

Monday 10 Dec	1.30pm	<i>Clergy day off</i> OSL in Parish Centre	<i>Parish Office closed</i>
Tuesday 11 Dec	9.15am 10am 3-4.15pm 4.15-5.15pm 7pm 7pm	<i>Robin in Greymouth</i> Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St Dixon House Devotions (Kaye Brown) Crossroads Dance in Trinity Hall Crossroads Dance in CHURCH Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd <b>Marge's Young Adults Group at 35 Karoro Pl</b>	
Wednesday 12 Dec	10am 11am 6.30pm	<i>Robin in Greymouth</i> <b>Dixon House Communion Service (Marge)</b> <b>Granger House Communion Service (Marge)</b> <b>Lavers and Hawes Home Groups BBQ at 185 Deep Creek Rd</b>	
Thursday 13 Dec	5.30pm	<i>Robin in Greymouth</i> Music Practice in church	
Friday 14 Dec	7.30pm	<i>Robin in Greymouth</i> <b>The Shed Ball in Trinity Centre</b>	
Saturday 15 Dec		<i>Robin in Greymouth</i> <b>The Shed 20th Anniversary Dinner in Trinity Centre</b> (by pre-purchased ticket only)	
Sunday 16 Dec	4pm 7pm	<i>Robin in Westport</i> <b>Merry Little Christmas Market Community Event</b> <b>The Shed 20 Years Celebration Service at Holy Trinity</b> <b>Nine Lessons and Carols Service at Holy Trinity</b>	

**Services Next Weekend: 15 & 16 December 2018**

**SATURDAY:**

6pm **Communion** (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

**SUNDAY :**

8am **Holy Communion** (Quiet & reflective, no music. Finishes by 8.50am)

10am **Family Communion** (Songs and hymns)

2pm **No Service**

4pm **The Shed 20 Years Anniversary Celebration Service at Holy Trinity**

7pm **Nine Lessons and Carols Service at Holy Trinity**

**KUMARA 10am Morning Worship**



## Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara

### 8 & 9 December 2018

***Blessed to be a Blessing  
Growing Disciples of Jesus***

**Theme for this weekend: Grace (Bishop Richard)**

**Readings for this weekend: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14; John 1:1-18**

**Prayer for the Day: Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love and grace on every continent and island. Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: Major Truths from Minor Prophets—

Malachi: Proving God's Faithfulness

Readings for next weekend: Malachi 3:6-12; Luke 21:1-4

**A VERY SPECIAL WEEKEND**

This weekend has been long in the planning as we celebrate the 150th + 1 years of Holy Trinity Church, Greymouth. It was on July 28, 1867 that the first Holy Trinity Church in Albert Street was dedicated. We chose not to celebrate this milestone in 2017, but to wait until after the earthquake strengthening of the church had been completed. Thus the 150th + 1 title for this weekend's commemoration.

We begin our celebrations by gathering as one congregation to support and encourage Abby Dodd as she is confirmed by Bishop Richard. I am so impressed by the way our teenagers stand up for their faith in the midst of teasing and ridicule. May we all commit to pray for them more regularly.

The main focus of our service will be Abby's

confirmation, but it is also a service of thanksgiving for the gift of land by Ngāti Waewae in 1867 for the first Holy Trinity Church, for the way the Lord has sustained us for 151 years, for the successful completion of the earthquake strengthening, and for the leadership and friendship of Bishop Richard and Hilary as they prepare to retire. At the dinner this afternoon we will more formally acknowledge these and other blessings.

Another joy of this weekend is that we have Bishop Richard Wallace (Pihopa Rihari) and his wife Canon Mere joining us. Bishop Richard and Pihopa Rihari will be co-celebrating communion this morning.

**HEALING SERVICE TONIGHT AT 6:30PM**

Jeff Nichols will be ministering at **New Life Church**, 8 Leonard St. All are welcome.

