

Monday 17 November *Robin's Day Off: Marge in Motueka for Nominators meeting*
5:30-8:30 KYB study group (Parish Centre)

Tuesday 18 November

Wednesday 8am *Marge in Nelson to chair BTC Trust Board Meeting*
19 November Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre
10am Dixon House Devotions (Robin)
1:30-3:15pm Ripple Effect Course (Parish Centre)
7-8:30pm Ripple Effect Course (Parish Centre)
6.30—8pm Runanga Healing Rooms, Community House,
29 Carroll St, Runanga

Thursday 20 November

Friday 21 November 10am-11:30pm Kids 'n' Coffee (church complex)

Saturday 22 November

Sunday 23 November 2.30—4pm Runanga Healing Rooms, Community House,
29 Carroll St, Runanga

services 23 November

GREYMOUTH:

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

KUMARA:

4pm **Making Space**

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


Helen & Raewyn

CHURCH CLEANING

Tony & Margaret Woollett

CHURCH MOWING

Henry Shaw

Last Weekend: Attendance: 62 Offertory: \$3,977 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)
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Holy Trinity Church

Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara

16 November 2025

*Growing Disciples of Jesus
Blessed to be a Blessing*

Theme: Facing Into Suffering

Sentence: James wrote, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

Readings: Readings: Job 1:20-22 (p.654);
John 16:29-33(p.1393)

Prayer for the Day: Jesus, Prince of Peace, You promise us peace in the midst of the storms of life as we abide in You. Help us to have courage to face what lies ahead, knowing that You have already won the victory and are with us to guide us through. Amen.

Preacher: Marge Tefft

Theme for next weekend: The Family Doctor
Readings for next weekend: James 1:22-25; John3:3-8
Preacher for next weekend: Marge Tefft

FAIR FINAL TOTAL

After a few more things were sold and earlier donations accounted for, the grand total of this year's fair came to—

\$7,334.80
(excluding GST for raffle)

A big thank you again for everyone's help leading up to the fair and on fair day itself. Well done everyone!

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL—5 Dec

We would like to again have a stall in the Town Centre to give away Christmas baking and offer prayer to those who come for the event. Samara has headed this for the last two years and is willing to help and provide all of her material from years past, but is looking for someone

else to take the lead. Please see Marge or Robin if interested.

Sign up sheets for baking and manning the stall will be available next Sunday.

WONDERFUL NEWS

We applied for a \$10,000 grant towards the salary of our Youth Worker, Nicki Mora from the St. Andrew's Trust in Nelson. This grant has been approved in full for the whole of 2026. In giving the grant, the Trust made a point of acknowledging how wonderful the work was at The Shed, and a pleasure for them to approve the application.

Well done to Nicki and all her team.

Thanks be to God for His provision!



Marge Writes It is always a delight to see our parishioners giving to the wider community in their work and volunteer activities. Tony and Margaret Woollett are stellar examples of Christians who put their faith into action. The Grey District Council honoured Margaret and Tony on Friday with a Civic Award for their volunteer work with the Greymouth Marist Rugby Football Club, West Coast Rugby Union, Paroa Tennis Club, Greymouth Volunteer Fire Brigade, Greymouth Anglican Church, Blind Low Vision NZ, Child Cancer Foundation, Karoro School and “quietly living out the values of community, care and compassion.”

Well done, Tony and Margaret!

With love and blessings,

Marge



HOW'S IT GOING?

Bishop Steve concluded his 2025 Synod Charge (based on Luke 24) as follows—

So what do we long for? A Church that is alive!

Alive to the presence of Jesus – walking with him daily. Fuelled and ignited by the Word – rooted in God's truth. And sparking into the world in mission – carrying God's fire into our neighbourhoods.

This is what it means to be a Church with hearts that burn. The good news is that God longs to give us the fire to burn....

So, I ask you: will you pray for the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire in your life and in your parish? Will you return to your first love, and invite Jesus to walk with you? Will you let the Word fuel you, and to ask God to give you a renewed passion to propel you outwards into the world?

"Were not our hearts burning within us?" May it be said of us in this diocese. Let us be a diocese known not only for our theology, not only for our programmes, not only for our leaders, but also for our passion – burning with holy fire for Jesus, for the Word, and for the mission of God.

And so I charge you: tend to the fire within you. Stoke the flames. Guard the embers. For this is not the moment to neglect your inner passion for God and go cold.

This is the moment to burn brighter for Jesus – both in the breakthroughs and the battles ahead.

MISSION WITHOUT BORDERS

Alick Ashby, the Church and Philanthropy Manager for Mission Without Borders, will be in speaking on Sat 22nd at 7:30pm at Cobden Anglican, 40 Richmond St., Cobden to tell us more about their work.

Everyone is welcome and supper will be provided. No charge but a koha will be taken.

See foyer notice board for some info on what this organisation is doing.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER DAY

Our final prayer day for 2025

will be held on

Saturday 6 December from 10am - 2pm

Venue: Kumara Holy Trinity Church

Our theme is:

"IMMANUEL – GOD WITH US"

Please bring your Bible, journal, pen and your own **lunch**, plus a koha for use of this church. There will be one or two Christmas goodies also!

To register your attendance, or for further information, please contact

Sharryn McAuliffe –
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WORD FOR TODAY

Copies of this three monthly devotional is available in the foyer. A gold coin donation towards the cost can be put in the offertory basket.

BOOK REVIEW by Joanna Lorimer

Broken Things – Why We Suffer by M.R. DeHaan

Dr M.R. DeHaan started his career as a practicing physician. He then retrained and pastored several churches. He also founded Radio Bible Class, which is now Our Daily Bread Ministries. With what he has observed, experienced and studied, he is well qualified to speak about affliction, suffering and brokenness.

In 1 Corinthians 11:24 we read the words of Jesus, “This is my body which is broken for you.” Jesus was broken, suffered and died for all of us. If we are followers of Christ, then we too can expect suffering and brokenness. In John 16:33 we read, “In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” The message of the Bible is that we shouldn't be surprised when we experience brokenness. It is part of living in a broken world. It also plays a part in our transformational journey as a Christian.

If you are struggling to understand why you, or a loved one is suffering, I recommend this very positive book. It helps put things in perspective. It talks about reasons for suffering. It talks about God's love and grace. It talks about eternity.

The final chapter begins with 2 Corinthians 4:17 – 18, “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

‘Broken Things’ is a recent addition to the Holy Trinity Parish Library and will initially be on display so you can easily find it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3 Dec — Regent Community Carols

5 Dec — Christmas Carnival in CBD

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