

Monday 9 Sept	<i>Marge & Robin's day off</i>	1pm CARE AFERNOON TEA in Church Lounge 5.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) in Parish Centre
Tuesday 10 Sept		1pm Spring Flower Service in Uniting Church
Wednesday 11 Sept		8am Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre 10am Dixon House Communion (Marge) 11am Granger House Communion (Marge) 7pm Lavers Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd, 7pm Family Health Presentation in Trinity Hall
Thursday 12 Sept		9am Setting up hall and all other facilities ready for Synod 7pm Synod Service in the church. All welcome.
Friday 13 Sept	8.30am to 5.15pm SYNOD	7pm Youth Group at the SHED, 186 Main South Rd
Saturday 14 Sept	8.30am SYNOD	1pm Clearing up after synod.

Services Next Sunday 15 September 2024

GREYMOUTH:

- 8am** Traditional Holy Communion
10am Family service with Communion & Music
 After Morning Tea—Prayer Meeting in Chapel
2pm Holy Communion

2pm Exploring the Christian Faith with Teenagers at The SHED

KUMARA: Morning Worship (Robin)


Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS

 Bronwyn W
 Jeanette

CHURCH CLEANING

 Robin

CHURCH MOWING

 Doug

Last Weekend: Attendance: 66 Offertory: \$4,012 (Budget total needed: \$3,700)
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Holy Trinity Church

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

Theme: Identifying and Defeating our Idols
Sentence: Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the Good News."
Readings: 1 Thessalonians 1:7-10 (p 1535); John 3:16-18 (p 1366)
Prayer for the Day: God, the strength of all who trust in You, increase our faith and trust in your Son Jesus Christ, that in him we may live victoriously. Amen.
Preacher: Marge Tefft

Theme for next weekend: Wisdom from God
 Readings next weekend: Exodus 18:13-26, Matthew 7:1-12
 Preacher next weekend: Samara Ewan

ELECTION OF PEOPLE'S WARDEN

There was only ONE nomination received for the position of People's Warden to replace Ian Hawes when nominations closed at the end of Monday, 2 September.

Two things follow.

- There will be **NO** special meeting this coming week as was previously advertised.
- Wayne Lorimer** is appointed as People's Warden until the AGM in 2025.

Wayne is a regular member of the 8am service and is already a member of vestry, so it will be a seamless transition. Wayne has also been a warden when he was in the Parish of Cobden/Runanga.

SYNOD

This major event for us is the AGM of the Nelson Diocese which we are hosting.

On Thursday evening it begins at 7pm with a special Synod Service led by Bishop Steve who is also the preacher.

This is a public service and any who are interested are encouraged to attend. It will also be livestreamed in the same way as our Sunday services.

It includes a rededication to ministry of clergy and lay people.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 2 Nov—Revisioning Day
- 9 Nov—Parish Fair
- 22 Feb 2025—Relational Evangelism Seminar



Emily Writes

It has been so beautiful to spend time amongst children and parents enjoying the warm welcoming culture and space that we offer through our Kids 'n' Coffee team and Trinity Centre facilities. I have loved seeing groups of adults getting together in the Hall for a time of dancing and community groups using this space to support vulnerable people. It's a delight to hear of birthday parties and celebrations taking place here – what a blessing to our surrounding community!

You may have noticed the buckets and towels around the place and remember a mention of Greg & I running an ultra-marathon to fundraise for roof repairs....well, its happening!

We are 3 months into our training, and we now have a public Give a Little page for sponsorship. We have also put up some posters and flyers to let the local community and our online friends and contacts know what we're doing! We are reaching out beyond the parish for help with raising funds for hall, lounge & kitchen roof repairs as this is such a great local space and a chance to build more connections with our surrounding community.

There is no pressure for parishioners to give towards this, but feel free to check out our Give a Little page online at <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/race-for-the-roof> You can find our flyers in the foyer, share them with friends and tell them about what we're doing!

Blessings, Emily

HOW'S IT GOING?

Last week we saw that idolatry (looking to anyone or anything other than God for satisfying our needs) is the underlying sin whenever we do anything wrong.

The human heart has four core needs—

- Approval (sense of acceptance)
- Comfort
- Control (security)
- Power (influence)

God designed us to seek the fulfillment of these needs in relationship with Him. But, when we look to other persons or money or food or our work, etc. to satisfy our core needs, we have made those persons or things “god” in our lives.

When we plant our heart desires in God, our lives bear good fruit. When we plant our heart desires in a non-God, we commit idolatry and our lives are littered with sins.

For instance, money is not an idol in itself, but if we use money to satisfy our core needs, then it becomes an idol and—

We splash money around and boast about it to gain approval

We overspend on ourselves to gain comfort

We become stingy to gain security

We give money with strings attached to gain influence.

Our enemy tries to lure us away from trusting God fully in every area of our lives. May we be like Jesus and choose to trust in God at every point of temptation.

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.

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 <http://voiceforlife.org.nz/> Select 'Get involved' and go to Abortion Petition.

2. Please sign the Petition to Repeal the End of Life Choice Act 2019 (Euthanasia) Go to righttolife.org.nz and click on Euthanasia. Closing date 30/9/2024. 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!

“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

BARNABAS FUND

The latest prayer booklet for September and October is 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.

HEALING ROOMS

The Cobden-Runanga parish are in the beginning stages of providing oversight of a Healing Room ministry. There will be a training day on 9 November at Cobden Anglican Church. Brochures with registration details are in the foyer.

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