

Monday
16 Dec *Marge and Robin's day off*

Tuesday
17 Dec 2pm Funeral of Andrae Benyon in the church

Wednesday
18 Dec 8am Parish Prayer Meeting in the Parish Centre (Last this year)
10am Dixon House devotions (Emily)
11am Kahurangi service (Emily)

Thursday
19 Dec

Friday
20 Dec

Saturday
21 Dec

Services Next Sunday 22 December 2024

GREYMOUTH:

8am Lessons & Carols with brief Holy Communion
10am Lessons & Carols with brief Holy Communion
2pm Lessons & carols

KUMARA: 4pm Making Space

Prayer Requests to: Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989


FLOWERS
Helen & Raewyn



CHURCH CLEANING
Tony & Margaret Woollett



CHURCH MOWING
Lewis Bell



Last Weekend: Attendance 75 Offertery \$3,425 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
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HOLY TRINITY Church

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

Theme: Advent 3—Joy
Sentence: In your presence there is fullness of joy.
Readings: Philippians 4:4-7 (p 1527); Luke 1:39-45 (p 1308)
Prayer for the Day: God of all delight, grant us joy which none can take from us; that joy in trusting You which will carry us through temptation, anxiety and grief. We pray this through the One who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, and by his resurrection turns our sorrow into joy, Jesus our Lord, Amen.
Preacher: Marge Tefft

Theme for next weekend: Advent 4—Lessons & Carols

POTLUCK & PRAYER TONIGHT

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. This Sunday, 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.

onto the shelves. She can be contacted on 027 380 2989 or jmlorimer@outlook.com

For those not used to using our church library, please know that we act on an honesty basis. Just borrow the book or books you wish to read and return them within a month or two. There is a box for returns behind the sliding door under the bookshelf.

LIBRARY NEWS

If you are looking for holiday reading you may like to check out our Parish Library. We have a fantastic array of Christian fiction and non-fiction. We would like to revitalise our children's section. If anyone has good quality books, they would be willing to donate we would be very grateful. They can be placed in the library donation cupboard. If you let Joanna Lorimer know she can get them processed and

LESSONS AND CAROLS

These are taking place at each of the Greymouth services next Sunday. There will be no sermon that day. At 8am and 10am there will be Holy Communion as usual. Services should finish the normal time.

At 2pm it will only be the lessons and carols.

Kumara is having Lessons & Carols today.



Marge Writes

Advent is a time of waiting. The

world waited for the first Christmas; we wait for Jesus' return.

This week I came

across some tiny poems written by Amy Scott Robinson and presented visually by Richard Lyall that capture the sense of anticipation that Advent brings. Each poem acts as a definition of Advent. I've printed one below and before and after each service I will play a powerpoint of the collection. If you want to see them again go www.engageworship.org

Advent
is the hush in the theatre
between the house
lights going down
and the curtain going up.

#TinyAdventPoems 1/24

Text - Amy Scott Robinson | Design - Richard Lyall

everyday life from a repentant heart. As Christians we want to live rightly with God & one another. It's often hard to see the familiar ways that our own families and communities fall short of living in rightness and peace with one another – our dysfunctions feel normal.

I'm so thankful that God not only asks us to live peacefully, but He has made a way in Christ for us to achieve this! Because of what Jesus has done for us at the Cross, we are freed from sin and can be healed of trauma. When we give our hearts and lives to Jesus, He comes to live in us by His Holy Spirit and He nurtures His peace in us.

Through life situations or other people, the Holy Spirit mercifully shows us where we have sin & trauma in our hearts. He also gives us courage to open that part of our heart up to Him in personal prayer or with a trusted minister. We can feel horrible and terrified when we acknowledge our sin to God and to another person, but this also allows us to experience receiving God's love, forgiveness, truth & healing in deep ways.

In these brave journeys of repentance, Jesus brings us to a state of deeper peace in Him and this peace flows out through our behaviour to everyone around us.

Where do you need peace today & what does it look like to open your heart up to God?

HOW'S IT GOING?

"Ha Shalom lachem?...How is your peace?"

In Luke 3:7-18, John the Baptist speaks to local leaders, tax collectors and soldiers about what it looks like for peace to flow in

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **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

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES

Our sincere sympathies to the family of Andrae Beynon whose funeral will be held in Holy Trinity on Tuesday. Please hold her husband, Gilbert, and all her family in your prayers at this time.

YOUTH WORKER GRANT

We were delighted to receive a grant of \$2,500 from Youthtown Nicki's salary. This means that we have received close to the full salary and travel for this year. We are most grateful to Youthtown and the Lord for this grant.

NAOMI SHIFTS

Naomi Drogemuller shifted into Granger House about a week ago. She is settled and very happy with her room. And, yes, for those who might remember her collection, a few of the elephants from the house made it to her new home!

THE WITNESS MAGAZINE

This is available from the foyer. It contains a number of selected articles from the weekly diocesan magazine,

Korero, over the last few months. Anyone can receive the weekly stories and articles for free on their email by going to nelsonanglican.nz and clicking on Korero at the top then scrolling down to sign up.

The printed magazine is designed for those who are not regular users of the internet. **Please let one of the clergy know if you find the magazine interesting and worthwhile.**

FILM THIS AFTERNOON

We have arranged a showing of the film "The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever" at the Regent Theatre at **4pm today, 15th December**. Marge and Robin have seen it and believe it is really excellent and well worth viewing.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Emily and Greg for completing the Half Marathon Trail Run (21km) at the Spectacle Running Festival in Nelson on Saturday (14th).

This is one of their training events in preparation for running an ultra marathon (50km) in 2025 as a fundraiser for the Hall/Lounge roof.

Originally they were planning on running the 50km run on Saturday, but after bouts of covid a few weeks ago they were not able to prepare themselves in time for the longer distance.

Well done Greg and Emily!

Below is a picture of the view of Nelson Port and the bay from the top of the run.

