

Tuesday 25 Dec Christmas Day

8am at Holy Trinity, Greymouth. Holy Communion with carols.

12 noon Community Christmas Dinner at the Baptist Church on High St

Services Next Weekend 29 & 30 December 2018

SATURDAY : 6pm Communion (Prayer Book, hymns)

SUNDAY :

8am Holy Communion (Based on 1662 service. quiet & reflective, no music)

10am Family Communion, (Contemporary songs, hymns)

2pm Holy Communion

KUMARA 10am Morning Worship

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

We need about 6 more folk willing to clean the church about 5 times a year. Chat to Marge, Robin or Nicky.

The clergy and vestry thank all those who have been involved in the running of the parish this year, especially in the following ministries:

cleaners, sacristan, lay preachers, worship leaders, chalice or paten bearers, musicians, singers, administrator, lawn mowers, home group and fellowship group leaders, fund raisers, prayer team members, those who pray for healing, caterers, hosts for refreshments for Blood Donors, sides people for services and funerals, greeters, finance team, Kids 'n Coffee Team, Crossroads Dance Group teachers and assistants, Oasis teachers, Soul Food leaders, The Shed leaders, maintenance workers, regular worshippers, regular prayer supporters, Bible in Schools teachers, pastoral care visitors, parish health adviser, hospital visitors, grief support, sound desk operators, data projectionists, people who work totally behind the scenes to help others, benefactors, flower arrangers, lawn mowers and all the many individual ministries that impact the community as a whole.

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MOWING



Trevor Morrison

CLEANING



Stephen & Noeline Brittenden

FLOWERS



Helen Williams

CRÈCHE



Parents



Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara

24 / 25 December 2018

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

Theme for Christmas Eve 11pm and Christmas Day 8am:

One Faithful Day at a Time

Readings for 11pm and 8am: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (p. 1581); Luke 2:1-20 (p. 1310)

Prayer for the Day: Almighty God, You gave Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and be born of the Virgin Mary; grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: New Beginnings

Readings for next weekend: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Luke 5:36-38

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FEAST

The annual Christmas Day meal will be held at the Greymouth Baptist Church Complex from 12noon to 2pm. No charge - transport available. If you are looking for company and fun on Christmas Day this is for you. **Do turn up, even if you haven't booked.** This free meal is supported by the churches and community of Greymouth. Donations are welcome.

10am - 5pm during this period and clergy are available by phone. If you ring the office number and get an answer machine, it would probably be a good idea to ring Marge or Robin on their cell phones.

Nicky, our administrator, is away on leave until Monday 15th January 2018.

ALMOST A CHRISTMAS BABY

Congratulations to the Truman family on the birth of Juliette Grace to Nick and Sarah Truman in Invercargill last week. Mother and baby are doing well. It will be a full house at the Truman Bach this Christmas!!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed until 10am on Tuesday, January 15th. The church will be open each day from about

***Marge, Robin & Vestry wish you
a very happy and blessed Christmas
and a New Year of opportunities
and growth in faith.***



