

Monday
3 Dec *Westland Anniversary Day* *Parish Office closed*

Tuesday
4 Dec *Robin in Greymouth*
9.15am Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St
10am Dixon House Devotions (Carol Reedy)
11.45pm Tuesday Friends lunch at the Bonzai
1.30pm Ladies Guild Christmas meeting at Marjorie's
3-4.15pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
4.15-5.15pm Crossroads Dance in CHURCH
7pm Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd
6.30pm Marjorie's Home Group POT LUCK at 9 Heaphy St

Wednesday
5 Dec *Robin in Greymouth*
10am Wednesday Women in Parish Centre
10-11.30am Parish Health Advisor in Quiet Room
12 noon Dixon House Trust Board lunch meeting
3-5.30pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
7pm COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE AT THE REGENT THEATRE

Thursday
6 Dec *Robin in Greymouth*
3-6.30pm Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall
5.30pm Music Practice in church

Friday
7 Dec *Robin in Greymouth*
10-11.30am Kids n Coffee in TRINITY HALL
5.30pm Menz at Monteiths (and ladies)
7pm The Shed Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd

Saturday
8 Dec *Robin in Westport*

Sunday
9 Dec *Robin in Greymouth*
10am CONFIRMATION SERVICE WITH BISHOP RICHARD
12.30pm 150 + 1 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER
(Dinner attendance by pre-purchased ticket only)

Services Next Weekend: 8 & 9 December 2018

SATURDAY:

6pm **NO SERVICE**

SUNDAY :

8am **NO SERVICE**

9.55am **OASIS in Trinity Hall (on the Stage)**

10am **CONFIRMATION SERVICE WITH BISHOP RICHARD**

2pm **NO SERVICE**

6.30pm **The Way Youth Service at The Shed, 186 Main South Rd**

KUMARA NO SERVICE



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
1 & 2 December 2018
Blessed to be a Blessing
Growing Disciples of Jesus

Theme for this weekend: Advent 1—HOPE

Major Truths from Minor Prophets -

Zechariah: How to Accomplish what God Calls Us to Do

Readings for this weekend:

Zechariah 4:6-10 (p.1203); Mark 11:23-24 (p.1294)

Prayer for the Day: God of hope, when Christ your Son appears may He not find us asleep or idle, but active in His service and ready as we work not in our own strength, but in His grace and by His Spirit. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Confirmation & Thanksgiving (+Richard)

Readings for next weekend: TBA

2019 PARISH PRAYER CALENDAR

The Parish Prayer Calendar will be printed in 2 weeks! A draft copy can be viewed in the foyer. If you don't like your photo you can email your favourite one to David Hastings at hast1066@xtra.co.nz Or phone 021 267 4619 and ask him to take your photo next week after church. You can still put your name on the list and be included. Don't miss out!

STREET RACING REWARDS

The team of people who helped at the Greymouth Motorbike Street Races at Labour Weekend earned \$1,520 which goes towards support for the Johnson family in Taiwan next year. It was a day of hard work, but well worth it. Well done and thank you team!

JOHNSON'S GOOD NEWS

Simon and Helen are praising God for his gracious provision. They have miraculously received all the funds they need and have been fully approved by OMF to return to Taiwan next year. They fly out on 3rd January. You can read their full story on the missions board in the foyer. Please pray for them as they pack up and make the transition.


COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

This Wednesday 5 December 7pm

In the Regent Theatre

This is our annual Community Carol Service in the Regent Theatre, hosted by the combined churches of Greymouth. This is a great opportunity to bring along family, friends and neighbours for a fun, entertainment and a thought provoking reminder of the meaning of Christmas.

FLOWERS




Paula & Liz

CHURCH CLEANING



Tony & Margaret Woollett

CHURCH MOWING



Russell Nimmo

Last Week: Attendance: 129 Offertory: \$ 4,239 (Total needed: \$3,200)
Total Earthquake funds donated up to end of October 2018: \$214,307
Earthquake donations received in October 2018: \$3,308
Note: Earthquake Funds received in November will be reported by mid December



Marge Writes

You may have seen in the paper that the police have apprehended a suspect in the recent spate of burglaries around town including ours of a couple of weeks ago. Depending on how things proceed we may be asked to submit a victim impact statement. If so, I pray that we can be both truthful and compassionate in our statement. I will make the parish aware of anything that I prepare on behalf of the parish.

I am excited about next weekend as we gather for one combined service on Sunday at 10AM to celebrate with Abby Dodd as she confirms her baptismal vows before the Lord in the presence of our Bishop. The service will also give thanks for the 150 + 1 years of our parish, the generosity of the local iwi who gifted the land for the first Holy Trinity Church, the successful completion of the earthquake strengthening, and for the 12 years of Bishop Richard Ellena as our bishop.

We will also be blessed by the presence of Bishop Richard Wallace (Pihopa Te Waipounamu) and Mere with whom we have a long-standing and warm relationship. It will be special to have both Bishops co-celebrate at the Eucharist. A celebratory lunch will follow at 12:30pm for those with pre-purchased tickets.

