

Monday 18 Nov	5.30pm	<i>Marge &amp; Robin's Day Off</i> Know Your Bible (KYB) in Parish Centre
Tuesday 19 Nov	10am to 3pm	<b>Christmas Wreath Making</b> in Trinity Centre
Wednesday 20 Nov	8am 10am 2pm 7pm	Parish Prayer Meeting in the Parish Centre Dixon House Devotions (Marge) <b>Film at Regent "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" \$8.50</b> Lavers Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd,
Thursday 21 Nov	12noon 2pm 7.30pm	Mawhera Minister's Association at Elim Church Grief Support Group in the Parish Centre Holy Spirit Home Group in the Parish Centre
Friday 22 Nov	10am 7pm	<i>Emily's half day off from 12 Noon</i> Kids 'n Coffee in Trinity Centre The SHED (186 Main S Road)
Saturday 23 Nov		<i>Emily's Day Off</i> <i>Rose Show in Hall, Lounge &amp; Kitchen</i>

### Services Next Sunday 24 November 2024

#### GREYMOUTH:

8am	Traditional Holy Communion
10am	Family service with Communion & Music
2pm	Holy Communion

**KUMARA: 4pm Making Space (Rach & Evan)**

**Prayer Requests to:** Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989


**FLOWERS**  
Bronwyn W  
Jeanette



**CHURCH CLEANING**  
Robyn White &  
Samantha Ennis



**CHURCH MOWING**  
Doug Bray



Last Weekend: Attendance: 70 Offertory \$3,398 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)  
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# Holy TRINITY Church

**Anglican Parish  
of Greymouth & Kumara**

**17 November 2024**

*Growing Disciples of Jesus  
Blessed to be a Blessing*

**Theme: Keep Faith Alive to the End**

**Sentence: The writer to the Hebrews says, "Some people have got out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we mustn't do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer."**

**Readings: Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25 (p 1568); Mark 13:1-8 (p 1297)**

**Prayer for the Day: Holy God, we thank you for the gift of Your Son Jesus as our great High Priest. We are grateful that He has opened a gate for us, to be welcomed into heaven, to dwell permanently in His presence. Assist us to come with a pure heart and in confident faith, right up to the time of our death. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.**

**Preacher: Robin Kingston**

Theme for next weekend: Christ our King  
Readings next weekend: Revelations 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37  
Preacher next weekend: Emily Holmes

### PARISH FAIR RESULTS

**FINAL NET TOTAL \$ 6,870.85**

**A fantastic result for a challenging day. Thank you again to all who supported/helped in any way!**

### CONGRATULATIONS

Hearty congratulations to Robyn White who has successfully completed her degree in Social Work. On Friday she received notification that her name now appears on the public register of social workers in New Zealand. This has been a massive undertaking as she juggled study, work and family. Many thanks to the family and friends who supported and encouraged her. Well done, Robyn!

### CHRIS & CATHERINE UPDATE

Chris was able to join the family in the Middle East in early October. Catherine had been able to secure an apartment in a very good location close to the rest of the team. The kids are struggling with the change, but pressing on. And all of them are making good connections with locals. And, very importantly, they have found a great language teacher who is available when it is convenient for them.

For a fuller update and specific prayer requests, please see a printout of their latest email on the Missions section of our foyer notice board.



## Marge Writes

Eschatology. How's that for a big word. I wonder if it has ever been used in Scrabble? It comes

from a Greek word meaning "last". It is used by Christians to refer to that time when the Kingdom of God (rule and reign of God) is completely established and fully present on earth and everything is rightly restored. A beautiful picture of this is found in Revelation 21 and Isaiah 25 where pain, suffering, tears, and death are no more.

The Kingdom of God on earth was begun in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus as evidenced by his works of healing, bringing back of the dead to life, and power over nature. The sending of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' followers makes it possible for God's Kingdom to continue to grow. God's Kingdom is here now, but it will not be fully realized until Jesus returns.

