

## Social Justice Questionnaire

At the Congregational Meeting last month, it was decided to ask all members of the church to fill out a Social Justice Questionnaire.

This questionnaire will be available on the table in the foyer during the next few weeks.

**If you haven't already done so, please fill out the questionnaire and put it in the box near the questionnaire forms.**

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## Church Council Minutes

The minutes of Church Council meetings are always available to any member of the congregation. If you would like to receive a copy of the minutes each month, just see Secretary Helen Parsons. She can email a copy to you if you have email, or you can receive a printed copy.

## Living is Giving Supports "Next Generations"

The next generations are not only the church of tomorrow; we need to include them today! This is about transforming ministry of young people (<30) in the Uniting Church

*Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Living is Giving" and put it in the offering bag*



# The Messenger

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

GLOUCESTER  
UNITING  
CHURCH

31st July, 2016

*A warm welcome is extended to everyone worshipping here today.*

*If this is your first experience of worship at the Uniting Church in Gloucester we ask that you allow us time to greet you over a cup of tea or coffee after worship.*



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

### Outback Patrol Ministry Barbecue

**Saturday, 13th August**

Sue Thomas is again organising a fundraising barbecue to support outback patrol ministry. It will be held at the Farmers Markets in Billabong Park. Set up will start at 7am and sales will continue until 12 noon.

She will organise a roster so that volunteers can work in shifts. **If you are able to help on this day, please see Sue and let her know what time you will be available.**



## GLOUCESTER UNITING CHURCH

Ministers: Every member of the congregation  
Phone Helen Parsons 6558 1546

## Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

*Bringing the gospel and love of Jesus to our community through word and action*

## Coming Events:

**Sunday 31st:** Morning Worship 9.30am, led by John and Anne Williamson.

**Tuesday 2nd:** Fellowship Meeting 10.30am.

**Friday 5th:** Wards River Coffee Morning & Bible Study 10.00am; Bible Study 7.30pm at Jenny Shaw's home.

**Sunday 7th:** Morning Worship & Communion 9.30am, led by Coll & Claire Reynolds.

**Monday 8th:** Church Council Meeting 7.00pm.

**Wednesday 10th:** Coffee Morning 10.00am; Café on Cowper 12 noon.

## OFFERING UPDATE

Total of last week's offering is \$728.00

## ROSTERS

**TODAY:** Norma Wilson, Elynne Graham to count the offering

**Duty Elder:** Jenny Shaw

**NEXT WEEK:**

**Stewards:** Lola Yates, Ann Farley

**Bible Reading:** Daph Croker, Claire Reynolds, Helen Parsons

**PowerPoint:** Kerry Chisholm

**Prayer of Intercession:** Bruce Chisholm

**Duty Elder:** Kerry Chisholm



## Regional Living Expo

6th & 7th August

Hall 4A, Sydney Showground

Members of this church will join other community volunteers to represent our town at the Regional Living Expo. This Expo is attended by people from the city who would like to move to the country. **Our aim is to contact people who would like to come to our Tree Change Showcase Weekend, so that we can show them country hospitality and answer any questions they have about a move to the country.** Last year approximately 5,000 people came through the Expo. 57% were young couples or couples with children.

Destination Gloucester hopes to generate real enquiry from people, families, and businesses who might be considering relocating to Gloucester. They will do this by showcasing Gloucester as a place with:

- A vibrant and welcoming community
- Close proximity and easy access to Sydney, coastal areas and Newcastle Airport
- Excellent medical facilities, educational facilities and support services
- Affordable and available housing and industrial land
- Beautiful rural surrounds and stunning natural beauty
- A flourishing cultural scene
- A list of business opportunities

Facts from Previous Expos:

86% of visitors were aged between 25 and 60 years

85% of visitors were planning to relocate

67% of visitors are planning to move in 1-3 years

20% of visitors were planning to move in the current calendar year

We are grateful for the support we have received from church members and the wider Gloucester community to enable us to showcase our town with a very professional display.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Hosea 11:1-11 (Page 737) David Collett

Psalms 107:1-9, 43

Colossians 3:1-11 (Page 957) Ray Creek

Luke 12:13-21 (Page 847) Jenny Shaw

### Adult Fellowship Officers:

President: Heather Beesley  
Secretary: Sandy Tebbet  
Treasurer: Anne Williamson

### Y.O.Y. Office Bearers:

President: Elaine Murray  
Secretary: Christine Bolton  
Treasurer: Johanna Heyink

## YOUR CHURCH ELDERS

- **Chairperson:** John Williamson
- **Secretary:** Helen Parsons
- **Treasurer:** Jenny Shaw
- **Elders:** Sue Thomas  
Kerry Chisholm  
Colin Charles  
Sandy Tebbet  
Coll Reynolds  
Bob Tebbet  
Megan de Witte  
Elynne Graham  
David Collett

- Congregational Chairperson: Sam de Witte
- Congregational Secretary: Shirley Hazell
- Hall Bookings: Norma Wilson 6558 1111

