



Sunday, December 5, 2021

Gloucester Uniting Church *Messenger*

Then I heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?" I answered, "I will go, send me!"

SERVICES & EVENTS

TODAY, Sunday, December 5: 9.30am service led by Marilyn Green, plus Communion.

Tuesday, December 7: Adult Fellowship meets in the hall.

Thursday, December 9: Café on Cowper, in the hall, 11.30 for 12 noon start.

Sunday, December 12: 9.30am service by Rev Lindsay Sheppard.

Saturday, December 18: Church Christmas Party from 4pm at Hilary and Jeff Kite's home,

Sunday, December 19: 9.30am Carol Service led by Shirley Smith.

Sunday, December 19: Gloucester Community Carols, 6pm at the showground.

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day: 8.30am Christmas service led by Rev Keith Kestel.

Sunday, December 26: No formal service but there is a get-together from 9.30am and morning tea.

Bible reading roster for today, Sunday, Dec 5:

Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 1:68-79 read by Christine Bolton,
Phil 1:3-11 and Luke 3:1-6 read by Shirley Hazell
Duty Elder today: Kerry Chisholm

Rosters for NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 12:

Door stewards: Christine Bolton and Jill Carson

Counting the offering: Coll Reynolds and Bruce Chisholm

Bible readers Shirley Hazell and David Collett.

Power Point: Allan Cornish.

Intercessory prayers: Colin Charles.
Duty Elder: Jeff Kite

Five elders elected

Four elders were re-elected, and a "new" one added to the Elders Council at Sunday's annual meeting.

They are Kerry Chisholm, Rev Keith Kestel, Sue Thomas and Allan Cornish who were re-elected and Claire Reynolds the new elder. Church organisations will have their annual reports reprinted in the Messenger when they are sent in a typed up form and attached to an email to Peter Hazell at hazell@tpg.com.au The reports were presented to Sunday's annual meeting.

A favourite carol?

Got a favourite carol? Let Shirley Smith know and it may be included in the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday, 19th December.

Ring her on 6558 9554 or email ssann369@gmail.com



Sing together

- Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ
- New venue at the showgrounds
- BYO chairs or rugs
- BBQ and cold drinks available
- Candles/Glowsticks for sale
- Covid safe
- Weather permitting

Glory to God

Café on Cowper

Come and join us for lunch on **Thursday, 9th Dec.**
11.30am to 1.30pm

Everyone welcome
Contact

Jeff and Hilary 6558 7436 David and Marg 0418 278 457S

Second Sunday of Advent



Bringing Peace to children in Gaza

The recent bombing of Gaza and the escalation of tensions between Israel and Palestine can make peace feel more distant than ever, especially for children. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner run three health clinics across Gaza. They provide medical care and psychosocial support, including counselling and a place where children can play and feel safe. Your support gives children in Gaza a chance at the childhood they deserve. **Please give today.**



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The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188