



Don't forget!

Frontier Services Day

Next Sunday, July 2, with the service
led by Sue Thomas

*There will be a retiring collection for Frontier Services —
donations appreciated*

Slices would be welcome for the morning tea after the service

Congregational Meeting

TODAY
Sunday, 25th June, after church

Business: To discuss the proposed budget for the year 2017-18

Airlie Homestead DAY FOR DEREK
July 1 2017

Tour Airlie Homestead
Take a guided tour through the heritage listed homestead. This federation period homestead has many intact original details and fine interiors.

And much more...
Vintage, old wares, duck race, Damian Martin and Greg Hire NBL, raffles, games and prizes

In support of
Cure Brain Cancer
FOUNDATION

GLOUCESTER UNITING CHURCH

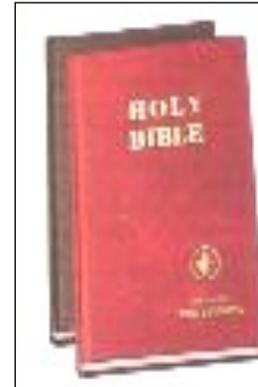
Ministers: Every member of the congregation
Phone Secretary Kerry Chisholm 6558 4206



The Messenger

Then I heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?" I answered, "I will go, send me!"

25th June, 2017



Happy birthday to our Church!

The Uniting Church in Australia is 40 years of age this week, and today we celebrate that milestone with a special service led by John and Anne Williamson

A warm welcome is extended to everyone worshipping at Gloucester Uniting Church 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.



All of this is us



Uniting Church in Australia

Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Genesis 21:8-21 — Bill Murray

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11 — Elaine Murray

Matthew 10:24-39 — Daph Croker

Duty Elder, Jill Carson

TODAY, Sunday, 25th June: Uniting Church in Australia's 40th birthday service led by Anne and John Williamson. **Followed by a Congregational Budget Meeting.**

- **Friday, 30th June:** Wards River coffee morning, 10am at Wards River Hall. Bible study Jenny Shaw's home 7.30pm.
- **Sunday, 2nd July:** Frontier Services led by Sue Thomas.
- **Tuesday, 4th July:** Fellowship meeting 9.30am for 10am and its the AGM. We will view film "Light between two Oceans."

Many thanks for your giving each week

Many thanks for your financial commitment to God through the offerings to your church. For those who may be interested in electronic giving the bank details of our church are below. You may organise your payment for

weekly, fortnightly or monthly giving:

Name: Gloucester Uniting Church, BSB: 634-634, Account: 100039924, Reference: Your name or "offerings."

Your combined weekly offerings last week amounted to \$563.80

ROSTERS

TODAY: Norma Wilson, Elynne Graham to count the offering.

NEXT week 2 July: Stewards: Lola Yates and Ann Farley.

Bible Readings: Elaine Maslen, Bob and Sandy Tebbet.

Power Point: Peter and Shirley. **Duty Elder:** Bob Tebbet.

Intercessory Prayer: Sue Thomas.

Our 40th birthday this week

On June 22, 1977, the People of the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches came together. A new church was born. This is an excerpt of that announcement 40 years ago:

We, who are members of the first Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia address the people of Australia in this historic moment. The path to unity has been long and at times difficult, but we believe this unity is a sign of the reconciliation we seek for the whole human race. We acknowledge with gratitude that the churches from which we have come have contributed in various ways to the life and development of this nation. A Christian responsibility to society has always been regarded as fundamental to the mission of the Church. In the Uniting Church our response to the Christian gospel will continue to involve us in social and national affairs.

We are conscious of our responsibilities within and beyond this country. We particularly acknowledge our responsibilities as one branch of the Christian church within the region of South-East Asia and the Pacific. In these contexts we make certain affirmations at the time of our inauguration.

We affirm our eagerness to uphold basic Christian values and principles, such as the importance of every human being, the need for integrity in public life, the proclamation of truth and justice, the rights for each citizen to participate in decision-making in the community, religious liberty and personal dignity, and a concern for the welfare of the whole human race.

We pledge ourselves to seek the correction of injustices wherever they occur. We will work for the eradication of poverty and racism within our society and beyond. We affirm the rights of all people to equal educational opportunities, adequate health care, freedom of speech, employment or dignity in unemployment if work is not available. We will oppose all forms of discrimination which infringe basic rights and freedoms.

We will challenge values which emphasise acquisitiveness and greed in disregard of the needs of others and which encourage a higher standard of living for the privileged in the face of the daily widening gap between the rich and poor.

We are concerned with the basic human rights of future generations and will urge the wise use of energy, the protection of the environment and the replenishment of the earth's resources for their use and enjoyment.

Finally we affirm that the first allegiance of Christians is God, under whose judgment the policies and actions of all nations must pass. We realise that sometimes this allegiance may bring us into conflict with the rulers of our day. But our Uniting Church, as an institution within the nation, must constantly stress the universal values which must find expression in national policies if humanity is to survive.

We pledge ourselves to hope and work for a nation whose goals are not guided by self-interest alone, but by concern for the welfare of all persons everywhere — the family of the One God — the God made known in Jesus of Nazareth the One who gave His life for others.

CHURCH ELDERS



- **Chairperson:** John Williamson
- **Secretary:** Kerry Chisholm
- **Treasurer:** Jenny Shaw
- **Elders:** Sue Thomas
Colin Charles
Collister Reynolds
Bob Tebbet
Jeff Kite
Jillian Carson
Megan de Witte
Elynne Graham
David Collett

CONGREGATION

- **Congregational Chairperson:** Sam de Witte
- **Congregational Secretary:** Shirley Hazell
- **Hall Bookings:** Helen Parsons

Adult Fellowship Officers:

President: Heather Beesley

Secretary: Sandy Tebbet

Treasurer: Anne Williamson



Y.O.Y. Office Bearers:

President: Elaine Murray

Secretary: Christine Bolton

Treasurer: Colleen McKay.