

Monday
25 Nov 1pm Clergy day off Parish Office closed
OSL in Parish Centre

Tuesday
26 Nov 10am Dixon House Devotions (Marge)
1pm!! Ladies Fellowship Group in Parish Centre (NOTE EARLY TIME)
3.30pm Crossroads Dance Group
7pm Hawes' Home Group at 118 Coulson Rd
7.30pm Marjorie's Home Group at 9 Heaphy St

Wednesday
27 Nov 12 noon BLOOD DONORS in Trinity Hall
2pm AAW AGM at S. Thomas' Runanga
NO!!! No Crossroads Dance Group
7pm Young Adults (35 Karoro Pl)
7.30pm Lavers' Home Group at 18c Serpentine Rd
7.30pm Robin's Home Group in Parish Centre

Thursday
28 Nov 7am-1pm BLOOD DONORS in Trinity Hall
9am Bible in Schools (Launchpad) at Paroa School
3.30pm Crossroads Dance Group
5.30pm Music Practice in Church

Friday
29 Nov 10am Kids 'n Coffee
7pm The SHED Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd

Sunday
1 Dec 6.30pm The Way Youth Service at The Shed 186 Main South Rd

Services Next Weekend: 30 November & 1 December 2019

SATURDAY:

6pm Communion (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

SUNDAY :

8am Holy Communion (Quiet & reflective, no music. Finishes by 8.50am)
9.55am NO Oasis (7-11yr olds) & Sunday School (4-7yr olds) in Trinity Hall
10am Family Communion (Songs and hymns)
2pm Holy Communion
6.30pm The Way Youth Service at The SHED (186 Main South Road)

KUMARA 10am Holy Communion, followed by Vestry

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE—WED 4 DEC, 7PM, REGENT THEATRE

This is a marvellous opportunity to invite family and friends to come and enjoy singing carols and hearing the Christmas story in fun ways.

Prayer Requests to Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

FLOWERS



Jane

CHURCH CLEANING

Tricia Hird



CHURCH MOWING

Dave Lankshear



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
23 & 24 November 2019**

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

Theme for this weekend: Step out of the Traffic (Samara Martin)

Readings for this weekend: Psalm 46 (p.727); Matthew 6:5-8 (p.1228)

Prayer for the Day: : Heavenly Father, we give you thanks that you are there for us whenever we come to you. Help us to take time to be with you, without distractions and not be in a hurry. Holy Spirit, calm our minds, so that we can hear your gentle whisper. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Theme for next weekend: Advent 1: Preparing the Way for Jesus

Readings for next weekend: Isaiah 40:3-5; Luke 1:67-80 & Matthew 3:1-6

FAMILY PRAYER CALENDAR

Last year Rev'd David Hastings developed a Prayer Calendar with the birthdays of many of the parishioners, and their photos.

Robin has decided to repeat the production for 2020. The first draft is now available for all parishioners to check it and pass on any comments to Robin.

He particularly suggests you check the following:

1. Is the correct date shown for your birthday?
2. If you didn't want your photo, has it been left out?
3. If you are happy with having your photo, is it acceptable, or would you prefer Robin to take another photo?

The intention is to have these calendars available before Christmas for just \$2 each.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This Tuesday, **26 November in the Parish Centre at 1pm** all ladies are invited to view the holiday classic *"It's a Wonderful Life"*.

This film stars Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed, and Lionel Barrymore. Directed by Frank Capra this film tells the story of George Bailey who is always helping others and suddenly, one Christmas Eve, finds himself in serious trouble through no fault of his own. As he sinks deeper and deeper into despair, he wishes he had never been born and is granted the unusual gift of seeing what the world would have been like if he had not been in it. This is a very uplifting film and one that is played year after year in the USA during the Christmas season.

There will be an intermission with treats and Christmas jokes and everything should be finished by 3:30pm. So come and enjoy.

Last week: Attendance: 125 Offeritory: \$ 3,471 (Total needed: \$3,580)
Total donations received for 186 Main South Road Project so far: \$11,078
Donations contributed to 186 Main South Rd Project in October: **\$2,780**
Donations received in November will be reported by mid-December



Marge Enclosed is
 a note from
 our Bishop
Writes Steve with
 respect to

the Royal Commission's
 inquiry into Abuse in Care.
 No doubt most of you
 have heard of this inquiry
 through the media.

It is not a pleasant topic particularly this
 close to Christmas, but it is important that
 the church not bury its head in the sand, but
 acknowledges anywhere where it failed
 those who were in their care and make
 restitution where possible.

Please read the note and if you were a
 victim of abuse as described within the
 parameters of the commission, I encourage
 you to make a submission. If you know
 anyone for whom this might apply, please
 pass this information on to them.

Bishop Steve has asked that we include this
 notice in our newsletters for the first three
 weekends of December. However, as so
 many will be away next weekend with it
 being Westland Anniversary Weekend, I will
 include it this weekend and then again on
 the 8th and 15th December.

