

Gloucester Charities functions for the needy

Gloucester Charities want to ensure that the community better understands how they provide assistance to locals in need.

President Rhonda Teece said their mission is that nobody in Gloucester should ever go without food.

Gloucester Charities has been doing this since 1994.

We work closely with the Bucketts Neighbourhood Centre and we encourage people to go there first if the Centre is open and get a referral coupon to come and see us at the old Scout Hall.

We give vouchers on Friday mornings at the Scout Hall. We also help with community projects and made a donation to the Bucketts Neighbourhood Centre's new wheelchair motor vehicle, donated \$50 to each Rural Fire Brigade in Gloucester as well as other fundraising events.

Over eighty local residents are regular clients. Gloucester Charities helps with the provision of food, petrol and pharmacy vouchers (PBS medications only) and occasional

emergencies. Clients come from Gloucester, Barrington, Wards River, Stratford, Bundook, Rookhurst, Barrington Tops, Craven and more.

Possibly the highest profile activity undertaken by Gloucester Charities is the annual Christmas Hamper which has been happening for many years.

Gloucester Charities raises the bulk of its funds from the sale of books at the Old Scout Hall, Corner Church and Philip Street, Gloucester.

The current team at Gloucester Charities are Ronda Teece, Maree Norris, Helen Parsons, Barbara Stuart, Leonie Benson, Deborah Brooks and Di Taylor. Everyone in Gloucester Charities is a volunteer.

Donations of books etc are welcome and may be left at the Scout Hall book sale which operates seven days a week, 10.00am to 1.00pm

There are currently vacancies on our committee if you would like to nominate anyone from your organisation to be considered for our committee.

Lifeline Box for welfare work

Please remember the Lifeline box in the hall for your unwanted clothing, linen etc. The box is cleared regularly and goods taken to Taree Uniting Church Op Shop for sale. Proceeds are used for Lifeline's counselling and welfare work for the Uniting Church.

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!"

3rd September, 2017



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 Tri Challenge is here!

This is our church Adult Fellowship's huge fundraising effort, catering for this major event



Event organisers, Mike King, Sam de Witte and Paul Hedditch at last year's Tri Challenge

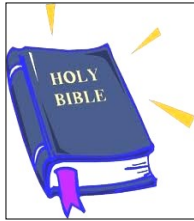
Next Saturday 9th September

Expect to hear from either Fay or Heather for catering details as we fulfill our role in providing the Saturday night carbo dinner

Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Exodus 3: 1 to 15 — Hilary Kite
 Psalm 105: 1-6. 23-26, 45b
 Romans 12: 9-21 — Elaine Murray
 Matthew 16: 21-28 — Bill Murray
Duty Elder, Med deWitte

TODAY, Sunday, 3rd September: 9.30am service led by Collister and Claire Reynolds, communion.

Tuesday 5th September: Church Fellowship 9.30 for 10am.

Friday 8th September: Wards River Coffee Morning 10am, at Wards River Hall. **Bible Study** at Jenny Shaw's home 7.30pm
Sunday 10th September: 9.30am service led by Rev John Hoskin

Monday 11th September: Church Council 7.00pm

Wednesday 13th September: Cafe on Cowper. 12 noon

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."

Last Sunday's offerings amounted to \$709.50.

ROSTERS

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

NEXT WEEK 10th September:

Steward: Tom de Witte

Bible Readings: Elaine Maslen, Penny Charles & Bruce Chisholm

Power Point: Kerry & Bruce Chisholm. **Duty Elder:** Jeff Kite

Intercessory Prayer: Bruce Chisholm



Mr Alan Cornish has provided and constructed this bench seat located at the front of the church for the use of church-goers and visitors, The timber comes from dismantled old bed frames donated to the Men's Shed.



All of this is us



Freedom of speech:

Freedom of speech does not give the person the right to shout "fire" in a crowded theatre.

Adult Fellowship Officers:

President: Heather Beesley
 Secretary: Sandy Tebbet
 Treasurer: Anne Williamson



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

Y.O.Y. Office Bearers:

President: Elaine Murray
 Secretary: Christine Bolton
 Treasurer: Colleen McKay.