



About 15 members of the Australian Christian Motorcycle Association attended and led proceedings at last Sunday's Uniting Church service. Here, Gloucester's Congregational Chairman Sam de Witte, himself a motorcycle devotee, is pictured with Graham Bingham from Taree and Noel Boyce from Singleton.



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!"

6th August, 2017



Grants presentation

The presentation of three grants totalling \$20,000 from our church will be presented at the 9.30am service on Sunday, 13th August.

From eight applications for a maximum \$10,000 grant, three were successful:

Gloucester High School want to reintroduce the Breakfast Club for the remaining two terms this year. It will be held three days per week. The project will cost \$1,725 in total, and they asked for \$1,500 to pay for food. It was recommended to grant them \$1,500.

Gloucester Public School want to erect sun protection in their grounds. The project will cost \$27,000 and they asked for \$10,000. It was recommended to grant them \$9,250.

Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group want to establish a Community Kitchen. The project will cost \$136,298 and they asked for \$10,000. It was recommended to grant them \$9,250.

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.

Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Genesis 32:22-31 — Sam de Witte

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5 — Shirley Hazell

Matthew 14:13-21 — Johanna Heyink

Duty Elder, Collister Reynolds

TODAY: Sunday, 6th August: Hilary and Jeff Kite, Communion.

Wednesday, 9th August: Cafe on Cowper 12 noon.

Friday, 11th August: Wards River Coffee Morning at the hall, 10.30am; Bible Study at venue TBA, 7.30pm

Sunday, 13th August: 9.30am service led by Rev Judy Caldwell.

Monday, 14th August: Church Council, 7pm.

What about the left-overs?

*The bits left over,
what of those?
Pieces left strewn
around,
no longer required.
A plethora
of scraps,
yet Christ leaves none
discarded
but calls for all to be*

*gathered in,
saved and treasured.
Baskets filled with an
extravagance-
excess cherished.
Symbolism
that can only be imag-
ined.
A hungry crowd,
a boy's packed lunch,*

*a great big picnic.
People fed
and still enough
to go on sharing
the blessing,
abundance,
and grace of God.
Liz Crulish, journaling,
2014.*

ROSTERS

TODAY: Ray Creek and David Collett to count the offering.

NEXT week 13th August: Stewards: Tom de Witte.

Bible Readings: Christine Bolton, Keith Caldwell, Daph Croker.

Power Point: Colin Charles. **Duty Elder:** David Collett.

Intercessory Prayer: Hilary Kite.

Leprosy prayer weekend

The Leprosy Mission, Australia, has sought participation in the National Prayer weekend on 26th and 27th August. You will remember that Dr Colin Martin of Gloucester is the President of The Leprosy Mission in Australia, and supported by his wife Sally.

He said by helping people affected by leprosy you are participating in God's mission for the world. We are dependent on God to bring healing and hope to people affected by leprosy. Prayer is a powerful tool that recognises this trust in Him.

The Leprosy Mission is gospel-based and Christ-centred with a desire to see all people experience fullness of life.

Your prayer engages in this mission.

Volunteers Needed

Our Church is running the barbecue at the Markets on Saturday 12th August

This is a fundraiser for Frontier Services/The Flying Padre.

Please see John Williamson if you can help.

Right up to date!

Justice is what we get when the decision is in our favour.

Better to be ignorant of a matter than half know it.

Legality does not necessarily make a thing right.

Be discreet until you really learn the terrain.

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.

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

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Helen Parsons