

## Church Christmas Party

Wednesday night, 6th December, 6.30pm

To be held at Jill and Terry Carson's home, 13 Wright Close (or at the Church Hall if the weather is bad)

*\$5 per person and bring a salad or dessert to share*

## Gloucester Community Carols

Sunday, 10th December

### Christmas is coming!

*If you are a person who likes to give a gift to charity at Christmas, the church has catalogues from Uniting-World and Gospel for Asia containing many worthwhile projects. They are available on the table in the church foyer. Please take one if you are interested.*

### OFFERING UPDATE:

**Total of last week's offering**

**\$982.60**

### Church Council Minutes

The minutes of Church Council meetings are always available to any member of the congregation. If you would like to receive a copy of the minutes, just see Secretary Kerry Chisholm. She can email a copy to you if you have email, or you can receive a printed copy.

### Lifeline Box is in the hall

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.

### Enough said:

*Lord, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff and nudge me when I've said enough!*

*Everyone loves dogs: they wag their tails, not their tongues.*



## The Messenger

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

12th November, 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.*

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Gloucester Uniting Church Congregation will be held Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in the church hall immediately after conclusion of the service.

The election of the following officers will take place: Chairman, Secretary, Presbytery Rep and Alternative Rep, Inter Church Council Rep and alternative rep and Privacy Officer.

Treasurer Jenny Shaw will give her Financial Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Those members of the congregation responsible for doing the Annual Reports for the various groups within the church are asked to please have their Annual Report into Shirley preferably the week before, November 12th these will be presented for perusal at the AGM, these groups are:

Church Elders Council Chairperson's Report, Adult Fellowship, Court Morning Tea, Days for Girls, Fortnightly Coffee Morning, Friday Night Bible Study, Inter-church Council, Pastoral Care, Wards River Coffee Morning and Bible Study, Worship Committee, Cafe on Cowper and YOY.

### GENERAL MEETING

The General Congregational meeting and election of eight elders will commence at the conclusion of the AGM.

Shirley Hazell, Secretary

## GLOUCESTER UNITING CHURCH

**Ministers: Every member of the congregation**

**Phone Secretary Kerry Chisholm 6558 4206**

## Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

## TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 — David Collett.  
 Psalm 78:1-7,  
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 — Ray Creek  
 Matthew 25:1-13 — Jenny Shaw  
*Duty Elder, Sue Thomas.*

**TODAY, Sunday, 12th November:** 9.30am service led by Rev Lindsay Sheppard.

**Monday, 13th November:** Church Council 7pm

**Wednesday, 15th November:** Sewing/Craft for Mission 10.00am

**Friday, 17th November:** Wards River Coffee Morning 10am, at Wards River Hall. Bible Study at Jenny Shaw's home 7.30pm

**Sunday, 19th November:** 9.30am service led by Rev Judy Caldwell, followed by the **church's annual general meeting and election of retiring Elders**. And then after this meeting, there is **lunch at the Caldwell's** country home and spacious garden, and its also the **YOY group's** November activity.

## ROSTERS

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

**Next week 19th November:**

**Stewards:** Alan and Ann Vale.

**Bible Readings:** Johanna Heyink, Heather & Brian Beesley.

**PowerPoint:** John Williamson. **Duty Elder:** Elynn Graham

**Intercessory Prayer:** John Williamson.

## Election of Elders

Eight of our current Elders finish their nominated terms at the end of 2017. They are: Elynn Graham, Collister Reynolds, Bob Tebbet, Sue Thomas, David Collett, Megan de Witte, Kerry Chisholm and, John Williamson. All of these Elders were eligible for re-election.

Nominations are now closed. There have been eight nominations for the eight positions, and they are all the above-mentioned retiring Elders:

Kerry Chisholm renominated for a term of two years; David Collett, renominated, and for a three year term; Megan deWitte, two years; Elynn Graham, one year; Coll Reynolds, one year; Bob Tebbet, one year; Sue Thomas, one year; and John Williamson, three years.

The nominations will be announced again at today's service, then followed on Sunday, November 19 by the AGM and Election of Elders

## Lunch at the Caldwell's

**Sunday, November 19 from 12.30pm**

Meat will be provided, and could attendees please bring salads and/or bread and slices and own drinks

**This luncheon is now combined with the YOY Group's November activity so please come along and join in at Judy and Keith's picturesque country garden**

## 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  
Elynn 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.