

Messenger on holidays!

The Messenger is having a break with the festive season upon us. This is the final issue for 2017 and I thank all those who have contributed throughout the year.

The first issue for the new year 2018 will be published in print and online for Sunday, 4th February.

For this first issue, the Messenger will need all relevant information from each church organisation, including the days and times, and the subsequent meeting dates throughout the year.

Please let Peter Hazell know, phone 6558 1899 or hazell@tpg.com.au

Pastoral Care annual report 2017

by Sue Thomas

Although we have not had as many meetings of this group this year, pastoral care still continues. Team members have been very diligent in keeping in touch with their own allocated group and in many cases gone beyond their group when the need has arisen.

Hospital visiting on a regular day has suffered over the last few months with my own circumstances. Of course anyone can visit those known to them, but these days with various regulations, only those who have done the accredited course can visit more widely.

Thanks to Kerry's clever computing skills we have slips out at Easter and Christmas. Copies are given to the VIC, motels and caravan park. I am very pleased to say they are well received.

We hope to be back on track next year.

Christmas Bowl

If anyone needs a tax receipt for Christmas Bowl donations either on Sunday or Christmas day please see Jeff Kite.

A reminder that a session of "Safe Church" will be conducted at UC Gloucester next March.

2018 Education Prospectus

There are copies of the Uniting Church's 2018 Education Prospectus on the table in the foyer. Please take one if you are interested in learning more about the courses on offer through Uniting Mission & Education (UME) and United Theological College (UTC).

OFFERING UPDATE:
Total of last week's offering
\$555.70



The Messenger

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

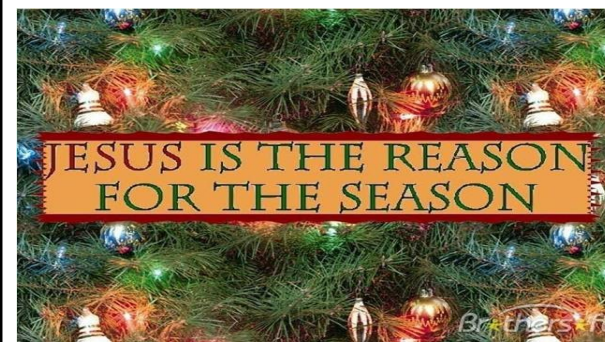
24th December, 2017



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.

Christmas Eve 2017



The fourth Sunday of Advent

Tomorrow, Monday, is Christmas Day, and the service will be led by Hilary and Jeff Kite and commences at 8.30am

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



2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 — Elaine Murray
 Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
 Romans 16:25-27 — Bill Murray
 Luke 1:26-38 — Sandy Tebbet

Duty Elder

TODAY, Sunday, 24th December, Christmas Eve: Carols and readings service at 9.30am.

Monday, 25th December, at 8.30AM: Christmas Day service led by Hilary and Jeff Kite.

Sunday, 31st December: 9.30am service led by Colin Charles.

January 2018 services:

Sunday, January 7: Combined Churches Service in the park at 10am. There will be no service in the Uniting Church that morning, so please support the Combined Churches Service.

Sunday, 14th January: 9.30am service led by the Collett team.

Sunday, 21st January: 9.30am service led by Laurie Selby.

Sunday, 28th January: 9.30am service led by Ty Soupidis.

ROSTERS

TODAY: Norma Wilson, Elynne Graham to count offering.

Next week 31st December:

Stewards: Elynne Graham and Norma Wilson.

Bible Readings: Hilary Kite, Colleen McKay & Ray Creek.

Power Point: David & Marg Collett. **Duty Elder:** . Kerry Chisholm.

Intercessory Prayer: . David Collett.

Updating church rosters

The rosters for stewards, counting the offering and bible reading will be updated in the New Year.

If you would like your name added to any of these rosters (or if you would like your name removed) please contact Secretary Kerry Chisholm as soon as possible.

We're off and mowing!!

The lawn mowing roster has now been updated and has 21 participants, with 15 of these leaving the mowing to David McMinn's lawn mowing service (and being charged \$45 each mow) and another six on the roster to do the actual mowing themselves.

The roster is now restarted with the list of those having David McMinn doing it for them going first and, depending on the rain and the weather could take most of next year to get through.

Thanks to everyone for this large number of participants on the roster which means less cost and less work for everyone.

Donations for Neighbourhood Centre

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations of gifts and food for the Neighbourhood Centre Christmas appeal. The Elders have decided to place a basket in the church in 2018 to receive donations for the Neighbourhood Centre throughout the year. We will be collecting non-perishable food, cleaning products and toiletries. They will be taken to the Neighbourhood Centre on a regular basis to assist local people in need.

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