

Monday 1 December	5:30-8:30	<i>Public Holiday Parish Office Closed</i> KYB study group (Parish Centre)
Tuesday 2 December	<b>12-7pm</b>	<b>Blood Drive (church complex)</b>
Wednesday 3 December	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Blood Drive (church complex)</b>
	8am	Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre
	10am	Dixon House Devotions (Marge)
	11am	Kahurangi Devotions (Marge)
	6.30—8pm	Runanga Healing Rooms, Community House, 29 Carroll St, Runanga
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Community Christmas Carols at Regent Theatre</b>
Thursday 4 December	<b>7:30am-1pm</b>	<b>Blood Drive (church complex)</b>
	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Set up for Kids 'n' Coffee Christmas Party (Hall)</b>
Friday 5 December	10am-noon	Kids 'n' Coffee (final) (church complex)
	4-8:30pm	Christmas Carnival (Greymouth CBD)
	7pm	The SHED Youth Group (186 Main S Road)
Saturday 6 December	10am-2pm	Contemplative Prayer Day (Kumara Church)
Sunday 7 December	2.30—4pm	Runanga Healing Rooms, Community House, 29 Carroll St, Runanga

## **services 7 December**

### **GREYMOUTH:**

<b>8am</b>	<b>Traditional Holy Communion (no music)</b>
<b>10am</b>	<b>All age service with Communion &amp; Contemporary Music</b>
<b>2pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion with music</b>

**KUMARA: 10am Extended Communion (Samara)**

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**

Bronwyn W  
& Jeanette

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Henry & Jenny  
Hole



### **CHURCH MOWING**

Doug Bray



Last Weekend: Attendance: 72 Offertory: \$3,753.00 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)  
Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



**HOLY  
TRINITY**  
Church

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

<b>Theme:</b>	<b>Advent 1: The Second Coming of Jesus</b>
<b>Sentence:</b>	<b>Jesus said, "Watch out, then, because you do not know what day your Lord will come."</b>
<b>Readings:</b>	<b>Romans 13:11-14 (p.1471); Matthew 24:36-44 (p.1262)</b>
<b>Prayer for the Day:</b>	<b>Praise and honour to you living God. Your coming will be like a thief in the night, like lightning flashing across the sky. Grant that we may be ready, and our hearts answer, "Come Lord Jesus". Amen</b>
<b>Preacher:</b>	<b>Robin Kingston</b>
Theme for next weekend:	Preparing for the Coming of our Lord
Readings for next weekend:	Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthews 3:1-12
Preacher for next weekend:	Robin Kingston

### **CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL—5 DEC**

We have booked a stall in the Town Centre to give away Christmas baking to those who come for the event and be available to pray with anyone who wants it. Robin and Marge will organise it this year with coaching from Samara.

4pm to 5.30pm; 5.30pm to 7pm;  
and 7pm to 8.30pm.

**Please fill in the relevant sheet in the foyer if you can help, either with baking or serving. Thank you to the many who have already signed up to bake or serve.**

### **HELP NEEDED**

- BAKING—** we need volunteers to bake 1 or 2 batches of Christmas treats to give away on Friday 5 Dec. **Instructions for where to bring baking has been changed from last weeks newsletter. Please see page 3 for update.**
- SERVERS—** we need volunteers at our stall in the Town Square on FRIDAY to give the treats away. There will be three shifts of 2-3 people per shift. The shifts will be:

### **COMBINED CHURCHES COMMUNITY CAROLS IN REGENT THEATRE**

#### **WEDNESDAY 3 DEC AT 7PM**

Please plan to come and, if possible, invite a friend to join you. This is a great way to remind people of what Christmas is really all about.



## Marge Writes

The Salvation Army will again be working with first responders to do a drive through our neighbourhoods on the evening of Thursday,

Dec 11th to collect non-perishables for their Christmas food parcels. I encourage us all to participate with what we can.

However, the Sallies run our Community Food Bank year round and a steady flow of supplies is required. That is why we have a black plastic laundry basket under the greeting table in the church foyer.

This basket is available every Sunday for anyone to deposit non-perishables. The basket is brought up with the offering to the Communion Table during the 10am Sunday service to be blessed. The items are then taken to the Food Bank when a reasonable amount has been collected. Feel free to contribute any time at any of our Sunday services throughout the year to help those struggling to put food on the table.

One of the great things about our Christian community in Greymouth is the way the various churches support one another with the assignments God has given us.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

## HOW'S IT GOING?

Carl Laferton wrote in his booklet *Spiritual HealthCheck*, "It is one thing to recognize that we are struggling, and the ways God has provided us with to keep growing in our faith. It is quite another thing to actually change."

It doesn't take long for us to realise that, actually, we cannot change ourselves to become more like Jesus. Yes, we have to make an effort, but we must make the effort while relying on the Holy Spirit to enable us to change. Perhaps another way to put it is, "We need to do what the doctor orders" for our transformation to take place."

The Holy Spirit is our spiritual doctor. The Spirit births us into God's family (see John 3:3-8) and is the ongoing healer who transforms us. But just as a patient cannot be fully healed without cooperating with "doctor's orders" so we will not experience change without cooperating with the Holy Spirit. As James wrote, "Be doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

As we obey the Holy Spirit, we will see evidence of change—

- increasing in the fruits of the Spirit (the character of Jesus) and
- increasing in the gifts of the Spirit (so we can serve one another)

So what has God been saying to you?  
And what are you going to do about it?

## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER DAY

Our final prayer day for 2025

will be held on

Saturday 6 December from 10am - 2pm

**Venue: Kumara Holy Trinity Church**

Our theme is:

### "IMMANUEL – GOD WITH US"

Please bring your Bible, journal, pen and your own **lunch**, plus a koha for use of this church. There will be one or two Christmas goodies also!

To register your attendance, or for further information, please contact

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Email: [mj.sp.mcauliffe@outlook.com](mailto:mj.sp.mcauliffe@outlook.com)

## WORD FOR TODAY & DAILY BREAD

Copies of these three monthly devotional booklets are available in the foyer. A gold coin donation towards the cost of each can be put in the offertory basket.

We have increased the number of copies of "Our Daily Bread" as a number have found it refreshing.

Robin actually uses both booklets daily.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

3 Dec — Regent Community Carols

5 Dec — Christmas Carnival in CBD

11 Dec — Sallie's Food Drive

21 Dec — Lessons & Carols at all Services in Greymouth & Kumara

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

## BRINGING FOOD FOR THE FRIDAY GIVE AWAY IN THE TOWN CENTRE

If you are planning to bake or prepare food to give away at the Christmas Carnival in the Town Centre on Friday, please note the following:

1. You can bring your food to the Parish Centre on either Thursday morning or Friday morning.
2. If you wish to bring it on Thursday afternoon, please put it to the Church kitchen.

If you are planning to help serve at the event, please remember these key points.

- A. Use tongs or gloves for handling food unless it is wrapped.
- B. If possible have a range of food to offer at any given time.
- C. Be expectant and open for people to ask questions and offer a warm response.
- D. Enjoy the opportunity to be generous and represent God's love to all.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

How close is our walk with the Lord?  
Are we so close behind Him that the dust from His feet covers us?

OR

Or are we so far behind Him that we don't even see the dust?  
Something to ponder.

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