Summary of 2018

- Maureen Truman was awarded an MNZM (Member of the NZ Order of Merit) in the New Year Honours for her many years of influential and special teaching achievements and ministry.
- Greville Wood received both a Civic Award and a Kiwi Bank Local Hero award in recognition of his community work.
- February was a time when all the Home Groups met with Marge to discuss the proposed General Synod motion concerning same gender blessings. This involved every group meeting twice, and opportunity given for others to participate as well.
- During the discussion period there were 16 early morning prayer and fasting times in the chapel.
- In March our diocese decided to support the concept of remaining part of the NZ Anglican Church, but not agreeing to perform same gender blessings ourselves. This was confirmed again in the Diocesan Synod in August.
- Marge visited her Mom in Texas in January, but returned in April/May in order to help her move into assisted living. Her mother died at the end of August and Marge returned to take the funeral. Her last visit was in November in order to help with the finalising the estate. This whole time was an emotionally challenging time.
- We experimented with painting a white strip along the front of the veranda steps, which made a big difference for those with impaired vision. By the end of the year all the steps had the edges painted.
- In January Michael & Jackie Davey moved to Ashburton for a teaching position. Jill Cogger moved to Rakaia for a similar reason in September.
- Grants received towards the salary and travel of our Youth Worker, Nicki Mora, came from the following: Lottery Community \$10,000; West Coast Community Trust \$5,100; Green Gables Trust \$15,000; Youthtown \$4,750; COGS \$4,000; Diocesan Regional Youth Funding \$6,000; Anglican Care Charitable Trust \$5,000; from individuals and local churches \$2,100.
- Holy Trinity Church hosted the World Day of Prayer service in March.
- Kumara congregation decided to try a monthly service only; but after a couple of months decided that a service twice a month was a better arrangement.
- Soulfood (Toolbox in 2017) for teenagers became a serious study group for up to six from our parish each Thursday during term time. They came for a meal at the home of Marge and Robin, and had the equivalent of a Youth Bethel Course covering much of the Old Testament.
- Our April mini-fair raised \$500 for the Ladies Guild for their church and community projects, and \$650 towards the Johnson Family preparing to return to Taiwan.
- The Annual General Meeting, pleasantly surprised at the value of the tenders, decided to proceed with strengthening the church and hall to 67%. They also agreed to totally repaint the whole of the inside of the church and lay new carpet tiles throughout.
- In mid May vestry made the decision to award the contract to CYB with work starting in June 2018, which really put the pressure on the parish to prepare for

the changes involved.

- We moved all the pews into the hall and had church there from the end of June through to the end of October. It was a beautiful experience that drew the 10am service closer together.
- Robin was asked to look after the Buller Parish on a half time basis from 3rd July until 29th January 2019. This entailed Robin being in Westport most Fridays through Sundays for half the year.
- When the new carpet was laid in the church, we were thrilled to have received specific donations from individual parishioners of \$21,000 and \$2,000 from the Ladies Guild.
- To assist with the costs of the earthquake strengthening, we received \$10,000 grant from the Lion Foundation, \$10,000 from the Nelson Anglican Diocese and effectively about \$75,000 from Lottery Facilities for strengthening non-church parts of the building.
- The whole project was complete in time for the Fair, which raised about \$7,500. It was great to be in the hall after four months of using it only for church services.
- As part of our tithe of the earthquake strengthening donations, we gave \$7,500 to All Saints Church in Hokitika towards their expensive seismic strengthening work.
- St Andrews Church in Blaketown was sold to another private owner who wanted to convert it into a private dwelling. This meant that we had to dispose of all the pews and other chattels. Marge managed to track down a number of descendants whose ancestors had initially donated furnishings and, where items were wanted, passed them on to them. In addition three pews were given to the marae at Bruce Bay, four chairs to the Arahura Church and other items to parishioners who could make use of them. We held a de-consecration service of the

former church on 10 June.

- We held three small Alpha Courses in two homes. The smaller settings were most successful.
- We bought a new digital piano to replace the church piano which no longer stayed in tune for long. The new piano was a gift from the Choir Trust.
- Marge preached a great series on the 12 books of the Minor Prophets from the Old Testament.
- We had visits from both the Johnson Family and the family in Central Asia whom we support.
- The church was broken into during the early hours of 19 November. They searched the place thoroughly, and stole a small amount of money and a laptop computer.
- On 9th December we had the confirmation service for Abby Dodd, a wonderful celebration dinner to mark 150 + 1 years since the 1st Anglican church in Greymouth, the completion of the earthquake strengthening, a farewell to Bishop Richard, and thanks to representatives of the Maori Iwi who gave the land for the first church. Pihopa Richard Wallace assisted Bp Richard in the confirmation and communion.
- Robin produced a book "Memories of the Greymouth & Kumara Anglican Parish, 1990's to 2018."
- The Johnson Support Team held two American Hot Dog stalls and helped again at the Labour Weekend Street Racing.
- David Hastings produced in December a Parish Prayer Calendar with photos of almost all parishioners and birthdays.
- We grieved over the deaths of Ivy Riley, Margaret Jamieson (in Christchurch), Ann Teasdale, Joan O'Connell, Jim Lindbom, Betty Sinclair (in Christchurch), and Val Boote.