



Sunday, December 19, 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

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.

Sunday, January 2, 2022: Combined Churches service at Club Gloucester (RSL Hall) at 10am.

Sunday, January 9: 9.30am service led by Coll and Claire Reynolds.

Sunday, January 16: 9.30am service led by Shirley Smith.

Sunday, January 23: 9.30am service led by Sue Thomas and Jeff Kite.

Sunday, January 30: 9.30am service led by Rev Lindsay Sheppard.

Bible reading roster for today, Sunday, Dec 19:

Micah 5:2-5a and Psalm 80:1-7 read by Ray Creek.

Hebrews 10:5-19 and Luke 1:39-45, 46-55 read by Claire Reynolds.

Duty Elder today: Jeff Kite

Rosters for today

Door stewards: Peter & Shirley Hazell.

Counting the offering: Jenny Shaw and Ray Creek.

Bible readers Helen Parsons and David Collett.

Power Point: Hilary Kite

Intercessory prayers: Jeff Kite

Duty Elder: Jenny Shaw

Change of venue

Please note change of venue for the combined service on Sunday, 2nd January. It is now Gloucester RSL (Club Gloucester) and not the showground. Could pastoral carers make sure their people know of the change.

Problem parking

There seems to be a problem with parking at the back of the church, made more difficult with one of the tenants in the flats also parking in the laneway. If there are several cars parked there, it can be awkward for any car turning in from the laneway to drop passengers in the porch. Could we try parking either on the roadway or at the western side of the church?



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



Christmas Bowl

Christmas bowl

Everyone is reminded that the Christmas bowl appeal envelopes are available at the door, or just donate by putting something in the bowl or by making a direct deposit.

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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