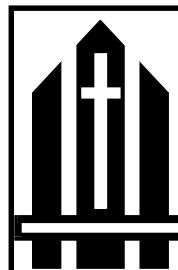


Monday		<i>Parish Office closed</i>
9 Dec	1pm	OSL in Parish Centre
Tuesday		
10 Dec	<b>10am</b>	<b>Dixon House Devotions (Janet)</b>
	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance Group in Church
Wednesday		
11 Dec	<b>10am</b>	<b>Dixon House Communion Service (Marge)</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Granger House Communion Service (Marge)</b>
	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance Group
Thursday		
12 Dec	3.30pm	Crossroads Dance Group
	5.30pm	Music Practice in Church
Friday		
13 Dec	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>AAW Area Meeting in crèche</b>
		The SHED Youth Group decorating for the Ball
Saturday		
14 Dec	<b>7pm</b>	<b>THE SHED BALL in Trinity Centre</b>



## Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara 7 & 8 December 2019

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

**Theme for this weekend: Advent 2:**

**Why was it the Right Time for Jesus to be Born?**

**Readings for this weekend:**

**Galatians 4:4-7 (p.1512); Luke 1:28-33 (p.1308)**

**Prayer for the Day: Holy Father, You had a plan before the creation of the world. You knew we needed a Saviour. You prepared the Hebrew nation to be ready for Him. When all was in place, You sent Jesus as a baby into this world. Thank You for rescuing us from our sins. We praise You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Theme for next weekend: Trusting God when Nothing seems to be Happening.

Readings for next weekend: Genesis 13:14-17; Luke 1:67-75

### Services Next Weekend: 14 & 15 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) Christmas Party in Trinity Hall following the Nativity Play

**10am** Family Communion and NATIVITY PLAY

**NO 2pm NO SERVICE!!**

**7pm** NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS at Holy Trinity

**KUMARA 10am** Five Lessons and Carols

#### **10% DISCOUNT AT COAST SMILES DENTAL SPA**

This new dental facility is offering Holy Trinity parishioners a 10% discount. Run by parishioners Barry & Deepa Subramani, Coast Smiles is located at: 28 Johnston Street, Greymouth Phone: 03 399 3768

Email: [coastsmilesdentalspa@gmail.com](mailto:coastsmilesdentalspa@gmail.com)

Website: [www.coastsmilesdental.co.nz](http://www.coastsmilesdental.co.nz) Bring this newsletter for discount

Prayer Requests to Joanna Lorimer - 027 380 2989

#### **FLOWERS**



Paula & Liz

#### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Robyn White & Samantha Ennis



#### **CHURCH MOWING**

Jim Findlay



#### **HELPERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

We have the Christmas Tree festival opening on the evening of the 16th of Dec, closing on the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Dec. We are looking for helpers to sit on the table and helpers to be in the festival supervising it. We will especially need help on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> during the day, time slots are for an hour.

We need 2 people for each hour, one on the table and one in the festival. There are two options. You could find a friend to help you do your timeslot with you, or just let us know what times you can do and we will find someone to work with you for that time. We are open from 10am to 5pm during the day and The Shed looks after it in the evening. So if you feel you could help on any of the days from the 17th to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, message

me, but Sunday is the day I know we need some helpers. Contact Nicki 7689605, 0274878560 or email me at [nickimora@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nickimora@xtra.co.nz)

#### **HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE SHED BALL**

We have The Shed Ball on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. We always have a great group of security helpers and helpers in the kitchen. The Ball goes from 7pm to 11pm and is held @ The Trinity Centre. So if you would like to help, contact Nicki 7689605, 0274878560 or email me at [nickimora@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nickimora@xtra.co.nz)

#### **DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

Our heartfelt sympathy to Ann Costley on the death of her son, Stephen, on Tuesday up in Auckland. Please hold Ann and all the family in your prayers at this time.

Last week: Attendance: 107 Offertry: \$ 3,943 (Total needed: \$3,580)  
Total donations received for 186 Main South Road Project so far: \$13,603  
Donations contributed to 186 Main South Rd Project in November: **\$2,525**  
Donations received in December will be reported by mid-late January



**Marge** Christmas is definitely in the air and next Sunday we

**Writes**

have two special events. First, OASIS will be presenting a Nativity play at the 10am service and then at 7pm we have the service of *Nine Lessons & Carols*. This a simple yet very special service that involves the reading of nine Scripture passages interspersed with carols to tell the Christmas story. We will also have a dance by Crossroads Ballet. Take a pause from the Christmas rush and come and hear and sing the Christmas story. Note there will be no 2pm service.

