

## Gloucester Uniting Church Tree Change Committee Annual Report

The first Gloucester Tree Change weekend was staged by the Gloucester Uniting Church during March 2015.

The weekend attracted 3 couples from Sydney and the Central Coast, 2 of whom have since relocated to Gloucester.

The event, whilst small, was considered a success. The church organising committee concluded that there are many people living in the city who are actively considering a Tree Change. A more focused and stronger promotion of the Tree Change event would attract a larger cross section of city people, looking for a change in lifestyle or business opportunity to Gloucester.

To see this vision turn into reality, expertise and funds would be required. Members of our church Tree Change Committee held a meeting with Gloucester residents, business people, representatives of the Gloucester Business Chamber and Council.

From this meeting a committee was formed. The committee agreed that the group would be known as Destination Gloucester with the primary objective to promote Gloucester, and assist others interested in promoting Gloucester in a positive and honest way.

The Destination Gloucester Group is no longer coordinated by the Gloucester Uniting Church; however, 4 members of our congregation continue to serve on the Destination Gloucester Committee and our church played an important role in the provision of catering and the provision of a venue for the recent Destination Gloucester Tree Change Weekend held on 16 to 18 September 2016.

Whilst our Church is no longer directly responsible for The Tree Change Weekend, it is significant that our congregation has been responsible for starting a positive community project. This project has demonstrated that our church is positive and active in our community, successfully building community pride and harmony while attracting people to Gloucester and to our church.

The initial support of the Gloucester Uniting Church congregation has been the mainstay in making the Tree Change and Destination Gloucester a success.

Robert Tebbet,  
Gloucester Uniting Church Tree Change Coordinator  
27/11/16



## 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

18th 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.*



### 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*

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### Messenger

Next Sunday's Messenger will be the last one for a few weeks. The Messenger is having a holiday while the usual activities of our church are in recess. Could a representative of each group contact Kerry in mid-January to let her know when your group will recommence meeting in the New Year.

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

**Sunday 25th:** Christmas Day Service 8.30am led by Rev Judy Caldwell.

### OFFERING UPDATE

Total of last week's offering is \$1,214.00

### TODAY'S BIBLE READING



Isaiah 7:10-16 (Page 554) Marg Collett

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7 (Page 913) Sue Thomas

Matthew 1:18-25 (Page 783) Sam de Witte

### ROSTERS

**TODAY:** Jenny Shaw, Ray Creek to count the offering

**Duty Elder:** Colin Charles

**NEXT WEEK:**

**Stewards:** Elynne Graham, Norma Wilson

**Bible Reading:** Shirley Hazell, Johanna Heyink, Keith Caldwell

**PowerPoint:** Hilary and Jeff Kite

**Prayer of Intercession:** Hilary Kite

**Duty Elder:** Bob Tebbet

### Gloucester Uniting Church Community Welfare Grants Program Report

In 2016 the Congregation of the Gloucester Uniting Church agreed to establish the Gloucester Uniting Church Community Welfare Grants Program.

#### Aim

The aim of the Gloucester Uniting Church Welfare Grants Program, (as part of the church's mission responsibilities), is to foster and tangibly support the Gloucester community and/or individual community members who, through their activities and endeavours, improve social, health, spiritual, education and general wellbeing of the Gloucester community.

#### Goal

The goal of the Gloucester Uniting Church Welfare Grant Program is to support community groups and or individuals to achieve successful project outcomes that foster Christian ideals and improve the overall welfare and wellbeing of our community.

#### Objectives

The objectives of the Gloucester Uniting Church Welfare Program are:

- Foster and support projects/grant recipients prayerfully, tangibly and practically.
- Create an awareness of the Christian church in the Gloucester community.
- Foster community and individual self-esteem and pride.
- Through positive action, minister to the community so they can see that Christ is alive and active working in the Gloucester community.

#### Current Situation

To date grant administrative documentation, grant application forms and grant eligibility criteria have been drafted. A committee comprising elders and congregation members to manage the grant program is to be appointed.

It is anticipated that the first round for grant applications will be made public in the first half of 2017. — Bob Tebbet

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Secretary: Sandy Tebbet  
Treasurer: Anne Williamson

**Y.O.Y. Office Bearers:**  
President: Elaine Murray  
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### YOUR CHURCH ELDERS

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