



Gloucester View Club's International Women's Day

Jodi McKay, daughter of Colleen, is the guest speaker. Organisers are inviting ladies to join them to hear Jodi, morning tea 10am, cost \$12, in the Gloucester Uniting Church Hall

Thursday, 22nd March

Names to Joan Harwood would be appreciated Phone **6558 1183**

CHURCH GROUPS ANNUAL REPORTS

Inter-Church Council

The Inter-church council has had a good year and appreciate the support that this Congregation has given as well as the financial contributions. During the last year this congregation has organised and run;
The Easter Sunrise Service at Kia-Ora. The World day of Prayer. The Leprosy Mission High Tea fundraiser. And participated in; Scripture in Schools, Community Carols. New Years Combined Church Service. Anzac and Remembrance Services. The Week of Prayer.
The ICC has produced a leaflet to advertise the Churches of Gloucester This has been distributed to the Visitors Information Centre, Motels, B&B's etc. in the Gloucester area.
The ICC has applied for Incorporation as a Basic Religious Charity.
This year's Christmas Carol Services is on 10th December.
Easter Sunrise Service 1st April.
Rhonda and Anne

Pastoral Care

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 to give 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.
Sue Thomas

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!"

11th 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.

Women of the Bible

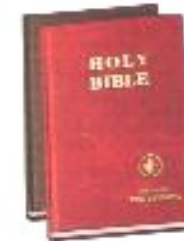
Ladies Bible Study is planned to commence on Friday, May 18 in the church at 11am (10.45 for a cup of tea first).

All welcome

No obligation to speak

Come and enjoy fellowship as we learn together

For more information contact Judy Caldwell 0400 403 179



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints & contemplate simplicity.

Gloucester Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS



Numbers 21:4-9 — Penny Charles

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10 — Colin Charles

John 3:14-21 — Bob Tebbet

Duty Elder, Jill Carson

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

Monday, 12th March: Church Council meets at 7pm

Wednesday, 14th March: Cafe on Cowper, 12 noon.

Saturday, 17th March: YOY at the Show.

Sunday, 18th March: 9.30am service led by Hilary and Jeff Kite.

Wednesday, 21st March: Mission Sewing. 10am in the hall, BYO lunch.



ROSTERS

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

Next week 18th March:

Stewards: Ann and Alan Vale.

Bible Readings: David Collett, Ray Creek and Jenny Shaw.

Power Point: Jeff Kite. **Duty Elder:** Bob Tebbet,

Intercessory Prayer: Jeff Kite.

Lent Event Prayer

Generous God, We give thanks that in Jesus, you became one of us
 Felt the earth beneath your feet and sun on your back
 Knew the satisfaction of completing a job with your own hands
 And the warmth of another person's smile.
 We give thanks that in a world longing for light, You invite us to be part of all that you are
 And all that you imagined for this earth –
 Part of the growing of food and the sharing of it so that everyone has enough
 Part of the shepherding of little lives and the joy of watching people grow
 Part of the healing of wounds and the drying of tears
 Part of righting what is wrong, filling gaps, showing up
 Knowing when to listen and when to speak.
 We ask today that you would give us eyes to see ourselves and others as you do
 Full of potential and pain, hardship and happiness.
 Give us the courage and conviction to use what we have
 Bravely, boldly, without holding back
 Knowing that this one life,
 Gifted to us,
 Is a gift to others.
 Amen.

Offering update:
 Total of last week's offering
 \$717.00

Pastoral Partners

Meeting 2pm
Monday, 19th March
 At the church

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
David Collett

CONGREGATION

- Congregational Chairperson: Sam de Witte
- Congregational Secretary: Shirley Hazell
- Hall Bookings: Helen Parsons