On other matters, Vestry has contracted with
 local firms to deal with lichen and algae on
 the roof and walls of church/hall and to paint
 north and west fascia boards of the hall and
 the roof above the choir room, music room
 and church toilets.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

Parish Website: www.greymouthanglican.co.nz

Parish email: office@greymouthanglican.co.nz

Parish Postal Address : PO Box 27 Greymouth 7840 **Phone:** 03 768 7508

Vicar: Revd Marge Tefft, 201 Tainui St, Greymouth, **Ph:** 03 768 7508
mobile: 021 0233 2189, **email:** margettefft@xtra.co.nz

Asst Priest: Archdeacon Robin Kingston, 201 Tainui St, Greymouth, **Ph:** 03 768 7508
mobile: 021 0228 7926, **email:** robin@greymouthanglican.co.nz

Parish Administrator: Nicky Hawes (Tues-Fri: 9am to 1pm)

Parish Office, 201 Tainui St, Greymouth

Ph/Fax: 03 768 7508 **email:** office@greymouthanglican.co.nz

Vicar's Warden: Jacquie Jones 027 576 8495, **People's Warden:** Diana Fensom 768 4942

Parish Health Advisor: Marjorie Newcombe, Ph/Fax 03 768 7299

Kumara Contact: Nikki Davies 027 308 4584

HOW'S IT GOING?

How easily we can turn to moaning when life
 becomes something less than our ideal.

Last weekend we considered the importance
 of having hearts of gratitude regardless of
 circumstances. Our liturgy has that amazing
 phrase **"It is right indeed....at all times and
 in all places to give You thanks and praise
 through Christ Your only Son."**

But why is it important to maintain a heart of
 thankfulness?

Regularly offering thanks & praise to God—

- keeps our focus on God and reminds us that "every good and perfect gift comes from God" (James 1:17). This in turn helps us to remain humble as we realise once again our dependence on God.
- guards our hearts against covetousness, bitterness, and anger as we recognize we are blessed..
- helps us break free from selfishness because as we give thanks for what we have we often recognize that actually we have more than enough and can be generous towards others.
- invites God into our challenging circumstances (Psalm 22:3).
- actually stimulates the brain to release serotonin that lifts our moods

So, how's it going?

BLOOD DONOR HELPERS

Please check your times for helping the blood
 donors on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th
 as there will be no reminders this time.
 Enquiries to Margaret on Ph 768 5993

HEALING OF MEMORIES MINISTRY

We have a significant number of people who
 would like to receive this ministry. To add to
 the number of people who can minister in this
 way, and to increase their skills, Robin is
 planning on running a monthly seminar to
 help train folk to grow in confidence in this
 ministry.

**Starting in February 2020 Robin will run a
 two hour training session on the SECOND
 TUESDAY of each month.**

Anyone interested in growing or maturing in
 this ministry is welcome and encouraged to
 attend. If you are interested, please let Robin
 know.

BTC OFFERINGS FOR 2020

Some highlights of what is being offered for
 2020 are given below. Talk to Marge if
 interested.

- Biblical Greek on Monday nights. This can be done via Zoom from your home computer and engaging with the tutor and fellow students in a "live" setting.
- The Graduate Certificate and Diploma in Theology are excellent options for those who have a previous degree or equivalent in a different subject, and want to complete either four or eight courses with Bishopdale College. These can be completed either full-time or part-time (evening classes). Again this can be done via Zoom from home.
- Mercy, Justice & Social Transformation is a course being offered at BTC for the first time. This course explores issues of suffering, injustice, and need, and the Christian call to respond with mercy and justice, and to be partners in social transformation. This will be offered as an evening class in Semester 1.

BIBLE SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Robin now has packs of 12 traditional
 Christmas cards from the Bible Society. They

are available for purchase at \$8 per pack.
 Please see Robin, or come into the Parish
 Office if you wish to buy some.

INVITATION TO ALICE NOBLE'S PARTY

Friends are all invited to have afternoon tea
 with Alice to celebrate her 90th birthday. Do
 drop in and have a cuppa. Alice would love to
 see you and requests "no gifts please, she's
 lightening her load".

THIS Sunday 24th November

Any time from 3-5 pm
 Holy Trinity Church Hall

AAW

The Cobden Runanga AAW Annual Meeting
 will be held at **S. Thomas' Runanga on
 Wednesday 27 November 2019 at 2pm.** A
 service of the Word and communion in the
 church will be held before the meeting. Subs
 due \$20 + \$10 if you wish to get the Circle. A
 small plate please. New members welcome.
 Enquiries to Lesta Smithson Ph 762 7826.

LADIES GUILD

The AGM and Christmas meeting will be held
 at **Marjorie's at 1.30pm on Tues 3rd
 December.** Meet at Church at 1.15pm to pool
 cars. A small party plate please.

OASIS

No Oasis next Sunday because of the long
 holiday weekend. However, there will be fun
 jobs for any children who come to 10am
 service and a special children's talk.

NEW FAIR TOTAL

Some more donations have come in and
 our total for the annual Fair now stands at
\$8,078.45. This is one of our best results
 ever!

Thanks again to everyone who was
 involved in any way. And thanks to the Lord
 for His abundant blessings.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Wednesday 4 December 7pm

Community Carols in the Regent Theatre

Sunday 15 December

10am Greymouth Nativity Play

10am Kumara Five Lessons & Carols

7pm Greymouth Nine lessons and carols