

Monday
3 Feb *Marge and Robin's day off*

Tuesday
4 Feb

Wednesday
5 Feb **8am** **Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre**
10am Dixon House Devotions (Marge)
12 Noon Dixon House Trust Board in Parish Centre

Thursday
6 Feb *Waitangi Day (Public Holiday) Parish Office Closed*

Friday
7 Feb *Emily's half day off*

Saturday
8 Feb *Emily's day off*

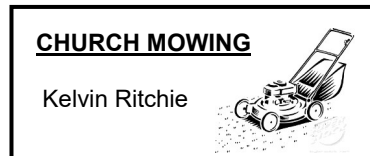
Services Next Week 9 Feb 2025

GREYMOUTH:

8am Traditional Holy Communion
10am Family service with Communion & Music
2pm Holy Communion with Music

KUMARA: 4pm Making Space (Rachel and Evan)

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989



Last Weekend: Attendance: Offertory \$4,025 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
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**HOLY
TRINITY**
Church

**Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara**
2 February 2025
*Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing*

Theme: Making Connections: Candlemas & Te Tiriti
Sentence: And now remain faith, hope, and love; these three. And the greatest of these is love.
Readings: Psalm 84 (p 758); Luke 2:22-40 (p 1311)
Prayer for the Day: God of our Nation, You have called us to care for one another; cleanse our eyes to see each other clearly; open our hearts to know our own mistakes; build in us respect for each other's taonga; help us to do one another justice, and to hope together.
Preacher: Marge Tefft
Theme for next weekend: Lessons from Endurance Racing
Readings next weekend: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Matthew 28:16-20
Preacher next weekend: Emily Holmes

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

- 9am—12noon, 22 Feb 2025—**Relational Evangelism Seminar**

This will be an opportunity to hear a brilliant and practical speaker on the topic of sharing our faith in practical non-pushy ways with friends.

Our guest speaker will be Julie-anne Laird. **Our parish will be joining with Cobden-Runanga at Church of the Resurrection at 40 Richmond Street.**

Julie-anne's topics will be—

- How people become Christians-14 Things I've Learnt
- 6 Sorts of Friends

Learning how to have spiritual conversations in a natural way is key

to our growth as disciples of Jesus and as a parish and as disciples of Jesus. This is one of our goals for 2025.

Please make every effort to be there.

Please note that Julie-anne will also be our preacher on Feb 16th via a video link. The sermon will springboard nicely into the Saturday Seminar on Feb 22nd.

THE RIPPLE EFFECT COURSE

This is the follow on course after the seminar by Julia-anne. If you did not pick up an invitation to this course last week in the foyer, please check table for an envelope with your name on it. If you don't see one, please chat to Marge. Any questions about the course please speak to one of the clergy.



Emily Writes

Kia ora Holy Trinity whanau,

It was so good to be back among you this last Sunday! Greg & I along with our kids had deeply refreshing holiday times with Jesus & our families.

As we enter this 2025 year thankful for all that God has been & is doing here in Greymouth, we want to communicate to you where we feel God is inviting us beyond curacy training.

Over the last eight months we have been laying our hearts and lives open before God, asking Him whether He is calling us to this West Coast region to serve in His mission here. At the same time, we have been thoroughly enjoying getting amongst the parish and community, looking at how God is working and practicing playing our part.

We have been blown away by the beauty and health in this parish and personally feel so deeply blessed by you. We're excited about the number of people who are seeking faith in this Greymouth area and the amount of respect and trust that

the local community has for you. We love you Holy Trinity!

It is, therefore, with tender hearts that we share that we have not felt God's invitation to apply to take on a leadership role here for the season ahead. We have felt consistent deep peace and calling from God to return to the Nelson region and serve in His mission there. We will be making plans to do this at the end of June once Marge & Robin have returned from their holiday.

Even though our time here is temporary, Marge & Robin along with all of you are in our hearts and are our family in Christ. We have huge respect for you, and we are praying with excitement for all that God is doing here and how He is preparing exactly what you need for each step of the journey into this new season with Him. We bless you and look forward to enjoying the first half of 2025 with you!

Thank you, thank you, thank you for who you are and the way you worship God and love others. You are precious and beloved of the Lord.

Blessings & Love,

Emily & Greg



Marge Replies

I want to thank Emily and Greg for their honesty regarding where they sense God is calling them

for the next season of their ministry (see Emily Writes on previous page). As we have seen Emily grow in confidence and skill and make connections with parishioners and members of the wider community, I know that many of us were hoping that the call would be to Greymouth in the near future. However, that is not to be. Robin, Vestry and I support Emily and Greg in their decision. I hope you will, too.

Robin and I have considered it a real privilege to be part of Emily's training and the healing journey for her and Greg. I cannot thank you all enough for your part in this work as well. And Robin and I have no doubt that Emily will lead a parish someday and lead it well.

In the meantime, Emily's training continues at full speed over the next 5 months as she picks up some serious responsibilities and covers the parish for six weeks while Robin and I are on annual leave.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

Emily is overseeing the planning and running of this event & would love to invite anyone interested in helping with planning this event to sign up on the sheet in the foyer or contact her via email or phone. Thanks!

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RACE FOR ROOF UPDATE

Thank you to all those who are supporting and cheering us on in our training for the Ultra Marathon event this year! Greg & I have been training through the Christmas Holidays and are focused on doing all we can to raise funds for Trinity Center, Lounge & Kitchen.

During November we both had Covid & Greg developed a hernia which really impacted our ability to train for the Old Ghost Ultra in Feb this year. We felt disappointed to miss our December milestone and the Old Ghost Road race but we have shifted our goal forwards a couple of months so that we can both complete the South Island 54km Ultra which is a big event held May 10th between Greymouth & Hokitika.

Greg has had surgery this week & will recover and retrain towards this goal. I am running well & will compete in the Buller Marathon Feb 8th as part of my training towards the 54km in May! I continue to share our training & our givealittle link on social media and tell as many people as possible about what a valuable place the Trinity Centre is!!

Blessings, Emily & Greg

WORD FOR TODAY

Copies of the latest Word For Today devotional booklet are now available on the table in the foyer. A gold coin donation in the offering basket would be appreciated.

MATARIKI

Kia ora whanau, we are looking to put on a Matariki event Saturday 21st June this year for local Greymouth community.

VESTRY SNIPPETS

- It was with deep gratitude that Vestry received the news that the parish had received four substantial donations in January from outside the parish totalling nearly \$14,500.
- The was decided to proceed with the final roof and guttering repairs above the church kitchen/lounge.

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