

Monday 27 Jan *Marge and Robin's day off*

Tuesday 28 Jan

Wednesday 29 Jan **8am** **Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre restart**  
10am Dixon House Devotions (Barry)

Thursday 30 Jan **4pm** **10am Music Practice (Note: early start)**  
**6pm** **Vestry Fish & Chips & Meeting (note early start)**

Friday 31 Jan *Emily's half day off*

Saturday 1 Feb *Emily's day off*

**Services Next Week 2 Feb 2025**

**GREYMOUTH:**

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

**KUMARA: Extended Holy Communion (Pete)**

**Prayer Requests to:** Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989


**FLOWERS**  
Jeanette & Bronwyn W



**CHURCH CLEANING**  
Deb Eatwell  
Hilda van Wyk



**CHURCH MOWING**  
Doug Bray



Last Weekend: Attendance: 68 Offertory \$ 3,874 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)  
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**HOLY TRINITY Church**

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

**Theme:** Freedom  
**Sentence:** The Lord & the Spirit are one and the same, and the Lord's Spirit sets us free.  
**Readings:** 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (p 1498); Luke 4:14-21 (p 1314)  
**Prayer for the Day:** Spirit of the Sovereign Lord, anoint me again this week to proclaim good news to the poor. Send me out again this week to bind up the broken-hearted. Help me again this week to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. Amen. *(note: this prayer scripted by Pete Grieg in Lectio 365 Devotional)*  
**Preacher:** Emily Holmes

Theme for next weekend: Making Connections: Candlemas & Te Tiriti  
Readings next weekend: Psalm 84; Luke 2:22-40  
Preacher next weekend: Marge Tefft

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- 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.

**ROSTERS**

We encourage those who are on church cleaning or church lawn mowing, prayer leaflet, and/or flower arranging rosters to pick up rosters for 2025 from the table in the foyer.

And a big thank you to you all for the wonderful job you do throughout the year.



## Marge Writes

The summer break in the parish is approaching its end and things are beginning to restart. Do keep an eye on the back page of the newsletter each week to keep up with what is happening. This week our 8am Wednesday morning prayer meeting resumes.

Last weekend I introduced the upcoming follow-on course to Julie-anne Laird's seminar on relational evangelism called the Ripple Effect. I cannot encourage you enough to prayerfully consider joining in both her Seminar (see page 1) and the course.

There is an envelope in the back of the church with your name on it that has a detailed invitation letter to join me on the Ripple Effect adventure. Please read it carefully, pray, and complete the form if you want to give it a go.

Do feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

### HOW'S IT GOING?

John's gospel frequently has illustrations that have double meanings. John picks out some of Jesus' miracles in particular to illustrate key teachings about who Jesus is, and the changes He brings.

When Jesus turned the water into wine at the wedding at Cana, He used the six water jars used for ceremonial cleansing. These were reserved for the washing away of sin, similar to the daily sacrifices of lambs. Both the water cleansing and the lamb sacrifices were temporary arrangements. Something permanent was needed. Jesus' death on the cross was the big change coming.

When Jesus miraculously changed all the water into wine, He was showing that He was also changing the way sin was being dealt with permanently. That was his forthcoming death on the cross. This was emphasised again at the Last Supper when Jesus said that the wine was a sign of His blood on the cross, the New Covenant, the forgiveness of sin.

Another point John observed was the way Mary instructed the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do. What seemed ridiculous turned out to be miraculous. It was a **miraculous sign!** It is also a clear statement for us to obey whatever Jesus asks us to do, whether it seems too hard or seemingly impossible. **Discipleship involves courageous obedience to the teaching of Jesus and the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

So, how is it going?

### WORD FOR TODAY

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

### CRAIG BRUCE'S VISIT

We were thrilled to have Craig visit us on his motorbike from Christchurch last week at the 8am Sunday service. We took the opportunity of asking him some questions at the end of the 8am service. If you missed that, it would be worth looking at the end of the recorded livestream of the 8am Sunday 19th January service.

Craig also made a living bequest to the church for which we are most grateful and Vestry will determine how best to use this gift.

### VESTRY MEETING THURSDAY 6PM

We will begin with fish & chips, fresh bread, coleslaw and dessert. If you are not down to bring food, please bring \$5 towards costs.

Agenda to include:—

- Plans for Ripple Effect Course
- Financial Report
- Proposal for Final Roof Repairs
- OPMF Accountability Reports
- Application for Youth Worker Funding
- Update from Emily

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Emily for prepping and painting of ceiling of entrance by piano.

Thank you to Tony Woollett for beginning work on repainting carpark lines.

### FAREWELL TO ANNE BERNARD

Last Sunday afternoon Anne came to chat with Marge and inform her that she was shifting back to South Africa on Wednesday. It was sad we could not farewell her at church, but Marge prayed a blessing over her. She expressed her gratitude to the parish and that she would miss all of us. Please pray that she settles well with her daughter in SA.

### BOOK REVIEW BY JOANNA LORIMER

*The Unlikely Yarn of the Dragon Lady* by Sharon J. Mondragón

This is a delightful story about a group of women involved in prayer shawl ministry. The group relish their comfort zone. They meet weekly in the prayer chapel and knit shawls as they pray. However, the minister is concerned that the congregation numbers are dwindling. His bishop is putting the pressure on. He wants the congregants revitalised in their faith journey and numbers to grow or the church will be shut down. The minister has an idea that just might work.

Next thing you know, the prayer shawl ministry is meeting at the local mall. Knitting and praying in public is way out of the comfort zone of this group of women! As these women start engaging with members of the mall community, unexpected and powerful things start happening. You'll have to read the book if you want to find out just what God is up to.

Although this is a work of fiction the author has imbued something of herself and fellow prayer shawl knitters into the story. I found myself in tears at times and laughing out loud in other places. This is a story that is so relevant to the church of today. You can find it in the fiction section of the parish library.

### HOKITIKA GARDEN RAMBLE

**Saturday 1 February 9.30am—4pm**

Tickets \$20. You can pay on the day at **St Andrews United Church, 66 Hampden St/Fitzherbert St, Hokitika** Bring lunch, water, sun hat, etc.

**Cash only for sales tables and raffle.** Fundraiser for St. Andrew's Church.

### PARISH PRAYER MEETING

The weekly prayer meeting for half an hour restarts this week. It is on a Wednesday morning at 8am in the Parish Centre. It is an important opportunity to pray for the parish activities and parishioners. All welcome. You don't have to pray aloud, but some will.

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