

Gloucester High School SRE Newsletter

By SRE teacher Karishma St Juste

So I thoroughly enjoy reminding them that the God that I serve, is one that will still want and love them, regardless of what they do. A highlight I was able to witness was at the end of Term 2 when two students chose to return to SRE class. I have shared this with the parishes I have had the pleasure of meeting so far and am looking forward to sharing this with those I have yet to meet. As my personality is more like that of an extrovert, I find it easy to connect with the students and vice versa. The two students that returned to my class had previously approached me individually and requested to return to SRE, so phone-calls were made home and consent retrieved from their parents. On top of that, an additional blessing has already happened this term, with yet another student requesting to return! Permission has already been brought in and the student is now back on my roll. God is so good!

This is especially why I believe in the importance of getting to know students one-on-one, whether they are in my class or not. Students appreciate the time and effort you make in getting to know them and they enjoy seeing you more when they know they won't be judged for being themselves.

It is such a blessing to see God at work at Gloucester High School and the impact that He is having at this school. Thank you immensely for your continued prayers and support as I lead out under our Saviour's guidance

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 \$801.60

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!"

24th September, 2017



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

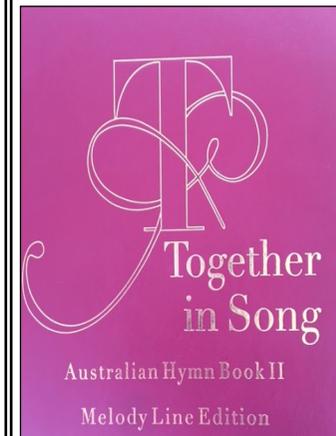
If this is your first experience of worship at the Uniting Church in Gloucester we ask that you allow us time to greet you over a cup of tea or coffee after worship.

Hymnfest

on

Sunday, 15th October

Brought to you by Ann Farley and Fay de Witte



Your favourite songs, hymns, choruses, psalms, video clips to be given to Fay or Ann by next 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 16:2-15 — Jenny Shaw

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30 — Heather Beesley

Matthew 20: 1-16 — Brian Beesley

Duty Elder, Bob Tebbet

TODAY, Sunday; 24th September: 9.30am service led by Rev Judy Caldwell.

Sunday, 1st October: 9.30am service led by Rev Judy Caldwell. Communion.

Tuesday, 3rd October: Fellowship meeting.

Monday, 9th October: Church Council meeting, 7pm.

Wednesday, 11th October, Café on Cowper, 12 noon.

ROSTERS

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

Next week 1st October:

Stewards: Lola Yates and Ann Farley

Bible Readings: Helen Parsons, Colleen McKay, Johanna Heyink.

Power Point: David and Marg. **Duty Elder:** John Williamson.

Intercessory Prayer: David Collett.

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(Cont. From last week)

One of the great examples we have been able to look at is watch and discuss the real life story of Bethany Hamilton in her autobiography 'Soul Surfer', which is about a 13 year old girl who had her arm bitten off by a shark while surfing with her friends. Students were able to recognise from the beginning that Bethany and her family were believers in Christ with a passion for surfing. Students were also able to note that it was through Bethany's darkest times after the accident that she chose to depend fully on God. It was a period in Bethany's life that she was able to overcome with the help, love and support of her family, friends, church family and her fans from all around the world who had heard about her story. Today, she is currently married, with one child and is still professionally surfing. Students were able to catch a peek of her wedding footage and current imagery on YouTube and were in awe of the fact the incident happened to Bethany when she was around their age.

In last term's newsletter, I mentioned that I aimed to foster an environment where students could feel free to discuss their opinion and views without feeling judged – this method has proved more than successful and has produced many healthy conversations both in the classroom and one-on-one on what the students really think and feel about religion and faith. For example, I have had many students openly express that they feel they are not good enough for God or that God wouldn't want someone as broken and messed up as them! **(Cont. on back page)**

CHURCH ELDERS



- **Chairperson:**
John Williamson
- **Secretary:**
Kerry Chisholm
- **Treasurer:** Jenny Shaw
- **Elders:**
Sue Thomas
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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

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



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