There is a line of thinking that assumes that because of the prolific healings of Jesus and the healing promises in Scriptures that God wants and is willing

to heal the sick **right now**. This is an "over-realized eschatology".

This is an interesting phrase that I came across this week in my personal study written by Paul Khosla. It refers to "*an over-realized sense of God's Kingdom here on earth*" when we try and force God's promises and their fulfilment into realization instead of living in the tension between God's promises and their fulfilment.

Now Paul Khosla, like me, totally believes that God heals today and prays in confidence for the healing of others. But, also, like me accepts the sovereignty of God.

I also believe that death is also a means of God's healing.

I also trust God to do the kind of healing He knows is best for someone in the moment trusting that the day of complete healing will come either in this life or the next.

I guess I feel the need to write on this topic because of the news we received about Craig Bruce (see next page). The news that Craig is now in palliative care does not mean Robin & I won't continue to pray for his healing, but, as his pastors Robin and I must also walk with him towards the possibility of death.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

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### HOW'S IT GOING?

At the start of our Gospel reading last week Jesus warns his listeners of the egotistical and greedy ways of religious leaders of his day. They loved to show off their "piety", but exploited the poor widows.

The reading continued with Jesus watching as people gave their gifts at the Temple's offering box. The rich gave large amounts of money, but had plenty left over. The poor widow puts in only two small coins and shuffles away knowing she now had nothing left to live on.

Jesus is amazed at the generosity of the widow, for she gave all she had not merely out of her surplus.

+Steve made three points about this story last weekend as he compared the giving of the rich with the giving of the poor widow:

1. Mindset—difference between self-reliance and dependence on God.
2. Measure of success—in God's eyes it is not the amount given, but what's left (costly)
3. Motivation—do we give for God's approval or people's applause

God invites us to live out a radical self-giving, whole-hearted faith in the footsteps of Jesus offering our talents, time and treasure to the glory of God.

So, how's it going?

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- 20 Nov—Film at Regent "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at 2pm. Cost \$8.50
- 4 Dec—Combined Churches Regent Theatre Carols at 7pm
- 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

### FOR SALE

Offers for 'Betsy' Nora Graves Scooter  
Contact Christina: 021 1188 138

### CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

Christmas wreath making at Holy Trinity Hall 10am to 3pm this Tuesday, 19th Nov. Join this gathering of Flower Guild 'crafty' ladies, as we endeavor to recycle and reuse items around the home to decorate for Xmas. Bring your own lunch.

Please contact Jeanette Oliver by phone on 027 444 6312 to enroll.

### LATEST NEWS ON CRAIG BRUCE

Craig spoke to Marge this week to confirm that, when the surgeon operated a couple of weeks ago, he saw that the cancer was too far advanced for surgery and Craig is now receiving palliative care. He continues to value our prayers and support.

### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST- PANCAKES & BERRIES

**When:** Saturday, 30 Nov, 8:30-10:30am  
**Where:** Hokitika Christian Fellowship  
6 Kaniere Road, Hokitika

**Bring:** Smile & Christmas deco to swap  
**Speaker:** Danelle Sutherland. Danelle is married to James; they have four fabulous kids and pastor Greymouth New Life Church. Danelle is a vibrant enthusiastic believer who will bring encouragement and faith for women of all ages.

**RSVP:** Text Rachael by Wed, 27 Nov to Confirm: 027 514 3531

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

**When:** Saturday, 7th December at 8:30am  
**Where:** Greymouth Elim Church  
41 Guinness Street, Greymouth  
Small Koha appreciated where possible.

### ADVENT CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER DAY

Our final prayer day for 2024 will be **Saturday 7 December from 10am - 2pm.**  
New Venue: **Holy Trinity Church, KUMARA**  
Please bring your Bible, journal and pen. Please bring a Christmas plate to share for lunch and a Koha for use of the building. To register your attendance or for further information, please contact:  
**Sharryn McAuliffe** - Phone 027 207 3431  
Or email: [mj.sp.mcauliffe@outlook.com](mailto:mj.sp.mcauliffe@outlook.com)