

Monday 15 December *Marge and Robin's Day Off*
1-3:30pm CARE committee meeting (Church Lounge)

Tuesday 16 December

Wednesday 17 December 8am Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre
10am Dixon House Devotions (Marge)

Thursday 18 December

Friday 19 December

Saturday 20 December

Sunday 21 December

Services 21 December

GREYMOUTH:

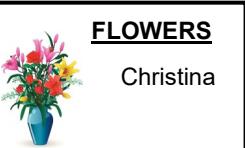
8am **Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion**
10am **Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion**
2pm **Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion**

KUMARA:

10am **Lessons & Carols (Robin)**

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



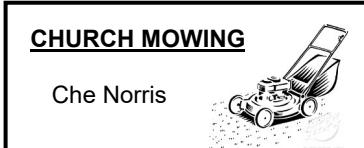
FLOWERS

Christina



CHURCH CLEANING

Theresa & Julie



CHURCH MOWING

Che Norris

Last Weekend: Attendance: 63; Offertory: \$3825.00 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



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

Theme: **Why the Birth of Jesus Means so much to Me**

Sentence: **I pray that God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will bless you with peace!**

Readings: **Romans 1:1-7 (p.1455); Matthew 1:18-25 (p.1222)**

Prayer for the Day: Almighty God, you gave your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Preacher: **Robin Kingston**

Theme for next weekend: **Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion**

Readings for next weekend: **Various**

Preacher: **None**

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Daniel Rhode for outstanding Year 12 academic achievements over this past year at John Paul II. He was awarded the General Excellence Cup at the school's recent prize giving. What made the achievements particularly impressive was that his work from South Africa did not transfer and so he had to make up the work of the first half of the year while completing the 2nd half of the year. Well done, Daniel!

We also appreciate Daniel's volunteering as a drummer, computer operator, and bible reader at the 10am service.

We are also thrilled that Amor, Daniel's sister, has now joined Andre, Jolene, and Daniel in Greymouth after completing her university studies in South Africa.

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.



Marge Writes Next week, at each of our Sunday services, we will prepare our hearts for Christmas with the traditional service of Lessons and Carols followed by Holy Communion.

This is a very meaningful service that tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus in short Bible readings interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols.

There will be no sermon as we simply let the Scriptures and Carols tell the message. You may like to invite someone who doesn't normally go to church but enjoys carols to come along.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL HELP

The Christmas Tree Festival is a real blessing to the community but needs volunteers to help it run.

Firstly, we need help bringing the trees from the top of Regent Theatre to main floor on Wed the 17th at 9am, set them up and run cables in preparation for community groups to come and decorate.

Secondly help is needed to sit on the raffle table or in the theatre for the Christmas Tree Festival itself.

If you can help with either of these, please let Nicky Mora know on 027 487 8560 or email: nickimora@xtra.co.nz.

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HOW'S IT GOING?

There are numerous prophecies in the Old Testament about the coming of Jesus, some of His first coming, some of His second coming and some of both. For both they tell us to be prepared.

God sent John the Baptist to preach "Prepare the way of the Lord. Stop sinning. Turn back to God. Be baptised as a sign of your repentance."

For us, as we prepare for the coming of the Second Coming, we too need to be ready for Jesus. This particularly refers to our inner hearts and thoughts.

We need to check our attitudes, the way we think about others. This is particularly true of those who make life hard for us, those of different backgrounds to us, those of different nationalities, and here in NZ especially Maori.

Are we good advertisements of what it means to have the Spirit of Jesus living within us? Are we truly honest, trustworthy, kind, generous, thoughtful, and trusting Jesus. He challenges us to accept His teachings, such as forgiving those who hurt us, not to be self indulgent, and be willing to tell others about Him.

Do those around us know that we are disciples of Jesus?

Are you ready for His coming?

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