

Monday 22 December **Marge and Robin's Day Off**  
5.30pm Know Your Bible in Parish Centre

Tuesday 23 December

Wednesday 24 December  
10am Dixon House Holy Communion (Tim)  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
**5pm Family Service**  
**8pm Communion**  
**11pm Communion by Candlelight**

Thursday 25 December  
**8am Christmas Day Communion Service**  
**12noon Community Christmas Hangi at Baptist Church**

Friday 26 December *Boxing Day Parish Office Closed*

Saturday 27 December

## Services 28 December

### **GREYMOUTH:**

**8am Traditional Holy Communion (no music)**  
**10am All age service with Communion & Contemporary music**  
**2pm Afternoon Worship**

### **KUMARA: No Service**

Please let clergy know if you or someone you know would like to be visited in hospital. Policy changes at Te Nikau Hospital no longer allow clergy or church pastoral visitors to request a list of those of their denomination who are in hospital.

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



#### **FLOWERS**

Rose &  
Jeanette



#### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Deb Johnson &  
Hilda Van Wyk



#### **CHURCH MOWING**

Roger Lavers

Last Weekend: Attendance: 72; Offertory: \$3,508 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)  
Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



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

**Sunday 21 December 2025**

**Theme: Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion**

**Wed/Thurs 24/25 December — Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**

**Theme for Christmas:** Making Room  
**Readings:** Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14  
**Preacher:** Marge Tefft

**Sunday 28 December 2025**

**Theme for next weekend:** The Holy Innocents  
**Readings for next weekend:** Jeremiah 31:15-17; Matthew 2:13-18  
**Preacher:** Robin Kingston

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Lyn Heine (minister of the Uniting Church) for putting in an application to the Green Gables Trust of the Methodist Church on behalf of The Shed. We are pleased to report that a grant of \$10,000 has been awarded for the next 12 months towards the salary of our Youth Worker, Nicki Mora. Please give thanks to God for this timely provision.

### **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

The Combined Churches of Greymouth are again working together to host this event on Christmas Day, from 12pm at the Greymouth Baptist Church. If you will be at a loose end on Christmas Day you are invited to come to the Community Christmas Lunch. Doors will open at 11:30am. Everyone is welcome, and Santa turns up with gifts for those

under 12 years of age. There is no charge (but koha is accepted). This year we will provide a Hangi-style Christmas meal, and dessert. No RSVP required.

Donations or offers of help will be appreciated. If you would like to volunteer to care for the guests, eating and interacting with people, and helping with the cleanup at the end on Christmas Day, please contact Lachlan on 021 124 3315.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

The annual Community Christmas Tree Festival is currently on at the Regent Theatre.

Open Daily — 10am—5pm  
6pm—10pm

**Closes 10pm 22nd December**

Gold Coin Entry



**Marge** Today we worship with the **Writes** traditional service of Lessons & Carols. This is an opportunity for us to be reminded of our need of a Saviour, the ancient words of promise that a Saviour would come, and the story of the Saviour's coming at that very first Christmas.

May you hear the readings and carols with fresh ears and open heart so that you might once again be overwhelmed by God's love for you.

Robin and I thank you for your many kindnesses throughout this year towards us, the parish and the wider community. It is such an honour to serve as your pastors.

Whether you will be in Greymouth or elsewhere this Christmas, I trust you will be able to join with others in worship. I also encourage you to find a quite moment to acknowledge the nearness of your Saviour and whisper, "thank you."

In the spirit of our Advent themes Robin and I wish you all a hope filled, peaceful, joyous, and love encountering Christmas.

With love and blessings,

*Marge*

### HOW'S IT GOING?

For many years I have been praying daily for persecuted Christians around the world. I am astounded what they have to go through. Because of this I have considered carefully why I believe at whatever cost.

There are at least 200 prophecies in the Old Testament that have been fulfilled in the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. Fifty are very specific.

The certainty of the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus as described in the Gospels.

Jesus is my perfect Saviour. He has forgiven all my sins and removed all feelings of guilt from the past.

Believing in and following Jesus, I have become adopted into His family. This means I have eternal life now and after my death. Doubt about what happens when I die is gone.

The Holy Spirit lives inside me and is forming within me the fruit of the Spirit as listed in Galatians Ch 5:22 & 23.

Jesus has also given me spiritual gifts, two of which are the healing of past hurts an deliverance ministry. These are to help other people.

I trust the promises of God and the teaching of Jesus. This is my life.

Are you certain of your faith too?

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**Parish email:** [info@htcgreymouth.co.nz](mailto:info@htcgreymouth.co.nz)

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**People's Warden:** Wayne Lorimer 027 329 1633  
**Kumara Contact:** Nikki Davies 027 308 4584

### CHRISTMAS APPEALS

We have received two Christmas appeal requests which are described below—

#### CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING (RHEMA)

When broadcaster and singer **Julia Grace** talks about her life right now, she can't help but laugh:

*"We're building a house, so I'm currently living in a cow shed - it's like a Nativity scene!"*

Julia will again be live on **Newstalk ZB**, hosting part of **CBA's nationwide Christmas broadcast** alongside a line-up of familiar Christian voices spanning 18 hours December 24 and 25. They'll share stories, music, and honest conversation about the birth of Christ and what it means for ordinary people living through everyday joys and struggles.

For many listeners - **tradies on the road, nurses between shifts, families travelling, or those spending the day alone** - it may be the only time they hear the Gospel this Christmas. In a world where fewer New Zealanders engage with church, this broadcast quietly enters homes, cars, and workplaces with a message of comfort, joy, and faith.

Julia knows how much that matters.

That's the heart of this broadcast - to share **hope that's real**, hope that meets people where they are.

#### **How can we help?**

A gift of any size means you are enabling thousands of listeners nationwide to hear the hope of Christmas this season.

Below are several options for making a donation—

- visit <https://cba.org.nz/give-campaign> to give by credit card OR
- make an online bank transfer to account number 12-3110-0014706-00 Christian Broadcasting Association Trust OR
- place cash in an envelope marked "RHEMA" and put in church offering basket and the church will send it on. This method will not get you a tax receipt.

### TEARFUND

Tearfund has four projects for their Christmas Appeal this year—

#### **East Africa Hunger Crises**

After 4 years of failed rains, Ethiopia is on the brink of famine. Support families with urgent food supplies for today, and drought resistant seeds for tomorrow.

#### **Modern Slavery**

More people are trapped in slavery today than at any other time in history. Help Tearfund support survivors, prosecute perpetrators and halt trafficking.

#### **Middle East Emergency**

women and children are struggling to survive conflict-driven famine and devastation in Gaza and the West Bank. Join us in equipping Tearfund's Christian partners to provide life-saving help — and hope — this Christmas.

#### **Where Most Needed**

Help Tearfund respond immediately to disasters and humanitarian emergencies, as well as helping us support communities for the long haul as they overcome poverty.

To give to any of these Tearfund projects, either:

- scan the corresponding QR-code on flyer on the foyer notice board OR
- go to Tearfund website — <https://www.tearfund.co.nz>, click on donate, and then click on project of your choice.
- or place cash in an envelope with your project of choice on outside and put into the church offering basket for the church to send on. This method will not get you a tax receipt.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

24 Dec — Christmas Eve Services  
5pm Family Service  
8pm Communion  
11pm Communion by Candlelight

25 Dec — Christmas Morning Service at 8am

25 Dec — Community Christmas Hāngī at the Baptist Church at 12noon