



Merry Christmas to all!

You will notice that a

CHRISTMAS TREE

has been installed in our church

From today until Sunday 17th December

Everyone is invited to place a gift/s under the tree

Gifts may be non-perishable food items or other gifts (but must be new)

These gifts will be distributed to those in need in the Gloucester community through the Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Centre

This is an excellent way this Christmas to make happy someone less fortunate

Gloucester

Carols in The Park

**Sunday, 10th
December**

OFFERING UPDATE:

**Total of last week's
offering**

\$785.50

*You are invited to a
Pre-Christmas Lunch
midday on 10th December, \$10 each,
in the Presbyterian Hall, Tyrell St.*

*Please reply to Vi McQueen, 6558
1211 by 6th December*



The Messenger

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

26th 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.

Church Christmas Party

**Wednesday,
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

For those who do not wish to drive out to the Carsons, we will carpool at the church at 6.15pm for pickups



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



Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 — Helen Parsons.
 Psalm 100
 Ephesians 1:15-23 — Claire Reynolds
 Matthew 25:31-46 — Bruce Chisholm
Duty Elder, Megan de Witte

TODAY: Sunday, 26th November: 9.30am service led by Rev John Hoskin.

Friday, 1st December: Wards River Coffee Morning, 10am, at Wards River Hall. Bible Study at Jenny Shaw's home 7.30pm

Sunday, 3rd December: Rev Lindsay Sheppard, Communion.

Tuesday, 5th December: Church Fellowship 10.30am

Wednesday, 6th December: Church Christmas Party, 6.30pm at Jill and Terry Carson's, for those who need a lift, and those who can offer a lift, please carpool at the church at 6.15pm

Friday, 8th December: Bible Study at Jenny Shaw's 7.30pm

Sunday, 10th December: 9.30am service led by Rev Judy Caldwell. Carols in the Park.

ROSTERS

TODAY: Norma Wilson & Elynne Graham count offering.

Next week 3rd December:

Stewards: Lola Yates and Ann Farley,

Bible Readings: Sam de Witte, Shirley Hazell and Sue Thomas.

Power Point: Peter & Shirley. **Duty Elder:** Jeff Kite.

Intercessory Prayer: ??

Lawn mowing roster update

The more the merrier!! The more we have on the lawn mowing roster, the less often you have to pay or have to cut the grass!

So if you are currently not part of the church lawn mowing roster and want to be part of an updated roster, now is the time to get on board (whether having a lawn maintenance team doing it for you and paying \$45, OR mowing the lawn yourself).

**Please indicate your wishes to Peter Hazell.
 Phone 0400 489 265 or email
 hazell@tpg.com.au**

Trachoma disease

Trachoma is a terrible disease which is caused by a bacteria affecting the eyes of the Ethiopian people. An antibiotic called Zithromax stops the disease, but funds are needed to pay for the antibiotic. If you can donate please do so by phoning 1800 678 069, or search cbm.org.au at PO Box 348 Box Hill, Vic. 3128. More information from Sue Thomas.

Indian children say thanks

Dr David and Mrs Robyn Claydon from the Lausanne Australia Committee have replied to our Church's \$2000 donation thanking all who have given to support the very poor students in the slums of Hyderabad in India.

They extend their warm appreciation and explained it was such a thrill to see these children and teenagers learning and developing the skills they need to get a job.

"At the recent State Matriculation exams the top positions were taken by students from our St Andrew's School, so the teachers are doing a great job," they said.

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
 Treasurer: Anne Williamson



Y.O.Y. Office Bearers:
 President: Elaine Murray
 Secretary: Christine Bolton
 Treasurer: Colleen McKay.