

CHURCH GROUPS ANNUAL REPORTS

Gloucester Uniting Church Fellowship

Another wonderful year of fellowship and fun with an average attendance of 15.

Many aspects of fellowship have been enjoyed, including "our items of interest" and watching a DVD after the meeting on alternate months.

We are still achieving much in the sewing/craft areas, that being, Days for girls, mission without borders, banners and overlocking (overlocking a bit stressful at times)

Our catering has continued with regulars being Probus, Tri Challenge, View Club and Funerals.

We hosted the Mid North Coast Adult Fellowship Rally in August.

Our Fellowship also hosted World day of Prayer.

Our donations this year went to the Neighbourhood Centre, Bible Society, Scripture Union, Exodus, Nungalina, Youth of the Streets, Life Line, Broken Hill Out-

back Patrol, Wesley Mission, Compassion, Mission without Borders, Uniting World, Westpac

rescue, Cancer Support Groups,

HMRI.

We thank the commitment of our members who continue to work tirelessly in different areas of our Church.

God has blessed us and we look forward to another year of fellowship together. —
Sandy Tebbet

Mission Sewing

Mission sewing days are held monthly with between 5 and 8 attending. We are still sewing for Days for Girls. Mission sewing is at a bit of a standstill as Mission without Borders are no longer sending clothing etc. because of the cost of containers so we are trying to find another source for these items as Yvonne has some crochet rugs and we thank her for these, they are really lovely. We will be working on finding a suitable source for these in the New Year.

Many thanks to Ann Williamson who conducted an overlocking class this year, I am sure you have noticed a few more grey hairs but it was a lot of fun Thanks so much Anne!



Section of the Pastoral Care class in Gloucester on Saturday hosted by Rev Rhonda White.



The Messenger

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

4th March, 2018



A warm welcome is extended to everyone worshipping at our 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.

No Opera in the Church this year

Opera in the Church 2018 unfortunately has been cancelled, say the organisers Susan and Brian Dixon.

Opera in the Church started in Gloucester in 2004 and has had a wonderful run since bringing some magnificent talent to our town with many of singers going on to illustrious careers overseas and at home, Susan said.

Our resounding thanks must go to Sharolyn Kimmorley for organising singers and programmes for the concerts and delighting us with her prowess on the piano. Thanks to Rotary for supporting and facilitating the event, hosting the suppers and home hosting the singers; to the Uniting Church ladies for their wonderful suppers and to Helen Parsons who made sure the piano was tuned close to the event, she said.

Your support has been much appreciated and we thank you for it.

Neighbourhood Centre collections

Our church will be collecting non-perishable food and cleaning products (but NOT toiletries) for local people in need. The goods will be taken to the Neighbourhood Centre on a regular basis.

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



Exodus 20:1-17 — Elaine Maslen
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25 — Daph Croker
John 2:13-22 — Keith Caldwell

Duty Elder, Jeff Kite

TODAY: Sunday, 4th March: 9.30am service with communion, led by Rev Judy Caldwell.

Tuesday, 6th March: Adult Fellowship meeting, 9.30 for 10am start, there will be a DVD and its BYO lunch; 7.30pm Bible Study at John and Anne Williamson's.

Friday, 23rd February: Wards River coffee morning, 10am in the hall. Every second Friday. Enquiries to Norma Wilson.

Sunday, 11th March: 9.30am service led by Rev Judy Caldwell.

A copy of the church council minutes will be pinned to the notice board each month.

They are also available for emailing. Just see secretary Kerry Chisholm.

OFFERING UPDATE:

Total of last week's offering
\$1217.50

ROSTERS

TODAY: Coll Reynolds and Alan Vale to count the offering.

Next week 11th March:

Stewards: Tom de Witte and Joan Harwood.

Bible Readings: Penny and Colin Charles and Bob Tebbet.

Power Point: Megan de Witte. **Duty Elder:** Jill Carson.

Intercessory Prayer: Sam de Witte.

Interested in a Ladies Bible Study?

Judy Caldwell has offered to run a ladies bible study. The suggested timing would be 10am on Fridays with the subject "**Women of the Bible**" running over a season of perhaps 5-6 weeks followed by a luncheon gathering. Anyone interested please contact Judy with other suggested topics or day of week preference.

Lent Event Reflection 3: Faith tackles poverty

One of the greatest areas of injustice the Pacific faces is the impact of a changing climate. Pacific people use only a tiny percentage of the world's resources and because of relative poverty, have only a fraction of the capacity to protect themselves from the impact of natural disaster. Yet they're directly threatened by changes to water temperature, the rate and severity of cyclones, storms and drought patterns.

While Australians and other westernised communities are shocked by the severity of bushfires, floods and other events, most have the ability to protect ourselves from the fall out – we have insurance, the ability to quickly rebuild, and the resilience to replace income. Pacific people are often literally wiped out by these events. Their ability to bounce back is often limited after their homes are destroyed or their fishing and farming livelihoods ruined.

Today we think particularly of Fiji, where the Church is a powerful force for change and faith is a dynamic ingredient in the culture.

Aside from being active worship congregations, they assist in everything from recovery after frequent cyclones to providing education.

Without much in the way of resources, the Church has stepped up to be a light within their community. And across the Pacific, churches care for women, train advocates against violence, put clean water and sanitation into remote communities, and help protect against disease.

Please pray for our Pacific neighbours.

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
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.