

Monday 9 Dec 5.30pm *Marge and Robin's day off*
Know Your Bible Home Group in Parish Centre

Tuesday 10 Dec

Wednesday 11 Dec 8am Parish Prayer Meeting in the Parish Centre
10am Dixon House Communion (Marge)
11am Granger House Communion (Marge)

Thursday 12 Dec 12 Noon Ministers' Association Lunch in Hokitika

Friday 13 Dec 9am *Emily's half day off from 12 Noon*
Kids 'n Coffee TEAM reorganising storage
7pm The SHED (186 Main S Road)

Saturday 14 Dec *Emily's Day Off*

Sunday 15 Dec 5.30pm—7pm **Potluck & Prayer in Church Lounge**

Services Next Sunday 15 December 2024

GREYMOUTH:

8am Traditional Holy Communion
10am Family service with Communion & Music
2pm Holy Communion
KUMARA: 10am Five lessons and Carols (Samara)


Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS

Rose & Jeanette

CHURCH CLEANING

Tony & Margaret Woollett

CHURCH MOWING

Jim Findlay

Last Weekend: Attendance 49 Offertery \$3,429 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
8 December 2024
Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing

Theme: Advent 2—Jesus Makes PEACE Possible
Sentence: "I am just baptizing with water. But someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."
Readings: Philippians 4:4-7 (p 1521); Luke 3:7-18 (p 1312)
Prayer for the Day: "Thank you Father, for sending us Jesus, and for nurturing Your peace in us by Your Spirit through the pressures of life. Help us to dwell in Your peace and share it with those around us this week." Amen
Preacher: Emily Holmes

Theme for next weekend: Advent 3—Joy
Readings next weekend: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-12; Luke 1:39-45
Preacher next weekend: Marge Tefft

POTLUCK & PRAYER TONIGHT AND DEC 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 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.

a team working together with God to bless our community - and we did! Pictured below are Hilda van Wyk, Bev Young and Samara Ewan. Not pictured but also serving were Jan Fitzwater and Glenda Torrance.



MARKET STALL REPORT
Thank you, thank you to everyone who helped with the market stall on Friday. It was a great evening. The weather was good. We gave away pretty much all the baking, people were blessed and enjoyed it. We were



In the last couple of weeks, we have been able to begin to reconnect in person & have started working through a John Gottman course on marriage and will also begin a Parenting course in January. We want to be intentional about learning new skills for a new season of building & nurturing our marriage and family.

Due to the amazing work of Jesus in us & among us, Greg & I with Elijah & Gabriel are feeling encouraged to come back together as a family in our home from this weekend onwards. We welcome your prayers as we take these steps forwards.

We are thanking God every day for His kindness and love to us. We thank God for Marge & Robin's healing and pastoral ministry – they are a serious blessing to us.

And we want you to know, that as a family of people in Christ, you are a healing community. We have so much respect and thankfulness for the ways in which you trust, love, care, support, pray, show kindness, respect weird personal journeys, and accept us as we are, brothers and sisters among you, desiring to work out our salvation & bring glory to God.

Blessings in abundance,
Emily & Greg

Emily & Greg Write

Thank you, Holy Trinity whanau, for being such a healing community. As you are aware, Greg & I have spent October and November doing separate personal healing and growing journeys.

We have each had supervisors, Christian friends and the extravagant care and ministry of Marge & Robin. We have felt surrounded & held by the love, care and prayers of this beautiful parish. We are blown away by how God has blessed us in these ways.

There has been deep transformation occurring in each of us through healing ministry sessions, rhythms of prayer, attention to personal wellbeing & vulnerable processing with our support people.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 8 and 15 Dec - 5.30pm—7pm Potluck & Prayer in Church Lounge
- **CHRISTMAS EVE**
5pm Family service (NO communion)
- 8pm Carols & Holy Communion
11pm Carols by candlelight and Holy Communion
- **CHRISTMAS DAY**
8am Traditional Communion
- 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

COVID MAKING ROUNDS AGAIN

We continue to get reports of parishioners coming down with covid or flu. Our thanks to them for taking appropriate measures to avoid spreading the germs.

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 if you are having to isolate with an illness.

SINCERE THANKS

Pete White has done a sterling job in tackling the north set of sanctuary windows. Using scaffolding he has completed the work that Ian Hawes started in July. It has involved replacing some of the wooden surrounds of the windows with aluminium rectangular surrounds, and then painting them all white.

Nico Maas has also solved some electrical challenges as well as keeping the large oven working.

Jeanette Oliver produced a stunning Advent wreath for the church.

Jeremy Ewan, Jill Cogger, the Holmes family, and Julie Ritchie participated in the very well received Community Carol Service at the Regent on Wednesday.

Louis Bell, Gloria Glen, Emily Holmes, Margaret Hyde, Elaine Knowles, and Marge put on a stellar end of year Kids 'n' Coffee Christmas Party.

Samara Ewan organised and many others baked, set-up, served, or tore down at the Christmas Food Market Christmas Blessing stall.

To ALL of the above we say THANK YOU!

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES

Our sincere sympathies to Kathy and Pete Hines on the death of Pete's mum, Mary. Mary was part of this parish all her life attending and then teaching Sunday School at St. Andrew's Blaketown. When St. Andrew's closed, Mary shifted to the 8am Holy Trinity service until she moved into Dixon House. There she faithfully attended the services that HT and other churches conducted each week. Mary's memorial service was held on Saturday. Please hold her family in your prayers at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS

Hearty congratulations to Dorothy and Stephen Pillai who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with a special thanksgiving service in the church on Saturday. So unique is a couple making it to 70 years, that many commented on the lack of 70th anniversary cards. All of the tributes consistently praised them for their unconditional love for each other and others, and the steadfastness faith in Jesus that glued them together through the highs and lows of life. 1 Cor 13:4-8a summed them up beautifully.

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