

Monday 17 Dec	1.30pm	<i>Clergy day off</i> OSL in Parish Centre	<i>Parish Office closed</i>
Tuesday 18 Dec	9.15am 10am 3.30pm 7pm	<i>Robin in Greymouth</i> Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St Dixon House Devotions (Pat Cogger) Crossroads Dance in <u>CHURCH</u> Samara's Home Group at 97 Marsden Rd	
Wednesday 19 Dec		<i>Robin in Greymouth</i>	
Thursday 20 Dec	5.30pm	<i>Robin in Greymouth</i> Music Practice in church	
Friday 21 Dec		<i>Robin in Westport</i>	
Saturday 22 Dec		<i>Robin in Westport</i>	
Sunday 23 Dec		<i>Robin in Westport</i>	

**Services Next Weekend: 22 & 23 December 2018**

**SATURDAY:**

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

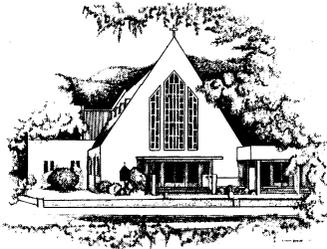
**SUNDAY :**

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

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

2pm **Afternoon Worship**

**KUMARA 10am Morning Worship**





## Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara 15 & 16 December 2018

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

**Theme for this weekend:** Major Truths from Minor Prophets -  
Malachi: Proving God's Faithfulness

**Readings for this weekend:** Malachi 3:6-12 (p.1216); Luke 21:1-4 (p.1352)

**Prayer for the Day: Living Lord, we praise and thank You that You do not change, that You are faithful, and that You always keep Your promises. Forgive us when we fail to trust You in every area of our lives and, out of fear or selfishness, disobey Your word. Help us, Lord, to truly trust Your word and Your love and so walk in obedience. Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: Advent 4—Preparations for the King

Readings for next weekend: 2 Peter 3:8-14, 17-18; Matthew 25:1-13

**SUNDAY NIGHT**  
**At 7pm, this Sunday 16 December**  
**we will celebrate the**  
**Nine Lessons and Carols service**  
**In Holy Trinity Greymouth**

We hope many parishioners and friends will support this traditional event.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Helen & Les Rzepecky and team from the Baptist Church (and any others who wish to volunteer to help) are holding the annual Christmas lunch at **12 Noon on Christmas Day** as usual at the Baptist Church 78 High Street. All are warmly invited to attend. To register for the meal, or to offer to help, please contact Les or Helen on 768 5629.

**OASIS NATIVITY PLAY**

The Oasis team have been busy preparing and practising this year's Nativity play. They will present it in this Sunday's 10am service. The Oasis Christmas party will be in the Hall after the play. Special thanks to Lisa Houghton for directing this year's production.

**DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

Our sincere condolences to the Gopalla family (10am service) on the death of Randy's dad, Gomy, on Thursday. Randy has gone back to Mauritius for the funeral. Please hold Randy, Patricia, Kate and the whole family in your prayers at this time.

**CONGRATULATION S**

Congratulations to Eric and Diana Fensom who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this Friday December 21st. Well done, you two!

Last Week: Attendance: 148 Offertory: \$ 3,593 (Total needed: \$3,200)  
Total Earthquake funds donated up to end of November 2018: \$217,532  
Earthquake donations received in November 2018: \$3,225  
Note: Earthquake Funds received in December will be reported by mid January

**FLOWERS**



Jane

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Robyn & Samantha



**CHURCH MOWING**

Trevor Morrison





## Marge Writes

What an amazing service and celebration we had last Sunday. We were all deeply touched by Abby's testimony, Bishop Richard's final words to us, the warmth of friendship between this parish and the Maori church, and the memories of how God has blessed and used this parish for His glory over the last 151 years. I know that the Lord is with us all the time, but from time to time He graciously manifests His presence with us and last Sunday His presence was palpable. My thanks again to everyone who worked so hard before, during and after our service and celebration.

We were also delighted that Tony, the CYB foreman on our earthquake strengthening project, and his wife, Jo, were able to be with us for the celebratory lunch and as a parish we were able to thank CYB for their good work.

