

CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER

5pm Family Service (no communion)
8pm Carols and communion
11pm Candlelight, carols and communion

CHRISTMAS DAY WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER

8am Traditional communion service

NEXT WEEKEND 29 December 2024

8am Traditional Holy Communion
10am Family Service with Communion and music
2pm Holy Communion with music
Kumara No services or Making Space

The clergy and vestry thank all those who have been involved in the running of the parish this year, especially in the following ministries:

Kumara helpers and preachers, "Making Space" team in Kumara, cleaners, lay preachers, worship leaders, glasses or paten bearers, musicians, singers, administration workers, home group and fellowship group leaders, fair volunteers, prayer team members, those who pray for healing, hosts for refreshments for funerals, services, and Blood Donors, sides people for services and funerals, greeters, finance team, Kids 'n Coffee Team, The Shed leaders, maintenance workers, regular worshippers, regular prayer supporters, pastoral care visitors, sound desk operators, data projectionists, people who work totally behind the scenes to help others, benefactors, flower arrangers, lawn mowers, live streaming experts, library team, and all the many individual ministries that impact the community as a whole.

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HOLY
TRINITY
Church

Anglican Parish
of Greymouth & Kumara
24/25 December 2024
Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing

Theme for Christmas: The Peace Jesus Gives and Brings

Readings: Isaiah 9:6-7; Philipians 4:4-7; John 1:1-4, 10-14

Prayer for the Day: O God, we thank you for the message of peace that Christmas brings to this disturbed world. Give peace among the nations, peace in our land, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts. We remember that one of your titles at your birth in Bethlehem is "Prince of Peace". Help us to receive your offer of peace in our hearts as we truly accept your gift of forgiveness. This we pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Preacher: Robin Kingston (8pm, 11pm, 8am)

Theme and Readings for Sunday 29 December

Theme: The Cost of Following Jesus
Readings: Acts 6: 8-10; 7:54-60; Matthew 10: 17-22
Preacher: Marge Tefft

Theme and Readings for Sunday 5 January 2025

Theme: The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ
Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12
Preacher: Doug Bray

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 poster on the noticeboard in the foyer for registration details.

CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL

The Baptist Church is unable to host a community meal this year, but Poutini Waiora has stepped into the gap and will have an event on Christmas Day from 10am-2pm at their Greymouth offices at 62 Shakespeare St. The meal will start being served from about 11am. People are free to come and go as they wish.

Anyone wishing to help them, please contact Zee Tana at 027 280 9403.

YEAR IN REVIEW

A new **prayer meeting** was started on Wednesday mornings at 8am in the Parish Centre. It was initiated by Samara Ewan and was held regularly throughout the year during term time. The average attendance was about 6.

Ellie Van Zyl, the daughter of Louis Van Zyl and Cailin Calder was **baptised** on 4 Jan

Searching for a **suitable rental house for our curate** was a challenge. We found one and the diocese agreed to share the cost for the two months before it was needed. The diocese is covering half of all the curate's costs until end April 2025.

Emily, Greg, Elijah and Gabriel arrived at the end of April as Emily completes her final year of curacy with us. She is a breath of fresh air. Having two boys at Primary School at St Patricks ensured that we were very intentional about a weekly children's program during the sermon at the 10am service. The clergy take turns covering this.

Marge visited St Barnabas Anglican Church in Woodend one Sunday in February to see how they organised their services with children.

The **Easter Journey** was the main focus of the parish for the first term, culminating in a spectacular display in the Regent Theatre for 5 days leading up to Easter Sunday. Nearly 300 people went through the display that explained the Jesus story from Creation to Ascension using 18 interactive displays. **It was an astounding presentation** with wide participation from many members of the parish.

At the April AGM Diana Fensom stood down from being **People's Warden** after many years. Ian Hawes was elected and served until he left for the North Island after which Wayne Lorimer was elected. Samara Ewan was appointed **Vicar's Warden**.

In March **Robert Caldana Builders** began the momentous task of replacing all the nails in the church and hall roofs with long screws. While at it, they cleaned the church roof and fixed other leaks in the hall church guttering. We were thrilled with their expertise and generosity.

Obtaining **grants towards the salary of our Youth Worker, Nicki Mora**, is proving harder each year. We were fortunate to receive grants from Lottery Community, Anglican Care Committee, Tindall Foundation, St Andrews Trust, West Coast Community Trust, and Youthtown.

