

Court Morning Tea Annual Report

Court morning tea continues every second month. All of our small band of helpers believe it is a good thing to do. Some of the Fellowship members have expressed willingness to help out when needed which is appreciated. Although the conditions are not always the most comfortable, it is not an arduous task and mostly helpers only have to be there maybe once in the year. A huge vote of thanks is due to those who have helped.

We are the invisible people who see and hear nothing and say little. A smile, a kind word and a cup of tea means a lot when people are anxious and upset. The police, solicitors and court officials alike acknowledge the value of our service as a calming presence.

This is only a small thing but it is a very worthwhile ministry — “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matt 25:40)

Claire Reynolds (coordinator)

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Days for Girls Sewing Group Annual Report

The hall represents a hive of activity on the third Wednesday each month with the ladies’ sewing machines and overlockers. We have been very productive, making 100 kits for Days for Girls, and sent them to Third World countries. We continue to make children’s clothes to send to Mission Without Borders who distribute them. This is always a very rewarding day when we help so many. — Elaine Maslen.

GLOUCESTER UNITING CHURCH

Ministers: Every member of the congregation
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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

25th 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.



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. — John 3:16-17

Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

Coming Events:

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

Sunday 1st: Combined Churches New Year Service in the Park 10.00am.

Sunday 8th: Morning Worship & Communion 9.30am led by Coll & Claire Reynolds.

Sunday 15th: Morning Worship 9.30am led by Rev Judy Caldwell.

Sunday 22nd: Morning Worship 9.30am led by Ty Soupidis.

Sunday 29th: Morning Worship 9.30am led by Rev Judy Caldwell.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING



Isaiah 62:6-12 (Page 604) Shirley Hazell

Psalm 97

Titus 3:4-7 (Page 968) Johanna Heyink

Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20 (Page 7832) Keith Caldwell

ROSTERS

TODAY: Norma Wilson, Elynne Graham to count the offering

Duty Elder: Bob Tebbet

8th JANUARY:

Steward: Tom de Witte

Bible Reading: Jenny Shaw, Elaine Maslen, Bruce Chisholm

PowerPoint: Colin Charles

Thanks from Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group

Re: An evening of Classical Music staged 12th December, 2016.

I write this to thank you for your hard work in coordinating the above concert.

The Saturday night concert was an amazing opportunity to experience the skill, ability and flair of the performers here in Gloucester. The interval was also a show stopper and I defy any big city to beat the array of treats available with the cuppa provided.

The evening raised \$1,090, in which we will finalise the cost of the new disability vehicle and look forward to developing a new project.

Again many thanks to all involved.

Anna Burley, CEO.

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Messenger

Today'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. The remaining Annual Reports will be printed in the Messenger at the end of January.

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.

OFFERING UPDATE

Total of last week's offering is \$625.30

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:
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