

Tuesday 24 December *Christmas Eve*
7pm **Family Service**
11pm **Candlelight Communion Service**

Wednesday 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 28 & 29 December 2019

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 NO SERVICE

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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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:
Welcoming Jesus—A Lesson from “The Innkeeper”
Readings for 11pm and 8am: Luke 2:1-20 (p. 1310); John 1:1-5, 10-12, 14

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: The Shadow over Christmas
Readings for next weekend: Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13:23

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed until 10am on Tuesday, January 7th. The church will be open each day from about 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.

ALPHA COURSE NEXT YEAR

Included in this newsletter is a brochure about Alpha. We had 16 people on the course towards the end of this year, and so wish to offer the course again from mid February to the end of May 2020.

We do encourage anyone who has not done one of these courses, to seriously consider joining up.

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



Summary of 2019

- Rev'd David Hastings went to enormous trouble to produce our first Family Prayer Calendar that contained the birthdays of most parishioners and also a coloured photograph of many. Profits from the sale went to earthquake strengthening.
- Robin finally finished being priest in charge of Buller Parish at the end of January, and again became full time non-stipendiary assistant priest in this parish.
- The floors of the hall and lounge were professionally sanded and varnished.
- A number of teenagers and leaders from The SHED gave kids a great time with face painting and colouring in at the Waitangi Day picnic.
- Robin had some health challenges with a TIA (minor stroke) and a diagnosis of bladder cancer. The treatment for the cancer also brought about a severe case of poly myalgia rheumatic. Thankfully he is now fully restored (so he says).
- Pete White accepted a 30 day challenge to ride 1,000km. Many from the parish supported Pete as he was raising funds for Tear Fund. The last we heard was that Pete raised over \$5,400.
- Paul Hibbs married Stephanie in Tauranga, and they settled back in Greymouth. Eventually they bought the home of David & Dot Hastings.
- Rev'd David & Dot Hastings sold their house and moved to Christchurch in September. We will miss their humour, friendship and ministry.
- Five people from our parish were in Nelson to select a new bishop for our diocese. This eventuated in Steve Maina being appointed, with his installation at the end of August in Nelson.
- At the Parish AGM Rev'd Marge Tefft appointed Jacquie Jones as Vicar's Warden.
- During this year we have received the following grants towards the salary and travel of our Youth Worker, Nicki Mora: \$20,000 from Lottery Community; \$4,100 from donations; \$10,000 from the Green Gables Trust, \$5,000 from Nelson Anglican Care, \$5,000 from YouthTown and \$6,000 from West Coast Community Trust.
- Jeffery Hawes won first place in the Dairy Trainee of the year award for the West Coast and Top of the South Region 2019. He was due to compete in the national finals in Wellington, but unfortunately suffered a severe injury that has now forced him out of dairy farming.
- The Mini Fair in April organised by the Ladies Guild raised \$605 and the Johnson Support Group raised \$782.
- In Auckland Stephanie Wheeler received a merit award for "Services to Musical Theatre" for her 24 years in the Operatic Society. She was just finishing her role as president of the Greymouth Operatic Society.
- Ivy Dash received a Memorial Award for Practical Excellence in cookery, and moved to Australia to take up a post as a chef.
- Rev'd David Hastings looked after the parish for a month while Marge and Robin had a holiday in USA.
- After a few years' break we once again developed a catering team for funerals and other events in the church hall, with profits going towards church projects.
- In June Marge welcomed Priya and Riya Prasad from Taramakau Settlement to receive Holy Communion after conducting a training session with them in their home.
- Lottery Facilities awarded the parish a grant of \$100,000 which meant that, with continued donations from parishioners, we were able to completely pay off all the loans covering the earthquake strengthening work of the church hall, lounge and veranda by August this year.
- We celebrated the completion of the payment of the earthquake strengthening with a variety evening organised by Tony & Margaret Woollett on 7 September.
- The parish agreed to invite parishioners to continue extra giving. However, it would go towards paying off the mortgage on The Shed property at 186 Main South Rd. Many have indeed continued to do so. This fund raising will be completed at the end of 2020.
- During the fund raising donations for the earthquake strengthening, we tithed the contributions. We gave away \$17,500 to other churches in need, and have about \$7,600 to go towards a project at the new hospital.
- The Prayer Chain connected with the church has been restarted, with Joanna Lorimer acting as convenor. There are a number of parishioners now praying for special needs that are communicated to them from Joanna.
- We experimented with a new Alpha Course that began in September. We held it on a Sunday evening, and we were thrilled to have 16 participants.
- We developed a roster to collect 2 or 3 people from Granger House on a weekly basis for the 10am Sunday service.
- Helen McIntosh inspired the parishioners of the 8am Sunday service to stay for morning tea together in the lounge. This has been a successful initiative, with folk taking it in turns to host the cuppa and refreshments. On 22 December Elinor Stratford caught a vision of a Christmas morning tea. There was so much food that it covered the 10am and the 2pm services that day as well.
- We hosted three Kenyans who had come out from Africa to support Bishop Steve at his ordination. They spoke at a number of groups and also at the weekend services at the beginning of September.
- In September Marge introduced us to RightNow Media. This is an online library of thousands of bible studies for every age group and every area of life. Vestry agreed to pay for a year's subscription so that every parishioner can have free access to it on their own computers at home. Have you signed up?
- Sammi Smith sensed God call her into leadership of our children's Sunday programme. This has been a brilliant move, and she organised a fun Nativity Play for the 10am congregation.
- The Johnson Support Group raised \$480 by staffing the gates at the Motorbike Races.
- Our annual fair in November, on a damp day, raised about \$8,100.
- We decided to continue the Parish Prayer Calendar with photos for 2020.
- Alice Noble celebrated her 90th birthday in style in our hall, Rose Goodall celebrated her 80th at the Union Hotel, and Lorraine Menzies organised an amazing 80th do at the Blaketown Rugby Club Rooms.
- Our sympathies were extended to the families of those who died during the year: Graham Hutton (Australia), Sis Holmes (Christchurch), Ryan Mead (son in law of Keith and Kate Honey), Gay Hill (wife of the late Robin Hill), Colleen Straker (Hokitika), Lorraine Wetherall (Peter Wetherall's mother), Ariti Elley, Barbara Monk, Jessie Boot (North Island), Pauline Nicholls, Margaret Hird (Tricia Hird's mother), Maureen Melse, and Anne Smith (Christchurch).