Robin Kingston was given the task of **offloading as much administrative tasks** to volunteers. Glenda Torrance is looking after all bookkeeping and Bronwyn Walters is responsible for booking the use of facilities and invoicing the users.

Duncan Wood, son of Greville & Marilyn became engaged to Olivia (Liv) Sisson.

The Shed teenage Friday program has been experiencing a rebirth after the COVID disruptions. It is now a younger age group and averaging between 40 and 50 per night. **Nicki Mora** continues to lead her enthusiastic team of volunteers. **Doug Bray** is a volunteer leader there and keeps the parish informed of developments.

In May we held a training session in **The Power of Story Telling**. That was only the beginning of encouraging us to find ways of sharing our faith. We have a dynamic, down to earth Christian from Melbourne coming in February 2025 to give us a boost and genuine, simple encouragement.

The Shed held their own Camp Kaha at Hanmer Springs in late April. This was a particularly special time led by the Shed Leaders. In October about 20 young people with leaders attended the Spring Camp at Bridge Valley.

We sponsor missionaries **Chris & Catherine** who were in Central Asia and have now moved to the Middle East. They visited us and explained some of the many challenges they are facing in such a change including language and schooling.

In May we were thrilled to see **Nico and Ronel Maas** return to Greymouth after about 14 years away. They have kept up to date through our newsletter and also livestreaming of our services. Nico has already taken over the role of electrician for the parish after **Gordon and Adele Wilkins** retired to Richmond, Nelson.

Pete White did an amazing job in fixing temporarily the leaks that were coming through the three droppers from the guttering between the hall and kitchen/lounge into the internal drainpipe. To do a permanent fix will involve major work on the roof of the church kitchen and lounge and also the guttering. This is on Vestry's radar.

The **Grief Support Group** restarted with Emily and Robin after a long break after Kaye Brown moved away.

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care was a major catalyst to our personal reflections, as well as the Anglican Church generally. Our parish joined the public apology over the dreadful events that had occurred. Our diocesan synod passed appropriate motions regarding prevention and redress. Bishop Steve also issued a public apology.

Ian & Nicky Hawes were appointed to Lake Whakamaru Christian Camp in the North Island with Ian as site manager and Nicky as administrator and housekeeper.

In early September our parish hosted **the annual diocesan synod** in our facilities. This was a major undertaking with 100 coming for three days. Much voluntary work was done by parishioners with catering organised by Jenny Hole. A great success.

Greg & Emily Holmes set up a **Race for the Roof Fundraiser**. Their plan is to run an ultra marathon together in May 2025. They are looking for sponsors as they train for the event. A Give-A-Little page has been set up. To date \$2,000 has been raised.

Carolyn Killick has spearheaded the **Healing Room Ministry** with the oversight of the Cobden-Runanga Parish. A number of our folk with involvement in the healing ministry have undertaken training and will be involved in the New Year when it is launched in Runanga on a weekly basis.

About 15 regular parishioners with leadership roles came together for a **Pathfinder, Visioning Day** in November, led by Spanky Moore. They worked hard, developing a 10 year, then 5 year and particularly a 1 year plan for growth. The first four goals are set to be completed by just after Easter.

On the second Saturday in November the **Annual Church Fair** was held in a massive storm. Considering that, and the struggles many are facing financially, we were pleased with a result close on \$7,000.

Samara Ewan organised our **Christmas Market Stall** in the square. Parishioners baked about 500 lovely treats which we gave away **FREE**. Prayer was also offered.

There were a number of **deaths of parishioners and close relatives**: Dave Fitzwater (wife of Jan Fitzwater), Tina Fernando, Andrew Eddy son of Wayne and Emily (past members of the parish); Faye Glasson (sister of Jim Findlay), Tom Olliver (brother of Rochelle Dash and son of Kaye Brown), Andrew Elphick (brother of Christina Veale), Michael Edens (brother of Mandy Steele), Shon Pettersen (nephew of Trevor Morrison), Alice Noble (mother of Theresa Newcombe), Nora Graves, Ray Dodd (father of Andrew Dodd & Brother of Ngairé Fisher), Campbell Levy (father of Corraliegh Dodd), Jean Flood, Mary Hines and Liz Ewan (mother of Jeremy Ewan).