



## ***Merry Christmas to all!***

You will notice that a

# **CHRISTMAS TREE**

has been installed in our church

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 to make happy someone less fortunate this Christmas*

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## **Carols in The Park**

Sunday, 10th  
December

### **OFFERING UPDATE:**

Total of last week's  
offering

**\$805.90**

*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*

## **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 December, 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 Mission Statement**

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

## TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Isaiah 64:1-9 — Sam de Witte.  
Psalm 80:1-7  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 — Shirley Hazell  
Mark 13:24-37 — Sue Thomas.  
*Duty Elder, Jeff Kite*

**TODAY: Sunday, 3rd December, the first Sunday of Advent, and Christmas Bowl appeal with the 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 home, 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.

**Sunday, 10th December:** Carols in the Park.

**Monday, 11th December:** Church Council 7pm

## ROSTERS

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

**Next week 10th December:**

**Stewards:** Tom de Witte,

**Bible Readings:** Christine Bolton, Keith Caldwell and Daph Croker.

**Power Point:** Peter & Shirley. **Duty Elder:** Jill Carson.

**Intercessory Prayer:** Colin Charles.



## The Christmas Bowl Appeal First Sunday of Advent

### Christmas Bowl appeal

**Today we begin to hand out the Christmas Bowl appeal envelopes. Tax deductible receipts are available if needed.**

We believe that when people all over the world work together, big changes really are possible.

We're passionate about building a better world.

And that's why we've made it our mission to act in partnership with other passionate people, like you, across the globe to achieve safety, justice and dignity in communities threatened by conflict and natural disaster.

We don't think there is any task more important. Thank you for joining us.

### 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 and want to be part of an updated roster, now is the time to get on board (whether having a mowing team doing it and you paying \$45, OR mowing the lawn yourself).*

**Please indicate your wishes to Peter Hazell. Ph 0400 489 265 or email [hazell@tpg.com.au](mailto:hazell@tpg.com.au)**

**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.

### 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