

Monday 2 February *Marge and Robin's Day Off*

Tuesday 3 February

Wednesday 4 February  
**8am** Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre  
 10am Dixon House Devotions (Marge)  
 12 Noon Dixon House Trust Board in Parish Centre

Thursday 5 February

Friday 6 February *Waitangi Day Public Holiday — Parish Office Closed*

Saturday 7 February

Sunday 8 February  
**2:30-4pm** Runanga Healing Rooms reopen  
 Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga

**services 8 February**

**GREYMOUTH:**

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

**KUMARA:**

**No Service**

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

<p><b>FLOWERS</b></p>  <p>Helen &amp; Raewyn</p>	<p><b>CHURCH CLEANING</b></p>  <p>Tony &amp; Margaret Woollett</p>	<p><b>CHURCH MOWING</b></p>  <p>Henry Shaw</p>
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Last Weekend: Attendance: 75; Offertory: \$3,771 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)  
 Holy Trinity Church account # 03-0846-0012777-00



**Anglican Parish  
of Greymouth & Kumara**

**1 February 2026**

*Growing Disciples of Jesus  
Blessed to be a Blessing*

**Theme:** Having Done All, Stand

**Sentence:** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

**Readings:** Ephesians 6:10-20 (p.1522); Luke 22:31-34 (p.1354)

**Prayer for the Day:** Almighty God, Thank You for providing everything we need to live a victorious life in Christ. May we put on the entire armour You provide so that, in Your strength, we can stand against the devil's tricks. And when the battle is over, may You find we are standing. Amen.

**Preacher:** Marge Tefft

Theme for next weekend: Waitangi Christian Implications  
 Readings for next weekend: Micah 6:6-8; Luke 2:9-14  
 Preacher for next weekend: Robin Kingston

**UNAVAILABILITY DATES NEEDED**

Marge and Robin will be on annual leave for a chunk of February and Marge needs to get started on the roster a little sooner than usual. Would those who serve on the Services Roster please send through your known unavailable dates for **March 1 — June 30 by 4th February.**

Please email them **DIRECTLY to MARGE** at —  
[vicar@htcgreymouth.co.nz](mailto:vicar@htcgreymouth.co.nz)  
 Many thanks for all your service.

**PARISH PRAYER MEETINGS**

Wednesday mornings at 8am in the Parish Centre. Finishes at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome to come and pray together, for people and happenings in our church. Please see Samara if you have questions.

**GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT**

A number of parishioners, together with many organisations in New Zealand, have been lobbying the government for many years to put through a bill about Modern Slavery.

A surprising number of people in NZ are being treated as slaves, both as regards accommodation and also wages.

National and Labour have agreed to work together to introduce a Modern Slavery Bill and, using rule 61, to fast-track the bill into law. If passed, it will:

- Require big companies to report on how they are addressing and mitigating modern slavery.
- Strengthen protection for victims and survivors.
- Establish an anti-slavery commissioner.
- And other actions yet to be identified.

Please pray for those drafting this bill.



**Marge** Vestry kicked off its year on **Writes** Thursday with a fish & chip meal and fellowship before settling down to the evening's business.

A positive discussion was had about the fair after receiving feedback from several parishioners. Members agreed to go away and bring proposals to February's meeting to shape an event that will bless the community and at the same time be manageable by our current "workforce".

The goal is to draft a motion to present to the AGM on March 26th.

Vestry also found the parish finances for 2025 to be in good shape due to the generosity of parishioners and others. We received a number of substantial gifts/bequests in 2025 that were not foreseen in the budget. As a result, it was discovered that we were "behind" in our tithes for the year (9.1%).

Vestry discussed a number of options and in the end decided to give extra one off gifts of \$3,000 each to BTC and Whare Manaaki. This brings our outward tithes giving for 2025 to 11.3%

What a delight to live out one of our mottos — "Blessed to be a Blessing".

With love and blessings, *Marge*

### HOW'S IT GOING?

Ephesians 1 & 2 describe amazing things for those who are "in Christ". God had decided before the world began that those who would come to believe the Good News of Jesus Christ would be—

- holy and blameless before God,
- adopted as God's children,
- forgiven of their sins,
- sealed by the Holy Spirit, and
- shaped by God to do all such good works as he had prepared for them to do.

In Ephesians 4 and following Paul goes on to urge those who are "in Christ" to live their lives in a manner that is worthy of such a marvellous calling. Our lives are to be marked by

- humility (lack of arrogance)
- gentleness (under God's control)
- patience
- putting up with each other in love making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (keep the "sacred oneness" by quickly mending broken relationships).

Jesus said that our unity with him and in turn with each other would be the evidence that we are followers of him.

So, how's it going?

### ROSTERS FOR CHURCH CLEANING, FLOWER ARRANGING & MOWING

The 2026 rosters for these tasks can be picked from the foyer. Thank you to all who serve in these areas for your generous service.

### NOTICE FOR ALL GROUP LEADERS

Can you please email the Parish Office with the names of members of your group who attended your group regularly or occasionally during 2025.

### ADVANCE NOTICE FOR LEADERS OF PARISH GROUPS

Every year we are required to complete a brief questionnaire from the diocese. Each group leader will receive an email with a link to the form that needs to be completed and sent back to the diocese. This will happen some time in February or March.

One of their requests is asking for one or two comments that you have heard about the value of the group, and any significant growth in faith, ministry or discipleship.

**This year Jacquie Jones will be organising the sending out of the links once we receive them from the diocese and she will appreciate you letting her know by email (jjarm@kinect.co.nz) when you have sent it back.**

### AGM AND ELECTORAL ROLL

This year's AGM meeting will be on Thursday, **March 26th**.

You must be on the Electoral Roll in order to stand for Vestry, Synod Rep, or People's Warden and to have the right to vote at the AGM and any other Special Parish Meetings. It is also required to be appointed as Vicar's Warden.

The current Electoral Roll is posted on the foyer notice board. Please check to see if your name is on it. If your name is not listed, and you wish to be included, please complete the **YELLOW** form that is on the long table in the foyer and return it to one of the clergy.

### PARISH DIRECTORY AND PRAYER CALENDAR PRIVACY RULES

Our plan is to put out an updated list of parishioners with details of addresses, emails, and phone numbers. This will happen in early March. We will also produce the 2026 Prayer Calendar that encourages us to pray for parishioners on their birthday.

Copies of the 2025 directory and prayer calendar are in the foyer for you to check. If you are happy with your details as shown there, you don't have to do anything.

**However, if something needs to be changed, please make changes in the appropriate entry. If you are NOT in them, and you would like to be included, please get a form from Robin that you can complete and sign that gives us permission to include you.**

### RESTART DATES FOR RUNANGA HEALING ROOMS

Healing Rooms will reopen next Sun 8 Feb 2:30pm-4pm and Wed 11 Feb 6:30pm-8pm. The rooms are located at Community House, 29 Carroll Street, Runanga.

### HOME GROUPS

A main focus of this year is to re-establish home groups. Please read "Marge Writes" in Jan 25th newsletter for more details.

If you are interested in leading or hosting or doing both, please contact Marge or Robin.

**Parish Website:** [www.htcgreymouth.co.nz](http://www.htcgreymouth.co.nz)

**Parish email:** [info@htcgreymouth.co.nz](mailto:info@htcgreymouth.co.nz)

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Parish Office, 201 Tainui St, Greymouth

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**People's Warden:** Wayne Lorimer 027 329 1633  
**Kumara Contact:** Nikki Davies 027 308 4584