

Monday 2 Dec 1pm *Westland Anniversary Day* OSL in Parish Centre *Parish Office closed*

Tuesday 3 Dec  
**10am** Dixon House Devotions (Carol)  
**10.30am** Tuesday Friends in Parish Centre  
**12 noon** Prayer Meeting in Parish Centre  
**NO!!** Pastoral Care meeting in Parish Centre  
**1.15pm** Ladies Guild Christmas gathering. Meet at church to carpool  
**6.30pm** 3DM at 35 Karoro Place  
**3.30pm** Crossroads Dance Group  
**6.30pm** Marjorie's Home Group Pot Luck Dinner at 9 Heaphy St

Wednesday 4 Dec  
**10-11.30am** Parish Health Advisor in Quiet Room  
**12 noon** Dixon House Trust Board lunch in Parish Centre  
**3.30pm** Crossroads Dance Group  
**7pm** **COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE** at the Regent Theatre

Thursday 5 Dec  
**3.30pm** Crossroads Dance Group  
**5.30pm** Music Practice in Church  
**7pm** Kids 'n' Coffee decorate hall for party on Friday

Friday 6 Dec  
**10am** Kids 'n' Coffee (Christmas Celebration)  
**5.30pm** **Casual fellowship gathering at Monteiths**  
**7pm** The SHED Youth Group at 186 Main South Rd

Sunday 7 Dec 6.30pm The Way Youth Service at The Shed 186 Main South Rd

**Services Next Weekend: 7 & 8 December 2019**

**SATURDAY:**

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

**SUNDAY :**

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

**9.55am** Oasis (7-11yr olds) & Sunday School (4-7yr olds) in Trinity Hall

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

**2pm** Afternoon Worship

**6.30pm** The Way Youth Service at The SHED (186 Main South Road)

**KUMARA** No service



Prayer Requests to Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

**FLOWERS**



Jeanette & Rose

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Tricia Hird



**CHURCH MOWING**

Roger Lavers





## Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara

### 30 November & 1 December 2019

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

**Theme for this weekend: Advent 1: Preparing the Way for Jesus**

**Readings for this weekend: Isaiah 40:3-5 (p.917);  
 Luke1:67-80 (p.1309) & Matthew 3:1-6 (p.1224)**

**Prayer for the Day: God for whom we wait and watch, You sent John the Baptist to prepare for the coming of Your Son; give us courage to speak the truth in love, even to the point of suffering. This we pray in the name of the One who came and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: Why was it the right time for Jesus to be born?  
 Readings for next weekend: Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:28-33

**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.



***Joy to the World!***

**OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES**

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Tony Wood who passed away a little over a week ago and whose funeral was held at St. Patrick's last Wednesday.

Tony was a faithful member of St. Patrick's parish, but had a heart for the whole church and the wider community. He served on the Dixon House Trust Board for over 15 years a number of those as chairperson.

When it was time to redecorate the Parish Centre, Tony heard about our plans and volunteered his labour to paint the ceilings

and wallpaper the walls (he was a professional wallpaper hanger) as his gift to the church.

Please hold Tony's family in your prayers at this time especially his widow, Judy, and also his sister-in-law Elaine Knowles who is part of our parish.

May he rest in peace.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Matt (Naomi Drogemuller's son) has greatly improved and is now recovering at home. Please continue to pray for him as there is still a long road to full recovery.

Last week: Attendance: 130 Offeritory: \$ 3,195 (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* This weekend *Writes* the Church liturgical year begins afresh.

It is the beginning of the season of Advent (the four weeks leading up to Christmas Eve). Advent is the time when the Church prepares for both the celebration of Jesus' birth, and His expected second coming at the end of time.

The word "advent" itself comes from the Latin word "adventus" which means "coming". And so in this season we pause to look both back in time towards Jesus' first coming and forward in time to His second.

One of the aids to our looking in two directions in this season is the Advent wreath. The four purple candles represent Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. On Christmas Eve/Day we light the white Christ candle that will be placed in the centre. The circular shape reminds us of God's infinite love and the evergreen leaves the hope of eternal life brought by Jesus Christ.

If you haven't decided on a "birthday gift" for Jesus yet, you might consider giving to the TearFund Christmas Appeal that is included with this newsletter and described more fully on the next page. Or, you may like to give a "Gift for Life" on behalf of some on your Christmas list. Brochures for the "Gift of Life" are on the table in the foyer.

With love and blessings,

*Marge*

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### HOW'S IT GOING?

'Be still and know that I am God,' says God in Psalm 46:10.

3 images of being still with God:

- step out of the traffic (flow of thoughts in our mind)
- soar like an eagle on the currents of the Holy Spirit, instead of flapping like a chicken
- sit on the picnic rug with Jesus

Why be still with God?

To know Him, and to receive His love, peace and guidance. Real intimacy comes only when two people have unhurried time together on a regular basis.

When you pray, go into your room and close the door, to pray to your Heavenly Father who loves you (Matthew 6:6). In other words, go to a quiet, private place where there are no distractions, to spend time with God. Then you will be more likely to hear His gentle whisper. Find a time of day that suits you, be deliberate about it and protect that time, otherwise it will get taken away by other things.

Like any skill, we can practice being still with God. Remember He loves you and wants to spend time with you, too.

What is God saying to you when you are still with Him?

What are you going to do about it?

### MONTEITHS GATHERING

This **Friday 6 December at 5.30pm** we will have our monthly fellowship gathering at Monteiths. This is a very casual drop-in event, so feel free to come along and join in.

### LADIES GUILD

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

### PARISH HEALTH ADVISOR

Marjorie will hold her monthly clinic from **10-11.30am this Wednesday 4 December** in the Quiet Room. Feel free to drop in for a check-up and some friendly advice on health related matters.

### OUR DAILY BREAD

The next quarter's edition of the Our Daily Bread devotional booklet is now out. Copies are available in the foyer. Please help yourself. A gold coin donation in the offering bag would be appreciated to help cover costs.

### 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.

### 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.

### HUTSON FAMILY

The Hutsons have a new newsletter out. This can be read on the Missions board in the foyer. They have now been in South East Asia for 2 months. Their language learning is going well. They give thanks for their visas which have been processed smoothly. They ask for prayer for their children, their language learning and for opportunities to connect with their local community.

### AAW AREA MEETING

There will be an area meeting of AAW on Friday 13 December at 10.30am in the Holy Trinity crèche. We will begin with morning tea. A shared lunch will follow the meeting (please bring a plate), and our time together will finish with a communion service in the chapel. All ladies are very welcome.

### TEARFUND CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Vestry agreed a number of years ago, in keeping with our parish motto "Blessed to be a Blessing," to encourage the parish during Advent to support TearFund's annual Christmas appeal and at Lent to support the Anglican Missions Board Lenten appeal.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a flyer and envelope for TearFund's Christmas Appeal, "Joy to the World."

TearFund's mission statement is "Motivated by Jesus, we encourage Kiwis to act for justice to relieve poverty among the world's most vulnerable people."

Have a read of Roula's story; remember the stories of hope Pete White shared with us when he did his 1,000km bike ride for TearFund; pray about what you might be able to give to TearFund this Christmas.

### WHAT'S COMING UP?

**Wednesday 4 December 7pm**

Community Carols in the Regent Theatre

**Saturday 14 December**

SHED Ball

**Sunday 15 December**

**10am Greymouth** Nativity Play

**10am Kumara** Five Lessons & Carols

**7pm Greymouth** Nine lessons and carols