

## 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!"*

10th September, 2017



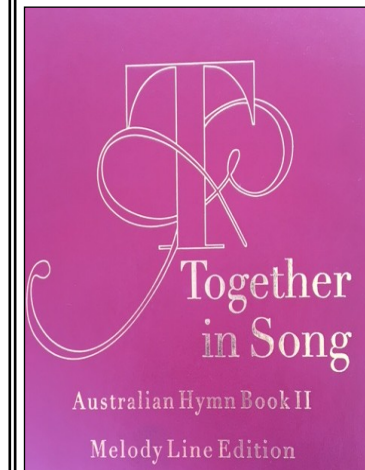
**A warm welcome is extended to everyone worshipping at Gloucester Uniting Church today.**

*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.*

## Hymnfest

*coming to our church on*  
**Sunday, 15th October**

**Brought to you by Ann Farley and Fay de Witte**

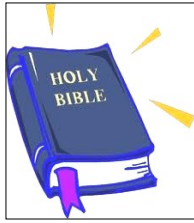


**This is a request from the organisers for your suggestions for songs, hymns, choruses, psalms, video clips to be given to Fay or Ann by Sunday, 1st October.**

## Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

## TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Exodus 12:1 to 14 — Elaine Maslen  
 Psalm 149  
 Romans 13: 8-14 — Penny Charles  
 Matthew 18: 15-20 — Bruce Chisholm  
*Duty Elder, Med deWitte*

**TODAY: 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 at the church hall.

**Sunday, 17th September:** 9.30am service led by Rev Paul Swadling.

**Wednesday, 20th September:** Sewing/Craft for Mission 10.00am

**Friday, 22nd September:** Wards River Coffee Morning 10am, at Wards River Hall.

## ROSTERS

**TODAY:** Coll Reynolds and Alan Vale to count the offering.

**Next week 17th September:**

**Steward:** Alan and Ann Vale.

**Bible Readings:** David Collett, Ray Creek and Jenny Shaw.

**Power Point:** Colin Charles. **Duty Elder:** Jillian Carson.

**Intercessory Prayer:** Penny Charles.

Next YOY activity

## A Games Afternoon

**Saturday, 16th September**

From 1.30pm in the hall

*Bring your favourite games*

Plate for afternoon tea



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.

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 \$770.20

## 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



## Y.O.Y. Office Bearers:

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