

Church Council Annual Report

The Church Council has continued to meet on a monthly basis during the year with its members working well together. The diverse experience and different backgrounds of all the elders enables the Council to work across all its responsibilities in the most effective manner on behalf of the Congregation.

While the responsibilities of the Church Council include inward looking functions, such as property maintenance and administrative considerations, this year the Church Council has continued to look at ways that we as a Uniting Church Congregation can support and help the community that we live in, as well as the wider world, and as such has been generous in its financial support of various organisations and groups as can be seen by the treasurer's report.

The Church Council has continued to work on developing the Community Grants concept that the congregation approved at its last meeting and we believe that programme will be ready to be launched early next year.

In June the Church Council appointed a "Publicity Officer" who would be responsible for communicating information to the wider Gloucester community about the activities of the Uniting Church and we were pleased that Peter Hazell agreed to take on this position. The Church Council also approved the publication of information about the Church on the Gloucester Visitors Information Centre's web site.

Continuing the outward looking focus, the Church Council has approved the creation of a Gloucester Uniting Church web site that hopefully will be up and running early next year. This will allow the Church to continue to connect with the wider community and promote the activities of the Church.

It has been a privilege to work with all the elders who have such a wonderful Christian spirit and commitment to this Church and God.

John Williamson

Chairman

24th 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**

11th 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
Today — Sunday,
11th December**



6.00pm for 6.30pm

Near the Rec Centre

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**Christmas Day Service
Sunday, 25th December**

8.30am, led by Rev Judy Caldwell

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**Combined Churches
New Year Service
Sunday, 1st January**

10.00am in the Park

*No service in the Uniting Church that day,
please support the combined service*

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 11th: Morning Worship 9.30am led by Laurie Selby; Combined Churches Carols in the Park near the Rec Centre, 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

Monday 12th: Church Council Meeting 7.00pm

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

Friday 16th: Church Christmas Party 6.30pm in the hall.

Sunday 18th: Morning Worship 9.30am led by Rev Judy Caldwell; Nursing Home Service 10.50am.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING



Isaiah 35:1-10 (Page 578) Megan de Witte

Psalms 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55

James 5:7-10 (Page 982) Heather Beesley

Matthew 11:2-11 (Page 792) Brian Beesley

ROSTERS

TODAY: Coll Reynolds, Alan Vale to count the offering

Duty Elder: Collister Reynolds

NEXT WEEK:

Stewards: Ann and Alan Vale

Bible Reading: Marg Collett, Sue Thomas, Sam de Witte

PowerPoint: David Collett

Prayer of Intercession: Sue Thomas

Duty Elder: Colin Charles

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 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

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Nursing Home Service

Next Sunday, 18th December

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

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Wards River Coffee Morning & Bible Study Annual Report

The Wards River coffee morning and bible study, which was started in 1979, is still going strong. First, while we enjoy our cup of coffee, we do solve a lot of problems of the world. But we sure value our bible study, that Norma is leading so well. We also have a special prayer time led by Fay, with special prayer request from our members and their friends. We do have a great time of Christian fellowship. — Norma and Fay.

OFFERING UPDATE

Total of last week's offering is \$745.00

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:** Helen Parsons 6558 1546

