

Monday 25 Nov	12.30pm 5.30pm	<i>Marge & Robin's Day Off</i> CARE Christmas Meal in the Church Lounge Know Your Bible (KYB) in Parish Centre
Tuesday 26 Nov	1.30pm	<i>Marge & Robin in CHCH; Emily in Greymouth</i> Tuesday Friends in Parish Centre
Wednesday 27 Nov	8am 10am 7pm	Parish Prayer Meeting in the Parish Centre Dixon House Holy Communion (Tim) Lavers Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd,
Thursday 28 Nov	9am 7pm	Pastoral Care in Parish Centre (& training) Vestry in Parish Centre
Friday 29 Nov	10am 7pm	<i>Emily's half day off from 12 Noon</i> Kids 'n Coffee in Trinity Centre The SHED (186 Main S Road)
Saturday 30 Nov	8.30—10.30am	<i>Emily's Day Off</i> Women's Breakfast at Hokitika Christian Fellowship

Services Next Sunday 1 December 2024 (Westland Anniversary W/E)

GREYMOUTH:

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


KUMARA: 10am Holy Communion (Emily)

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS

 Paula
Bronwen S

CHURCH CLEANING
 Dorothy and
Norman Wilkins


CHURCH MOWING
 Kelvin Ritchie


Last Weekend: Attendance: 62 Offertery \$3,487 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
 Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



**Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara**

24 November 2024

*Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing*

Theme: Anchored in God's Promises
Sentence: We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.

Readings: Genesis 15:1-21 (p 16); Mark 15:33-34 (p 1304)

Prayer for the Day: Almighty God, Keeper of promises, give us such a vision of your purpose and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

Preacher: Greg Holmes

Theme for next weekend: Advent 1—HOPE
 Readings next weekend: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36
 Preacher next weekend: Marge Tefft

GUEST PREACHER

Our thanks to Greg for volunteering to preach this weekend as Emily and the boys had a relapse in their covid recovery this weekend.

us into in 2025. On Sundays, Dec 8th & 15th, at 5.30pm, bring along food to share & join us in the Church Lounge for a Potluck meal followed by prayer time concluding by 7pm at the latest.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Pete & Robyn White on the engagement of their son, Blake, to Mariah Wilson. Many of you will remember Blake who grew up in our parish and played drums for many years in the 10am music team. He know lives & works in Nelson.

REGENT THEATRE CAROLS

Wednesday 4 December at 7pm

The Ministers' Association have prepared another special event, and have even persuaded the pastors of the town to perform, once again, a pantomime of the Christmas Story. If you have never seen Robin in a tutu, this is probably your chance!

POTLUCK & PRAYER **DEC 8th & 15th**

As we look forward to a new year ahead, we're setting aside two evenings in Advent to connect over food & pray together for how God is at work among us & what He is inviting

We encourage you to invite family members and friends to join you at this special occasion. It is a safe, enjoyable community event, as well as giving a Christian message.



Marge Writes

I encourage you all to mark your diaries with the **Relational Evangelism Seminar** to be held

on the **morning of Sat Feb 22nd**. Julie-anne Laird will be us to share wise, very down to earth and practical things about sharing our faith in Jesus with others. Julie-anne was the guest speaker at the diocesan Leadership Camp in July and everyone was so taken with what she said we all wanted her to share with our congregations. We will be joining with and meeting at Cobden Anglican Church. More details to come in the new year.

I would also like to encourage you to go and see the film **“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”** at the Regent. It will show at various times, but I have secured an additional screening for **Sunday, Dec 15th at 4pm**. Please book ahead so the theatre knows if there are enough people to put it in the large cinema. Robin & I saw it on Monday and were deeply moved. It is funny and honest in its presentation of the true meaning of Christmas.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

HOW'S IT GOING?

When do you start thinking that you might die one day? For me probably only in the last ten years. Will my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ be strong and committed then?

The Writer to the Hebrews lists some key things to consider in that preparation.

Am I certain that Jesus is God?

Do I know, deep in my conscious and unconscious mind that He has forgiven me through His death on the cross?

Am I leading a pure life, aiming to bring glory to God and blessing other people by my actions and words of encouragement?

Good. If you answer yea to all three, then ensure you don't give up before you die!

Scripture says in Hebrews that we must keep on worshipping publicly. We need to do this to ensure that we are members of God's Kingdom and honouring Him. We are a team together.

Secondly, we are to encourage and support one another. This is very effectively done when we are active members of a Home Group. That's why we are starting about 6 new groups.

So, how's it going?

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 4 Dec—Combined Churches Regent Theatre Carols at 7pm
- 22 Feb 2025—**Relational Evangelism Seminar**

LIVING WATERS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Following on from last year this year's festival will be on Sat, Jan 18th from 10am to 10pm at 32c Adairs Road, Hokitika. Cost \$25. Featured artists include Jules Riding, Oliva Harawira, Paul Foulds, and Brendan and Karen Hall. See brochure on foyer notice board for further details and how to register

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST- PANCAKES & BERRIES

When: Saturday, 30 Nov, 8:30-10:30am
Where: Hokitika Christian Fellowship
6 Kaniere Road, Hokitika

Bring: Smile & Christmas deco to swap
Speaker: Danelle Sutherland. Danelle is married to James; they have four fabulous kids and pastor Greymouth New Life Church. Danelle is a vibrant enthusiastic believer who will bring encouragement and faith for women of all ages.

RSVP: Text Rachael by Wed, 27 Nov to Confirm: 027 514 3531

MEN'S BREAKFAST

When: Saturday, 7th December at 8:30am

Where: Greymouth Elim Church
41 Guinness Street, Greymouth
Small Koha appreciated where possible.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER DAY

Our final prayer day for 2024 will be

Saturday 7 December 10am - 2pm.
Holy Trinity Church, KUMARA

Please bring your Bible, journal, pen, a Christmas plate to share for lunch, and a Koha for use of the building.

To register your attendance or for further information, please contact: **Sharryn McAuliffe** - Phone 027 207 3431

Or email: mj.sp.mcauliffe@outlook.com

VESTRY MEETING THURSDAY 7PM

Some topics include:

- Plans for the coming of Julie-anne Laird from Australia towards the end of February 2025
- Matariki 2025
- Christmas Services
- Updated financial position to end of October
- New signatory to our accounts
- Home Groups
- Health and Safety issues

OUR DAILY BREAD

This devotional booklet for December 2024 through to February 2025 is available in the foyer. Help yourself.

CHRISTMAS MARKET HELPERS

Samara is organising a stall for the evening food market on Friday 6 December, 5-9pm, to again bless our community with some free Christmas treats. She needs help with:

- Christmas baking and treats (e.g. gingerbread cookies, Christmas cake, shortbread, truffles, etc) to give away
- people to help run the stall on Friday evening
- people to pray for the event to be a blessing and for good weather

If you are interested in helping, please write your name on the sheets in the foyer - one for baking, and one for Friday evening. Any questions, please ask Samara Ewan (768-4590).

COVID MAKING ROUNDS AGAIN

In the past two weeks we are aware of at least five parishioners coming down with covid. Our thanks to them for taking appropriate isolating measures.

If you are 65+, or have serious underlying conditions and you test positive for covid, please contact your GP to see about getting an antiviral medication. Also, let the parish office know if you have need of anything.

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