Go to voiceforlife.org.nz. Select 'Get involved' and go to Abortion Petition.

2. Please sign the Petition to Repeal the End of Life Choice Act Law 2019 (Euthanasia) Go to righttolife.org.nz and click on Euthanasia. Closing date 30/9/22024. Both these petitions are very quick and easy to do online. Sadly paper copies are not available.

3. Take part in the Ministry of Health review on the End of Life Choice Act (Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide), closing 26 Sept 2024. Go to 'Family First - A Review of the End of Life Choice Act Survey' for very helpful information and access to the Min. of Health questionnaire. This will take more time but you might end up saving your own life!

4. Please pray fervently that the End of Life Choice Act will not be made worse than it presently is!

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