2018 has been a particularly challenging year both in our personal lives with my mom's illness and subsequent death and in our parish lives with the earthquake strengthening and Robin's cover of the Buller parish and other diocesan tasks, the 150+1 celebration, and my injured right shoulder. As a result, we realised that it would not be possible for us to send out personal Christmas cards to all of you this year. We hope you will understand and please accept this note as an expression of our very deep affection for you all and appreciation for all that you do to support the Lord's work here with your presence, gifts,

time, and talents. I meant it at last weekend's lunch when I said it is an honour to serve as your vicar. Thank you, too, for the many ways you have helped and supported us this year with our extra work loads and grief.

I cannot think of a better prayer for you all for 2019 than that of the Apostle Paul to the church in Ephesus (Ephesians 1:17-23) and especially those words "that you may know him (Jesus) better and better."

With love and Christmas blessings,

*Marge and Robin*

### COMING EVENTS

**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

**Tuesday 25 December at 12 noon**

Community Christmas Lunch at the Baptist Church

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### BOOK OF PARISH MEMORIES FOR SALE

Robin's book covering highlights of the parish history from the 1990's to 2018 is available for purchase in the foyer after the service, or from the Parish Office. The cost is \$20.

The book covers at least 40 different topics, has over 200 coloured photographs, and is a good summary of all that God has been doing in and through the parish over the last 30 years.

**Have you thought about giving yourself a Christmas treat and purchasing a copy, or giving it to someone as a gift?**

### 2019 PARISH PRAYER CALENDAR

The Parish calendar is almost ready to go to print. The latest draft with 159 names is available for checking in the foyer. If you want a better photo included send one to David at [hast1066@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hast1066@xtra.co.nz) before Monday evening. Finished calendars should be available at the parish office from Wednesday. Cost: \$5 each.

### TEAR FUND CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year our parish is offering an opportunity to support the Tear Fund Christmas appeal. The enclosed leaflet "Room at the Inn" contains details on giving to support the Syrian refugee crisis.

**Donations can be posted directly to Tear Fund in the Free Post envelope Please complete the form and include in the envelope if you wish to receive a receipt from TEAR Fund for tax rebate purposes.**

### HELPERS WANTED FOR 2019

Before we put together the 2019 rosters for cleaning the church and mowing the church lawns, we would like to offer everyone an opportunity to join these essential behind-the-scenes ministry teams in our parish. If you are interested in being on the roster for either of these jobs on about a once every 3 months basis, please give your name to Robin, Marge or Nicky. Thank you to those who have recently responded.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 25 December to Wednesday 2

January. The office will be open as usual on Thursday 3 & Friday 4 January, but closed from 7-11 January. Marge and Robin will be around, but not necessarily keeping the normal office hours going. Please leave messages under the front door or on voice mail during this time. The office will re-open as usual for 2019 on Tuesday 15 January.

### 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.

### LADIES RETREAT 8-10 MARCH 2019

A women's weekend retreat in Methven is coming up on 8-10 March 2019. This is an opportunity for ladies to come away and be refreshed and renewed in their walk with God, to enjoy great fellowship and a bit of pampering. The theme for the weekend is "The Spirit-Filled Life." Beth Allison from Melbourne is the guest speaker. CWCI {Christian Women Communicating International} are hosting the event. Registration booklets are available in the foyer with all the details, please help yourself and take one for a friend.

### THE WITNESS

The summer edition of this Diocesan magazine is available in the foyer. Please help yourself.

### WELL DONE!

Many congratulations to further high school students linked with our parish at the recent John Paul II school wide and Greymouth High junior prize givings. Well done to Byron Howard from Greymouth High for receiving Year 10 Academic Effort with Distinction. From J P II congratulations to Cameron Dodds for Year 11 Special Character Award and the Father Bill Grounds Cup for courtesy and consideration, to Renae Smith for achieving second overall in Year 9 (first in computing, social studies second in English), and to Jacob Smith for being First in Year 11 English and RE.

**Prayer Requests to:** Ngaire Fisher 768 6505