With love and blessings, *Marge*

**DRIVERS NEEDED**

Greymouth St Johns are in need of volunteer drivers for the Community Health Shuttle which is a free service that takes people to medical appointments in Greymouth and Hokitika. A normal driver's licence is required. If you are interested in finding out more about how you could help, please contact Lisa 027 309 6807.

**THANK YOU**

Many thanks to Lewis Bell and Robin for hauling trailer load after trailer load of bark nuggets for the playground. And thanks to Dave Lankshear for keeping the gardens looking so well despite the weather. Also, thanks to our cleaners, lawn mowers and flower arrangers for keeping Father's house so beautiful.

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**Parish email:** [office@greymouthanglican.co.nz](mailto:office@greymouthanglican.co.nz)

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**Kumara Contact:** Nikki Davies 027 308 4584

**HOW'S IT GOING?**

The word "Godspell" is an old Anglo-Saxon word that means "good story". It's the word that we get our modern English word "Gospel" from which of course refers to the good story of Jesus Christ.

Just as John the Baptist prepared the way for the first coming of Jesus, so we are called to prepare the way for His coming to people today. With our words and actions we can point people to Jesus. Only Jesus can save, but we are called to be His witnesses—tellers of the "good story".

So, how's it going?

**WHAT'S COMING UP?**

**See Back Page for Next Week's events**

**Tuesday 24 December-Christmas Eve**  
**7pm** Family Christmas Service (No H.C.)  
**11pm** Candlelight communion with carols

**Wednesday 25 December-Christmas Day**  
**8am** Christmas Day Holy Communion  
**Noon** Community Lunch at Baptist Church

Thanks are due also to those from this parish who helped out with the Community Carol Service at the Regent on Wednesday—Carolyn and Sarah Williams, Liz and Jeremy Ewan, Margaret Wetherall, Gaye Smith, Tricia Hird, and Jane and Russell Nimmo.

Marge and Robin are both so grateful for the help and support of the parish.

**MISSIONARY FAMILY IN CENTRAL ASIA**

This family have sent through a new newsletter which can be found in the Parish Office. Please contact the office for a copy. It is very interesting. Please continue to hold them in your prayers over the holiday season as they face much transition and travel. Details are in their newsletter.

**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. The theme is "Coping with Life." All ladies are very welcome.

**FAMILY PRAYER CALENDAR**

This weekend is the last chance you have to request a different photo for the calendar, or to check that we have the details correct. The intention is to have these calendars available next weekend for just \$2 each.

**A Letter from Bishop Steve concerning the Royal Commission on Abuse in Care**

You will be aware that the Royal Commission has begun its work and has recently been involved in contextual hearings.

**The Commission's Website says:**

"The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care is looking into what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults in care between 1950 and 1999."

The focus of the Commission is on 'Abuse in Care' with reference to:

- 1. State-run institutions**
- 2. Faith-based institutions**

The extent of (2) includes our care of children, young people and vulnerable adults in our churches, schools, orphanages, elder care homes, and other ministries governed and managed by Anglican Social Services/Anglican Care.

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, including the Diocese of Nelson, is committed to engaging with the Commission and its work, and will do everything it can to assist the Commission fulfilling its purposes. The Diocese of Nelson

is encouraging submissions to be made to the Commission by survivors of abuse in its care. Contact details for communicating with the Commission are:

**Phone:** 10 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday (NZT) **0800 222 727** [Calling from Australia, 1800 875 745]

**Email:** [contact@abuseincare.org.nz](mailto:contact@abuseincare.org.nz)

**Mail:** Royal Commission of Inquiry  
PO Box 10071  
The Terrace  
Wellington 6143

If this raises issues that affect you directly, I am happy to meet with you. Please contact me through the Diocesan office: **bishops.pa@nelsonanglican.nz**

+ Steve

**MISSIONS TRIP TO SOLOMON ISLANDS**

In August 2020 the Nelson Diocese is running a missions trip to our companion Diocese of Malaita in the Solomon Islands. The purpose of the trip is to contribute in:

- Youth and children's ministry
- Women's ministry/counselling/retreat
- Lay Ministry training (esp. Small groups)
- Theological education
- Prison ministry
- Hospital ministry including medical

Proposed dates: 8-23 August 2020  
Cost: \$4,000 per person

The Diocese is aiming to take a team of 16 people from throughout our Diocese who can engage in ministry in these areas.

On return, our hope is that participants will share their experience with the Diocese, deaneries and parishes.

Expressions of interest are now invited. If you are interested, please chat to Marge or Robin. Further details are on the notice board in the foyer.

**GRANT RECEIVED FOR YOUTH WORKER**

Our thanks to the West Coast Community Trust (WCCT) for their grant to the parish for \$6,000 towards our Youth Worker's salary and travel expenses. WCCT is a local charity and it is especially heart warming that they recognize the value of The SHED.