

## Election of Elders

Congratulations to Sue Thomas, Bob Tebbet, Collister Reynolds, Elynne Graham, Jeff Kite and Jillian Carson who were elected as Elders at the Congregational Meeting last Sunday.

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## Fellowship Lunch Tuesday, 6th December

There is an open invitation to join us for lunch at 12 noon.

Fellowship will provide lunch, but we ask you to bring a Christmas treasure to show and talk about. Please let Heather or Sandy know if you are coming.

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## Nursing Home Service Sunday, 18th December

Please see Sue if you are able to help with this service

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## Interchurch Council Report 2016

It has been a pleasure for me to represent the Uniting Church on the Interchurch Council. This year we have been led by Luke Hester.

Throughout the year we plan, organise and/or participate in the Week of Prayer, New Year Service In the Park, Carols by Candle Light, Remembrance Day and two Anzac Services, Australia Day Breakfast, World Day of Prayer, Easter Sunrise Service, Hospital Chaplaincy, Seniors Week Ecumenical Service, Prayers for Council each month, and supply Bibles to all Year 3 students in the district.

We meet bi-monthly on a rotation. It has been a pleasure to have Anne Williamson to join me as your representative this year to fly our flag. It is such a blessing to have all the churches joining to work as one. — Rhonda Merchant, 27th November, 2016.



# 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

4th December, 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.*



## Combined Churches Carols in the Park



Sunday,  
11th December

6.00pm for 6.30pm

Near the Rec Centre

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## Church Christmas Party

Friday, 16th December

6.30pm in the hall

**There are lists in the foyer for you to indicate if you are coming or not, and what food you are able to bring**

*There is a Christmas tree in the church where you can place gifts or non-perishable food to be donated to make Christmas brighter for those in need*

## 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 4th:** Morning Worship & Communion 9.30am led by Coll & Claire Reynolds.

**Tuesday 6th:** Fellowship Meeting 10.30am followed by lunch at 12 noon.

**Friday 9th:** Bible Study 7.30pm, venue TBA.

**Sunday 11th:** Morning Worship 9.30am led by Laurie Selby.

**Monday 12th:** Church Council Meeting 7.00pm.

**Wednesday 14th:** Coffee Morning 10.00am: Café on Cowper 12 noon.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING



Isaiah 11:1-10 (Page 558) Daph Croker

Psalms 72:1-8, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13 (Page 924) Claire Reynolds

Matthew 3:1-12 (Page 784) Helen Parsons

## ROSTERS

**TODAY:** Ray Creek, David Collett to count the offering

**Duty Elder:** Kerry Chisholm

**NEXT WEEK:**

**Steward:** Tom de Witte

**Bible Reading:** Megan de Witte, Heather Beesley, Brian Beesley

**PowerPoint:** John Williamson

**Prayer of Intercession:** Penny Charles

**Duty Elder:** Collister Reynolds

## An Evening of Classical Music

**Saturday, 10th December**

Gloucester Uniting Church

**Featuring talented students from Sydney Conservatorium of Music with proceeds to support The Cottage disability services**

Tickets \$20 or \$40 per family, includes refreshments

*This is a joint project with Gloucester Anglican Church*

**Details Rob 0438 602 886**

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## Lifelong Learning

Synod has sent us several copies of their Prospectus 2017 for Lifelong Learning. This includes conferences, intensives and events; spiritual formation and deepening experiences; leading and serving church and community; and formal study at university level. If you are interested, there are copies on the table in the foyer for you to take.

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**Wards River Coffee Morning & Bible Study** held their final meeting for 2016 last Friday and they are now in recess until next year.

## OFFERING UPDATE

**Total of last week's offering is \$863.00**

**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

