

Monday	<i>Clergy day off</i>	<i>Parish Office closed</i>
30 Dec		
Tuesday		<i>Parish Office closed</i>
31 Dec		
Wednesday	New Years Day	<i>Parish Office closed</i>
1 Jan		
Thursday	Public holiday	<i>Parish Office closed</i>
2 Jan		
Friday		<i>Parish Office closed</i>
3 Jan		
Saturday	10AM!!	10AM Music Practice in the Church
4 Jan		

Services Next Weekend: 4 & 5 January 2020

SATURDAY:

6pm Communion (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

SUNDAY :

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

10am Family Communion (Songs and hymns)

2pm Holy Communion

KUMARA 10am Holy Communion followed by Vestry

MARGE WRITES

Robin and I wish to thank all of you for your kind expressions to us over Christmas. It is a privilege to serve as your pastors.

The Christmas services went very well, but we also made some observations about the 7pm that has encouraged us to approach things differently next year. The story of Jesus' coming never changes, but the way we present it always needs to be re-evaluated to be sure we are connecting with those we are helping to hear and understand it. Pray for us as we ponder a new approach for next year.

This week we begin a new year. It certainly comes around quickly. If you are like me, you have probably been thinking of some things you want to change in 2020. May I encourage us all to process our goals in the Lord's presence so we know what He might like to change in us and then daily ask the Holy Spirit to help us with those changes. Inevitably we will not be 100% consistent. The key is to not then toss the goal out when we "fail", but to begin again.

A Happy and Blessed New Year to you all!

With love and blessings, *Marge*

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FLOWERS



Jane

CHURCH CLEANING

Robin Kingston & Dave Lankshear



CHURCH MOWING

Kelvin Ritchie



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara
28 & 29 December 2019**

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

Theme for this weekend: The Shadow over Christmas

Readings for this weekend: Hebrews 2:10-18 (p. 1560);

Matt 2:13-23 (p. 1223)

Prayer for the Day: God of Mary, Joseph and Jesus, You share the suffering of all those forced to flee their birthplace. Give us compassion for all displaced peoples; give us special care for vulnerable children. Help us to heed warnings and to change plans and direction when You ask. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and remains with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Theme for next weekend: The Visit of the Wise Men

Readings for next weekend: Isaiah 49:5-7; Matthew 2:1-12

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed from Christmas Day until 6 January. However Marge and Robin will be in town during this time and can be contacted for pastoral care needs either on the office number or their cell phones.

The parish office will re-open on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOUS

Thank you to everyone who assisted with our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Your assistance is so very much appreciated. A special thank you to Jeanette Oliver for the beautiful Advent wreaths for both Greymouth and Kumara, to Carolyn Williams for the decoration of the church, to Liz Ewan for the foyer display, to Jonathan

Goodall for the special lighting effects in the mezzanine for the 11pm service, to Nicky Hawes & Rochelle, Joel and Ivy Dash for preparing the materials for 7pm Christmas Eve craft, to Gaye Smith and her for Crossroad Dancers for the lovely dance at the 7pm service, to Elinor Stratford for the amazing Christmas themed breakfast after last Sunday's 8am service--the generosity of the food lasted through all three Sunday service tea times, and to Charlie and Evie Hawes for the Christmas cards and chocolate Santas for everyone at last Sundays 10am service.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Dave Lankshear for the complete rebuild of the kitchen trolley at the Parish Centre.

Last Weekend: Attendance: 113 Offertory: \$3,275 (Total needed: \$3,580)

Christmas Eve & Day: Attendance: 172 Offertory: \$781

Total donations received for 186 Main South Rd 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