On Wednesday we received notification that we were given a grant from Lottery Facilities towards the earthquake strengthening for up to \$100,000. The grant can only be applied to the work done on the hall, lounge, kitchen and

veranda which means that we will be able to make use of about \$70,000 of the grant. This will cut our debt by about half (although we await one last invoice from our engineer). Please join me in giving thanks to the Lord for this wonderful provision.

Ven David Hollingsworth has been appointed Archbishop's Commissary until our new bishop is installed. He will be able to do all the work of the bishop except for ordination and confirmation. David will be supported by Archbishop Philip Richardson. Archbishop Philip will also chair our Electoral College.

And, finally, this weekend we begin our annual pilgrimage to the manger as we enter the Advent season. Advent is the season of expectant waiting, hopeful anticipation, and joyful preparation for the coming of Jesus. We look back in this season to Jesus' first coming, but also forward to His second coming. This first week we give thanks for the hope that is ours because God keeps His promises. Our hope is a sure and certain hope, not wishful thinking, because God is faithful to every promise He makes. With hope, *Marge*

THE SHED 20 YEARS CELEBRATION

The Shed is celebrating 20 years of fruitful ministry and recognising the contribution of so many over so many years on the weekend the 14-16th of Dec. On Friday the 14th there is a celebratory Ball, a dinner on Sat night and a service Sunday afternoon. You are all cordially invited to the dinner on Sat the 15th, cost \$35/person. Below is an information page including a registration and payments page form for the various events. <http://www.cranglican.org.nz/20yrs.htm>

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LADIES GUILD

Our last meeting for the year is our Christmas meeting this **Tue 4th December. We meet at Marjorie's home at 1.30pm** for a Christmas message, communion and afternoon tea. Bring along a small party plate of food. All past and present members welcome.

TUESDAY FRIENDS

Tuesday Friends will meet for lunch **at the Bonzai at 11.45am this Tuesday 4th Dec.**

THANK YOU

Barry and Kerri Adern would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all who helped them move house last weekend. They were blown away by the kindness. Thank you.

GIFT FOR BISHOP RICHARD

This is the last week to contribute to the farewell gift to +Richard which we will present to him at the lunch next Sunday.

THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

As part of getting our Church out into the community it has been proposed that we have a stall at the **Merry Little Christmas Market on the 16th of December.** We invite the creative members of our congregation to donate suitable items (eg. handmade gifts or decorations, cards, artwork, crafts etc). Alternatively an item for a food hamper to be given away as a spot prize would be great. Let's spread a little joy in the true meaning of Christmas. **For details please contact Lisa Houghton on 762 5366.**

PRAYER FOR MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday 8 December 3pm in St Patrick's Church. Everyone who is concerned about Life, Faith and Family is invited to the Rosary Crusade to pray in unison for our country.

MENZ AT MONTEITHS (& LADIES)

This monthly fellowship gathering is on at Monteiths **this Fri at 5.30pm.** Ladies welcome - same place & time, different table!

CONGRATULATIONS

A number of our teenagers received awards at the Greymouth HS senior prize giving on Thursday—Abby Dodd, Tristan Howard, Melanie Lister, and Susan Du Preez all received Academic Effort with Distinction in their respective years. This prize requires students to have done well in at least 5

subjects. Hayden Cleghorn received the Meihana Award for Top Academic Mawhera Services Academy. Well done everyone! We are very proud of you.

PARISH HEALTH ADVISOR

Marjorie will hold her monthly clinic this **Wed 5 December 10-11.30am in Quiet Room.**

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our sincere condolences to Kevin & Kaye Brown on the death of Kevin's brother, John. John was a kind man even in the mists of dementia. Please pray for the Brown family.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 5 December at 7pm
Regent Theatre Community Carols

Sunday 9 December at 10am
Confirmation Service
with Bishop Richard Ellena

Sunday 9 December at 12.30pm
150 + 1 years Celebration Dinner
Entry by pre-purchased ticket

Friday 14 December at 7.30pm
Shed Ball in the Trinity Centre

Saturday 15 December
Shed 20 year anniversary dinner
Entry by pre-purchased ticket

Sunday 16 December at 10am
Kumara Five Lessons and Carols

Sunday 16 December at 10am
Nativity Play produced by the children and teachers of Oasis at HTC Greymouth

Sunday 16 December at 4pm
Shed Anniversary Celebration Church Service at Holy Trinity Church

Sunday 16 December at 7pm
Nine Lessons and Carols at HTC

1pm Monday 17 - 1pm Saturday 22 Dec
Christmas Tree Festival in Trinity Hall

Monday 24 December at 7pm
Family Christmas Service (No communion) with Crossroads dancers at HTC

Monday 24 December at 11pm
Candlelight communion service at HTC

Tuesday 25 December at 8am
Traditional Holy Communion & carols at HTC

Prayer Requests to: Ngairé Fisher 768 6505