Monday Clergy Day Off

24 November 5:30-8:30 KYB study group (Parish Centre)

Tuesday

25 November 1:30 Tuesday Friends (Parish Centre)

Wednesday

26 November 8am Parish Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre

10am Dixon House Holy Communion (Tim)

1:30-3:15pmRipple Effect Course (Parish Centre) FINAL

6pm Pot Luck meal in Parish Centre for the

RIPPLE EFFECT group.
7pm-8.30pm Ripple Effect FINAL

6.30—8pm Runanga Healing Rooms, Community House,

29 Carroll St, Runanga

Thursday 7pm Vestry meeting in the Parish Centre.

27 November

Friday

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

Saturday 29 November

Sunday

30 November 2.30—4pm Runanga Healing Rooms, Community House,

29 Carroll St, Runanga

# Services 30 November WESTLAND ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

#### **GREYMOUTH:**

8am Traditional Holy Communion (no music)

10am All age service with Communion & Contemporary Music

2pm Holy Communion with music

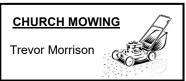
KUMARA: NO SERVICE OR MAKING SPACE THIS WEEKEND

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







Last Weekend: Attendance: 67 Offertory: \$3,742.00 (Budget weekly total needed: \$3,700)

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# Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara 23 November 2025

Growing Disciples of Jesus Blessed to be a Blessing

Theme: Following the Doctor's Orders

Sentence: God will bless you in everything you do, if you listen

and obey, and don't just hear and forget.

Readings: James 1:22-25 (p.1575); John 3:3-8 (p.1365)

Prayer for the Day: Loving God, over the last many weeks we have assessed our spiritual health; we have been reminded of the things that you, our "doctor", have provided so we can become increasingly more like Jesus. May we now have the courage "to do what the doctor orders" so the Holy Spirit can do His transformative work in us. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preacher: Marge Tefft

Theme for next weekend: The Second Coming of Jesus

Readings for next weekend: Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Preacher for next weekend: Robin Kingston

# CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL—5 DEC

We have booked a stall in the Town Centre to give away Christmas baking to those who come for the event and be available to pray with anyone who wants it. Robin and Marge will organise it this year with coaching from Samara.

#### **HELP NEEDED**

- BAKING— we need volunteers to bake 1 or 2 batches of Christmas treats to give away on Friday 5 Dec. The food can be delivered to the Parish Centre on THURSDAY 4 December (9am—5pm) or the morning of FRIDAY 5 December.
- 2. **SERVERS** we need volunteers at our stall in the Town Square on

FRIDAY to give the treats away. There will be three shifts of 2-3 people per shift. The shifts will be:

4pm to 5.30pm; 5.30pm to 7pm; and 7pm to 8.30pm.

Please fill in the relevant sheet in the foyer if you can help, either with baking or serving.

# COMBINED CHURCHES COMMUNITY CAROLS IN REGENT THEATRE WEDNESDAY 3 DEC AT 7PM

Just a week and a half away!!

Please plan to come and, if possible, invite a friend to join you. This is a great way to remind people of what Christmas is really all about.



Writes rejoice, and weep with those who weep (Romans 12:15).

Our sincere sympathies to Robyn White and her whanau as they grieve the death of their beloved aunt, Thelma Eggling, who died in Nelson on Thursday night. Aunty Thel was a second mum to Robyn and her siblings. She lived in Frickleton Street for many years before retiring to Nelson. She was very involved in St. Patrick's Church and the Catholic Schools of Greymouth.

Our deepest condolences also to Bronwyn Walters whose mother, Jean Mason (96 years old), died at home in Auckland surrounded by family on Friday morning. There will be a small remembrance service of Jean for Bronwyn and any friends of Bronwyn who may wish to come in support at 11am this Thursday in the church chapel.

Please hold Robyn, Bronwyn and their respective families in your prayers at this time. May Thelma and Jean rest in peace.

With love and blessings,

Marge

## **HOW'S IT GOING?**

Jesus said, "I have told you these things so you may have peace in me. In this world you will have suffering, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

The Bravest Thing by John Blase

maybe the bravest thing is opening your eyes in the morning and placing your two feet on the cold floor and rising up against the gravity of the night, maybe that's the brave thing from which all other bravery flows, the brave to seek ye first. maybe that's the single thing God requires of you, the spiritual discipline that takes all your will to muster. Swallow down the fear, my child, and face the dawning day for what the surface of the world needs most of all is bravery skipping and you, yes you are the stone.

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#### **VESTRY MEETING THIS THURSDAY**

- This year the diocese has asked us to prepare a budget for the next THREE years! We need to send our approved budgets to Nelson by the middle of next month.
- Report from Diocesan Property expert on our two houses, 186 Main South Rd and the Parish Centre.
- 3. Development of the Home Groups for next year.

#### **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 – Phone: **027 207 3431** Email: <u>mj.sp.mcauliffe@outlook.com</u>

## **WORD FOR TODAY & DAILY BREAD**

Copies of these three monthly devotional booklets are available in the foyer. A gold coin donation towards the cost of each can be put in the offertory basket.

#### **FAREWELL**

With sadness we farewell Yunxi (Si) today as he leaves at the end of the week to work next year in the hospital in Whakatane. We will be praying for him at the 10am service.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

3 Dec — Regent Community Carols

5 Dec — Christmas Carnival in CBD

#### **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.