**FLOWERS**



Carol

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Tony & Margaret  
Woollett



**CHURCH MOWING**

Dave  
Lankshear



Last Week: Attendance: 104    Offertory: \$ 3,361    (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

What a delight to welcome two bishops to our parish today with whom we have special relationships. I became friends with Bishop Richard

Ellena and Hilary when Richard was vicar of Blenheim and I was doing three weeks of a ten week internship there in 2004. Richard preached at my ordination as deacon in 2006 and two years later officiated at Robin's and my wedding. The parish has always enjoyed the visits of Bp Richard and Hilary and we are delighted to have them with us on this very special weekend and wish them every blessing in their retirement.

I have wonderful memories of our two parish visits to the Te Tauraka Waka a Maui Marae at Bruce Bay and the warm hospitality of Richard and Mere Wallace and their family. We were delighted when Richard was made Pihopa (bishop) of Te Waipounamu and so thrilled they can be with us on this very special weekend as we celebrate, among many things, the relationship between our parish and the Maori church.

May this day be filled with thanksgiving.  
With love and blessings, *Marge*

### PASTORAL CARE PRAYER CALENDAR

We are progressing well with over 120 entries to date. It will be printed after next Sunday's service so get your name down on the forms in the foyer. A copy of the current draft with up to date entries up to last Wednesday can be viewed on the table in the foyer.

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### HOW'S IT GOING

Zerubbabel knew what it was like to face a mountain that was too big to manage in his own strength. He was a capable leader who had lead about 50,000 Jews back from exile to Jerusalem when King Cyrus of Persia issued the order that any Jews who wished to return could in order to rebuild the Temple and the city. The Temple had been reduced to rubble by king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon 70 years earlier. Those that returned with Zerubbabel the rebuilding of the Temple in earnest and the foundation was laid, but soon there was opposition from others living in the region. It was a huge task and the people grew weary and lost heart. For 20 years, the mountain of rubble sat next to the unfinished Temple.

Do you ever lose heart at projects God's called you to do or seeing your way through the challenges you face? God understands our limits, but he does not abandon us. Instead, he says to us what he said to Zerubbabel, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit....What are you o great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain; and he shall bring out the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'"

Someone defined grace as the freely granted favour of God that disposes Him to do for us that which we could never do for ourselves.

So often we limited God's grace to our salvation because we know we could never save ourselves. But the Lord wants us to receive grace upon grace for every area of our lives. So what is your mountain? Be encouraged to speak "grace" to it.

### 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. A box is available in the foyer for putting items in or Lisa is happy to pick items up from anyone at their home. **Contact Lisa Houghton on 762 5366.**

### 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>

### CONVERGENCE CAMP FEB 15-17 2019

This is essentially a Diocesan Family camp put on by the Nelson deanery. Feedback from the past couple of years is really positive. It is held at Bethany Park in Kaiteriteri. The speaker for 2019 is Spanky Moore from CHCH who is excellent. Brochures on the table in the foyer.

### RIDE WANTED

Is anyone travelling to Nelson on Tuesday and could give someone a ride? If you can help please ring Tania on 768 9388. She is happy to help with petrol costs.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Greville Wood on being one of our region's 10 Kiwi Bank Local Hero 2019 Medallists for his volunteer work in the community. The ceremony took place at Shantytown on Friday evening and all recipients will be in the running for the 2019 New Zealander of the Year.

Dave Shaw (formerly of this parish and now living in Blenheim) was also named as a Kiwi

Bank Local Hero for the Blenheim region for his tireless sausage sizzle work to raise money for various charities.

### HUGE THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Dave Lankshear who has worked tirelessly these last couple of weeks tidying gardens, painting steps, polishing brass, and fixing the odd thing in preparation for our big celebration this weekend. We are also grateful to Dave and Roy Munn for building a permanent box for the Christmas tree. Thank you also to Margaret Baillie for providing the anniversary cake and making the table decorations for our celebratory dinner, to David Stapleton for liaising with descendents of Chief Wereta Tainui, and to Nicky Hawes for all of the admin work associated with the tickets. Finally, thank you to everyone who showed up at 8am this morning to help set up the hall.

### COMING EVENTS

**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:** Ngaire Fisher 768 6505