

Act for Peace (Christmas Bowl Appeal)

Last year's Christmas Bowl appeal raised a record-breaking \$2.6 million to bring life-saving items to people in great need.

When Sharon Edington from Act for Peace first travelled to Akula refugee camp in Ethiopia, she was shocked at the conditions people were forced to live in.

There were no toilets, the main water pump was broken and soap was unobtainable. Because of these conditions, people were dying from Hepatitis E, an easily preventable disease.

Your donations have helped to clean the well and fix the pump, build 84 emergency toilets with handwashing facilities and provide soap for each family.

Thank you for your help in making this life-saving improvement to people's lives.

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Chairs for Sale

New chairs have been ordered for use in our hall and are expected to arrive late in September. The old chairs will then be offered for sale.

If you would like to purchase any of the old chairs, please see Elyne Graham and make an offer.

GLOUCESTER UNITING CHURCH

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



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

28th August, 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.



Tree Change Showcase

There are around 60 people coming to the Tree Change Showcase. They will be taken around our beautiful district in small 12 seater buses. We would like to host these people in private homes for breakfast and lunch on Saturday, 17th September. They would be accompanied by a member of the committee, as well as one or two guest speakers who will talk to the participants after the meal.

If you would be willing to host one of these groups (12-15 people), please see Bob. Please note that you will be reimbursed for the cost of the meal.

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In a Nutshell

It is the Uniting Church's turn to provide the In a Nutshell column for the Advocate in October. Four short columns would be required, and the Advocate would need them before the end of September. If you are able to help, please see Anne Williamson.

Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

Coming Events:

Sunday 28th: Morning Worship 9.30am, Project Reconnect, led by Peter and Shirley Hazell.

Friday 2nd: Wards River Coffee Morning & Bible Study 10.00am; Bible Study 7.30pm at Jenny Shaw's home.

Sunday 4th: Morning Worship 9.30am, led by Hilary and Jeff Kite.

Tuesday 6th: Fellowship Meeting 10.30am.

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Jeremiah 2:4-13 (Page 610) Shirley Hazell

Psalms 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (Page 979) Bruce Chisholm

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (Page 849) Marg Collett

ROSTERS

TODAY: Norma Wilson, Elynne Graham to count the offering

Duty Elder: Bob Tebbet

NEXT WEEK:

Stewards: Lola Yates, Ann Farley

Bible Reading: Christine Bolton, Bill Murray, Keith Caldwell

PowerPoint: Sam and Megan de Witte

Prayer of Intercession: Sam de Witte

Duty Elder: Elynne Graham

Unshakeable

A multi-media presentation by Open Doors

Monday, 29th August

7.00pm at Gloucester Baptist Church

What is it like to be a Christian in the most difficult places on earth?

(North Korea, Iraq, Eritrea)

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Nursing Home Services

A huge thank you to Fay, Tom and Helen for their many years of faithful service conducting services at the Nursing Home on behalf of the Uniting Church.

They have now decided it is time to retire and we would like to have volunteers to carry on their good work and conduct the services on 25th September, 13th November and 18th December.

If you are able to help in this way, please see Sue Thomas.

OFFERING UPDATE

Total of last week's offering is \$681.00

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

