

Monday 8 December	<i>Marge and Robin's Day Off</i>	
	1-3:30pm	CARE afternoon tea (Church Lounge)
	5:30-8:30	KYB study group (Parish Centre)
Tuesday 9 December		
Wednesday 10 December		<p>8am Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre 10am Dixon House Holy Communion (Marge) 11am Granger House Holy Communion (Marge) 6.30—8pm Runanga Healing Rooms, Community House, 29 Carroll St, Runanga (note: Final week until Feb)</p>
Thursday 11 December		
Friday 12 December	7pm	The SHED Youth Group (186 Main S Road)
Saturday 13 December		
Sunday 14 December	2.30—4pm	Runanga Healing Rooms, Community House, 29 Carroll St, Runanga note: Final week until Feb)

Services 14 December

GREYMOUTH:

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

KUMARA:

4pm	Making Space
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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



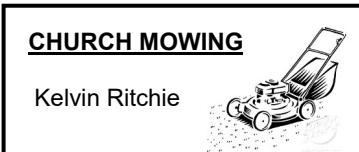
FLOWERS

Bronwen &
Paula



CHURCH CLEANING

Henry & Jenny
Hole



CHURCH MOWING

Kelvin Ritchie

Last Weekend: Attendance: 70; Offertory: \$3780.00 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
 Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



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

Theme: Advent 2: Preparing for the Coming of our Lord

Sentence: John the Baptist answered in the words of the prophet Isaiah, “I am only someone shouting in the desert, ‘Get the road ready for the Lord.’”

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10 (p.884); Matthew 3:1-12 (p.1224)

Prayer for the Day: Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son. Grant that those who proclaim your word, may so guide our feet into the way of peace, that we may stand with confidence before him, when he comes in his glorious kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. Amen.

Preacher: Robin Kingston

Theme for next weekend: The Birth of Jesus

Readings for next weekend: Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

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SINCERE SYMPATHIES

It is with sadness that we were informed last Sunday evening of the death of **Kevin Brown**. Our deepest sympathies to his widow, Kaye, and all of the extended family of Kaye and Kevin respectively.

Both Kaye and Kevin had children and grandchildren from previous marriages, but they both welcomed each other's families into their hearts as their own and the welcome was reciprocated by the extended families.

Kevin was a Coaster through and through, serving the community in many capacities including two terms as mayor.

Kevin was also a friend to the churches of Greymouth. A committed Catholic himself, he nonetheless recognized the

value of all Christian denominations and encouraged cooperation among them. After marrying Kaye, one of our former parishioners, he would often attend our services with Kaye and Kaye would attend Mass at St. Patrick's with Kevin.

We also extend our sincere condolences to the family of **Jolan McLean** whose funeral was held in Holy Trinity on Saturday. Holy Trinity was the church where Jolan and his wife, Melissa were married in 2004 in a double wedding with Melissa's twin, Melia, and her husband Kriston.

Jolan was a bigger than life character who passionately loved his family and will be sorely missed by family & friends.

Please hold both of these families in your prayers at this time.



Marge Writes This was the busiest week of the year and me. It was so helpful to know I could put out some S.O.S.'s for much needed help. So, a special thank you to—

- Bob Stanger for showing up at just the right time at the start and finish of the Christmas tree set-up on Monday to help with the big ladder and inspire us to keep going until the job was done.
- Numerous Holy Trinity parishioners who helped put chairs away after the Regent Carol Service on Wednesday.
- Samara Ewan for graciously picking up the running of the Christmas Treats give away in the Town Square on Friday night when Robin and I became involved with Kevin Brown's funeral.
- Jenny Hole and Raewyn Lindbom for organising a team to serve afternoon tea for the Kevin Brown funeral on Friday; and Greville and Marilyn Wood for packing away tables and chairs.
- The Kids 'n' Coffee team for staying and setting up for the funeral cuppa on Friday after a massive effort of our own K 'n' C Christmas Party (Thank you, Tony Woollett, for playing Santa.)

And a big thank you to everyone who went about their "normal" jobs of flowers, cleaning, mowing, admin, window cleaning, funeral assisting, and prayer. Gosh, what a team!

HOW'S IT GOING?

When will be the second coming of Jesus? Many people have bet their reputation, their lifestyle and even their faith on knowing the answer. All have been wrong so far!

There are many prophecies in the Old Testament about the coming of the Messiah, the Son of God, the Redeemer and the Saviour. They include references to the coming of Jesus about 2,000 years ago, and also to his second coming in the future.

However, the prophecies often intertwined the first and the second coming. The prophecies of Jesus' first coming have been remarkably accurate in every respect. This gives us confidence that prophecies dealing with his second coming will also be fulfilled.

Jesus tells us that there will be much suffering in the world first. Then, when Jesus returns, it will be sudden and dramatic. No-one will miss the event! People will be living their ordinary lives with no warning of the arrival until it happens.

Jesus also makes it clear that there will be a clear division between those in the Kingdom of God and those who have chosen not to belong. We are to be prepared and ready at all times for his arrival.

So, How prepared are you?

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CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL – Thank you, thank you, to everyone who helped make this event a success! And it was – we blessed our community and it was fun. And the rain held off – thank you Lord.

Helpers down town were Samara & Jeremy Ewan, Michelle & Ché Norris (pictured), Bev Young, Glenda Torrance and Marge & Robin. Thank you to all of the bakers and to Maureen Simpson who knitted 99 small dolls to give away to the children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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

LAST DATES FOR RUNANGA HEALING ROOMS 2025

The last dates for Healing Rooms in 2025 will be this Wednesday, 10 Dec and next Sunday, 14 Dec in order to provide the team with a summer break.

We are looking at reopening in 2026 on Wed 4 Feb and Sunday 8 Feb.

A prayer team will be available during the summer break by request. Contact for an appointment either—

Carolyn Killick 022 018 1060

or

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